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*August 7-9, 2014
Waco Convention Center
Waco, Texas*

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**WELCOME
and
APPRECIATION**

TO THE MEMBERS OF TEXAS --

Welcome to 132nd session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We feel as though we are saying Welcome Home to our family. We are very happy and appreciative for every kind word, hug and encouragement you shared with us this year. This past year of rebuilding has been some of the best days of our lives. To share precious times of renewal and hope for our future with our members has been a life's blessing for us both and simply a wonderful journey.

We are especially thankful that you have been supportive of our projects and helped us to reach our goals. We have been honored by your support, and enthusiasm every step of this journey. We sincerely welcome each of you. We hope you enjoy the family reunion of this Grand Chapter in Waco.

May you enjoy seeing old friends, making new ones and enjoy the Golden Links you have forged this year.



Jayne Yenger
Worthy Grand Matron



Trey Smith
Worthy Grand Patron



Jayne Yenger
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star



*Trey Smith
Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star*

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Most Worthy Grand Matron
and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons
and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons

General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron
Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Patron

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

Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Jurisdictions
Grand Representative 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

Distinguished Members of All Appendant Bodies

SPECIAL GUEST



***Bobbi White
Most Worthy Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter
and
Past Grand Matron of West Virginia***

SPECIAL GUEST



*John Grobler
Most Worthy Grand Patron
General Grand Chapter
and
Past Grand Patron of Washington*

SPECIAL GUEST



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

SPECIAL GUEST



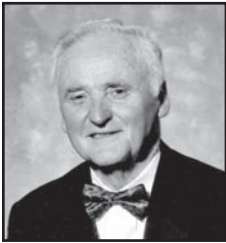
***Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary
General Grand Chapter
And
Past Grand Matron Of Texas***

SPECIAL GUEST



***Henry Martin
Right Worthy Grand Sentinel
General Grand Chapter
And
Past Grand Patron of Texas***

*General Grand Chapter
Committee Members*



*Nelson Campbell
Cancer Committee
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*Glenn Whitaker
Heart Committee
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*William "Bill" Bane
International Headquarters
Administrator
Past Grand Patron
of the District of Columbia*



*Vi Griffin
Public Relations
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



*Jerry Martin
Scottish Rite Charities Committee
Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas AF & AM
Past Grand Patron of Texas*

*General Grand Chapter
Committee Members*



*Bill Wyatt
Shrine Charities
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*Joyce Nicklas
Support our Military
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



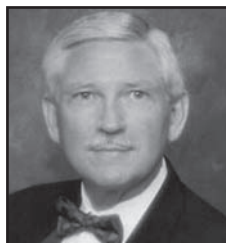
*Betty Benham
Bobbi's Forever Friends
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



*Janice Herridge
Bobbi's Forever Friends*



*Art Drescher
Matador
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*H Lee Stallings
Matador
Past Grand Patron of Texas*

In Memorial

In Memory of Lallah Mae Vollus Past Grand Matron Of Texas 1945-1946



Sister Lallah Mae passed from this earthly life on June 21, 2014 at the age of 105. . The many friends and loved ones in attendance at the service were a testimony of their deep love for our precious sister.

It is difficult to summarize the accomplishments of a lady with so many talents and interests. She was active in many social and civic activities and always gave each of them her utmost attention.

Her greatest field of activity however has been in the Order of the Eastern Star. She became a member of the Eastern Star on March 14, 1929 when she joined Ransford Chapter # 135. She served as Worthy Matron in 1937-1938 and again in 1989-1990. She was a dual member of Bluebell Chapter # 856 and a member of the Tabeel Temple #88, Daughters of the Nile.

Sister Lallah Mae served as Grand Marshal for Sister Mildred Harris, Worthy Grand Matron in 1938-1939. Her election to Associate Grand Conductress in 1942 started her ascent to Worthy Grand Matron. She served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1945-1946 at the sixty-fourth "Sharing" session held at the Municipal Auditorium of Houston, October 21, 1946. Dr. Paul Quillan, Pastor of the First Methodist Church of Houston, her home church, delivered a sermon on Sunday evening, with a service filled to capacity, on the subject of sharing. Sister Lallah Mae again served Sister Mildred Harris, then Right Worthy Grand Matron, when she was honored by General Grand Chapter to serve as Worthy Grand Esther in 1961-1964.

The scripture for her year as Worthy Grand Matron was Galatians 6:2-9-10. SHARING

"Bear ye one another's burdens – and so fulfill the law of Christ. And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men."

Her fraternal life began when she joined Houston Assembly #8, Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Lallah Mae Burrows served as Worthy Advisor during the Fall Term of 1927. Her

devotion to Rainbow was noticed by its founder W. Mark Sexton and he himself conferred upon her the degrees of the Grand Cross of Colors as she became its first recipient. She also holds the honor of being the first Rainbow Girl in any Jurisdiction to become a Worthy Grand Matron.

Being a native Houstonian, Sister Lallah Mae was educated in the Houston public schools and attended Rice University. During the war in the 40's and in her efforts to serve her city and country, she volunteered to help her service men and women and was in charge of the weekly entertainment and food for the USO.

Sister Lallah Mae was always active in her church. She was President of the Methodist Women's Society for two years. She taught Sunday School for several years, first when a member of First United Methodist Church and then later when she joined St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Her church was always very important to her, and she helped often with Sunday morning worship at Clarewood House where she resided in her last years.

In 1926 she and her husband Brother William G. Vollus became partners in the Westheimer-Vollus funeral home. In the next twenty years they served the community in the funeral home business. Brother Bill later became director of what was then "The Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital". He served Texas as Worthy Grand Patron in 1930-1931. Sister Lallah Mae and Brother Bill were among the first husband and wife to both serve as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in Texas. He preceded her in death on September 23, 1970.

When M. D. Anderson Hospital was opened she again felt the need to volunteer and was instrumental in organizing the M. D. Anderson Handicraft Board. In the early years they made bandages for the hospital and in later years made kits of items to assemble to help pass the time for patients and their families.

Sister Lallah Mae organized many bus trips but was famous for her annual trips to the "Valley School". On Sunday, tired and happy, we would return to Houston, but we would always take time for a morning devotional. Then someone would say "Sister Lallah Mae tell us a story" and she would tell us of the early days in Eastern Star and how some things came about happening. Her trips were wonderful and everyone wanted to travel with her.

The motto for Sister Lallah Mae's year as Worthy Grand Matron was "Sharing", which was also the way she lived her life. She shared her time, her talents and her knowledge with all of us. In the death of Sister Lallah Mae the Order of the Eastern Star has lost a devoted and zealous member. She was active in her Eastern Star life well into her late 90's and there will be very few that will ever be able to claim the years of dedication and service that she gave our Order. We have been blessed with her many years of service and only God knows how very many lives she has touched.

"Faithful and kind in all her ways,
Upright and just to the end of her days,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
What a beautiful memory she leaves behind."

Mary Ruth White
Past Grand Matron

Installed Grand Officers



*Cheryl Albrecht
Associate Grand Matron*



*George Gwaltney
Associate Grand Patron*



*Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary*



*Lorrie Owens
Grand Treasurer*



*Jerrie Lucas
Grand Conductress*



*Sharon Mosemeyer
Associate
Grand Conductress*



*Jo Ann Snow
Grand Chaplain*



*Susan Hall
Grand Marshal*



*Michelle Stegman
Grand Organist*

Installed Grand Officers



*Jennifer Bodnar
Grand Adah*



*Nell Casparis
Grand Ruth*



*Lesa Smith
Grand Esther*



*Helen Sanderford
Grand Martha*



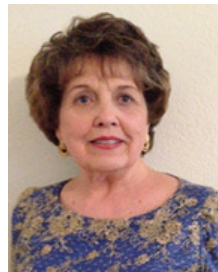
*Cathi Cannon
Grand Electa*



*Chris Puckett
Grand Warder*



*I H "Skip" Smith
Grand Sentinel*



*Betty Scott
Fraternal Correspondent*

Board of Directors



*Ron Zipp
Chairman*



*Gerry Sturtz
Vice Chairman*



*Becky Austin
Secretary*



*Ray Hargis
Member District 1*



*Audri Rowell
Member District 2*

Board of Directors



Deborah Land
Member District 2



Jean Hobbs
Member District 3



Lynn Kearney
Member District 3



Mickie Campbell
Member District 4



David Ouelette
Member District 5

Board of Grand Examiners



*Carolyn Martin
District 1*



*Carla Stringer
District 2*



*Donna Noe
District 3*



*Terri Rozelle
District 4*



*Linda Winn Christenson
District 5*

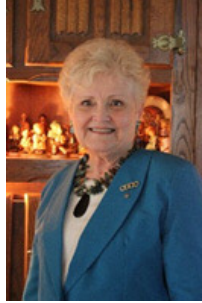


*Laura Sharp
At Large*

Executive Committee



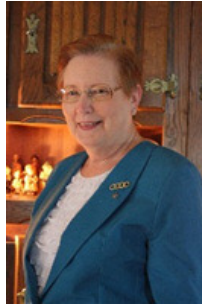
*Mike Hall
General Chairman*



*Neva Corbin
Co-Chairman*



*Bob Livingston
Secretary*



*Becky Thorn
Treasurer*



*Jerry Owens
Auditor*

Arrangements Committee



*Claude Ervin
Chairman*



*Sarah Coursey
Co-Chairman*



*Marion Pierce
Decorations*



*Marty Drescher
Distinguished Guests*



*Pat Turner
Ditty Bags*



*Ronald Harris
Electrical*



*Richard Hudman
First Aid*



*Mary Jo Jaska
Housing*



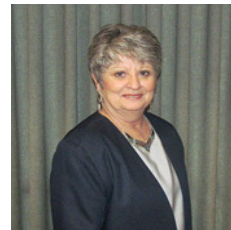
*Pat Hancock
Information Lost & Found*



*Ron Mietzner
Labyrinth*



*Rosalie Haverstick
Paraphernalia*



*Debara Perry
Scooters*

Arrangements Committee



*Travis Knowlton
Security*



*Allen Tuell
Sound*



*Joy Pat Miller
Special Needs*



*Fran Williams
Stage Page*



*Sandra Imes
Steno*



*Jan Holland
Tickets*



*Dewey Teague
Transportation*



*Tommy Hastings
Ushers*



*Robert Squires
Vendors*



*Alma York
Credentials*



*Patsy Jones
Registration*

Ceremonial Opening

**Thursday Afternoon Session
August 7, 2014**

10:45 AM

Musical Prelude	Michelle Stegman Grand Organist
Organist Informal Opening	Joyce Gilbert Past Grand Matron
Master of Ceremonies	Joyce Nicklas Support our Military, General Grand Chapter Past Grand Matron of Texas
Assisting Grand Marshal	Betty Benham Bobbi's Forever Friends, General Grand Chapter Past Grand Matron of Texas

Procession of Distinguished Members and Guests

Board of Grand Examiners

Carolyn Martin	District 1 Escorted by Henry Martin
Carla Stringer	District 2 Escorted by Bobby Stringer
Donna Noe	District 3 Escorted by Dan Noe
Terri Rozelle	District 4 Escorted by Paul Haltin
Linda Winn-Christensen	District 5 Escorted by Victor Christensen
Laura Sharp	At Large Escorted by Richard Sharp

Board of Directors

Becky Austin	District 1 Escorted by Don Austin
Ray Hargis	District 1 Escorted by Linda Hargis
Deborah Land	District 2 Escorted by Allen Rodgers
Audri Rowell	District 2 Escorted by Don Reynolds
Jean Hobbs	District 3 Escorted by Bruce Hobbs
Lynn Kearney	District 3 Escorted by Buddy Bean
Gerry Sturtz	District 4 Escorted by Bill Sturtz
Mickie Campbell	District 4 Escorted by Ray Campbell
Ronald Zipp	District 5 Escorted by Sandra Zipp
David Oulette	District 5 Escorted by Gayle Adams

Special Appointments

Betty Lynn	Grand Chapter Mom Escorted by Sandra Lynn
Betty Scott	Fraternal Correspondent Escorted by Andy Scott

2013-2014 Installed Grand Chapter Officers

I. H. Skip Smith	Grand Sentinel Escorted by Yvonne Smith
Chris Puckett	Grand Warder Escorted by Bill Crews
Cathi Cannon	Grand Electa Escorted by Gene Cannon
Helen Sanderford	Grand Martha Escorted by Jerl Blalack
Lesa Smith	Grand Esther Escorted by Hon. Ken Curry
Nell Casparis	Grand Ruth Escorted by A. L. Casparis
Jennifer Bodnar	Grand Adah Escorted by Keith Borst
Michelle Stegman	Grand Organist Escorted by Ronald Stegman
Susan Hall	Grand Marshal Escorted by Mike Hall
JoAnn Snow	Grand Chaplain Escorted by Charles Snow
Sharon Mosmeyer	Associate Grand Conductress Escorted by Gary Mosmeyer
Jerre Lucas	Grand Conductress Escorted by Paul Zappe
Lorrie Owens	Grand Treasurer Escorted by Jerry Owens

Marlene Scholari

Grand Secretary
Escorted by Joe Scholari

George Gwaltney

Associate Grand Patron
Escorted by Nanette Gwaltney

Cheryl Albrecht

Associate Grand Matron
Escorted by Darrell Albrecht

Trey Smith

Worthy Grand Patron
Escorted by Susie Broughton

Jayne Yenger

Worthy Grand Matron
Escorted by Joseph D. Yenger, II

PRESENTATIONS

The Holy Bible

Jerre Miller
Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron

Bible Marker

Margie Curry
Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron

Square and Compasses

Bob Livingston
Executive Committee Secretary



Flag Presentation

United States Flag	John Creel Past Grand Patron of Texas
Canadian Flag	Jerry Trees Past Grand Patron of Texas
Texas Flag	Jerry Martin Most Worshipful Grand Master Past Grand Patron of Texas
Christian Flag	Bill Crews Past Grand Patron of Texas
Eastern Star Flag	Duane “Buddy” Baker Past Grand Patron of Texas
West Virginia Flag	Lee Stallings Past Grand Patron of Texas
Washington Flag	Carl Larson Past Grand Patron of Connecticut
Invocation	Effie Mae Davis Past Grand Matron of Texas

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Chain of Stars Drill

Directed by Susan Hall, Grand Marshal

Installed Grand Officers and Pages

Greetings and Presentations

Welcome to Waco

Mike Hall
Executive Committee Chairman

City of Waco

Proclamations

DeMolay International

Michael Sampson
State Executive Officer

John Parker
State Master Counselor

International Order of Rainbow for Girls

JoAnn Weaver
Supreme Deputy in Texas

Miss Allison Frazee
Grand Worthy Advisor

Grand Lodge of Texas

Jerry Martin
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Past Grand Patron of Texas



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

Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening

1:00 PM

Links of Joy

Organist Formal Opening	Rosemary S. Berry Past Grand Matron
Call to Order	Alma Lynn Bane Right Worthy Grand Secretary General Grand Chapter Past Grand Matron of Texas
	Henry Martin Right Worthy Grand Sentinel General Grand Chapter Past Grand Patron of Texas
Scripture Reading	Rennie Ofton Past Most Worthy Grand Matron General Grand Chapter Past Grand Matron of Texas
Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening	Installed Grand Officers
Opening Ode	In The Garden Grand Choir and Assembly Directed by Bill Rhyan, Grand Choir Director
Flag Presentation	Susan Hall Grand Marshal
Pledge of Allegiance	Richard Ochs Past Grand Patron
National Anthem	Grand Choir and Assembly Directed by Bill Rhyan, Grand Choir Director
O' Canada	Grand Choir and Assembly Directed by Bill Rhyan, Grand Choir Director

Filling of Vacancies

Appointment of Telegram/Telephone Committee

Partial Reports of Credentials Committee

Alma York
Chairman

Organist Formal Opening

Rosemary S. Berry
Past Grand Matron

Formal Introductions

Most Worthy Grand Matron
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 Jurisdictions
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
of Other Jurisdictions
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas
Most Worshipful Grand Master
of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.
Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions
Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron
and Most Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions
Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions
in Other Grand Jurisdictions
Grand Representative of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas
Grand Committee Members and Appointments of
Other Grand Jurisdictions
Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations
Presiding Officers and of Appendant Bodies

Greetings and Welcome

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

Response to Welcome
Helen Westmoreland
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron—Florida

Presentation to Most Worthy Grand Matron
Jayne Yenger
Worthy Grand Matron

Greetings
Bobbi White
Most Worthy Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron of West Virginia

Presentation to Most Worthy Grand Patron
Trey Smith
Worthy Grand Patron

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

Benediction
Ed Warner
Past Grand Patron

Closing of the Bible
Jerre Lucas
Grand Conductress

Fraternal Correspondent
Betty Scott
The Golden Link Drill
Texas' Own and Visiting Grand Representatives
Directed by Susan Hall, Grand Marshal

Humanitarian Drill
Vickie Matthews
Peace for Our Nation Drill
Directed by Susan Hall, Grand Marshal

**Session Called from Labor to Rest until 8:00 PM this evening for
ESTARL and Memorial programs**

*We hope that you will be joining us for the
Golden Links Uniting for Tomorrow's Hope General Banquet
at 6:00 PM*

Thursday Evening Session

8:00 PM

Links of Hope

Call to Order

Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Bill Wyatt
Shrine Charities Committee
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Entrance of the Grand Officers

ESTARL Presentation

Charlene Stimitz-Butchee
General Chairman



LINKS OF LOVE



Jayne Yenger
Worthy Grand Matron

Trey Smith
Worthy Grand Patron

Charlene Stimits Butchee
ESTARL Chairman

ESTARL SERVICE AND AWARDS

Love One Another	Second Epistle of John 1:5
Musical Prelude	Michelle Stegman Grand Organist
Welcome	Charlene Stimits Butchee General Chairman

ESTARL COMMITTEE

Alys Newsom	District 1
Susan Dormady	District 2
Joyce Followill	District 3
Doris Wagner	District 4
Nancy Storey	District 5
Invocation	Ariel Myers Recipient, District 4
Musical Selection	Rebecca Jean Love Recipient, District 1

I Bowed On My Knees and Cried Holy

Accompaniment	Monica Stimits Mahfouz Evadale Chapter No.1111
Scripture Reading	Shelby Lynn Geyer Recipient, District 3
Message	Christian Messemer Recipient, District 3
Offertory Prayer	Shaenelle Nicole Johnston Recipient, District 5

ESTARL LOVE OFFERING

Offertory Music

Monica Stimits Mahfouz
Evadale Chapter No.1111

Presentation of Awards

Jayne Yenger
Worthy Grand Matron

Trey Smith
Worthy Grand Patron

Assisted by the ESTARL Committee

Response from Recipients

Mark Camarillo
Recipient, District 5

Benediction

The Lord's Prayer
Lesa Smith, Grand Esther



The Golden Chain of Friendship

Friendship is like a GOLDEN chain
The LINKS ARE FRIENDS so dear
And like a rare and precious jewel
It's treasured more each year

It's clasped together firmly
With a love that's deep and true
And it's rich with happy memories
And fond recollections, too

Time can't destroy its beauty
For as long as Memory lives
Years can't erase the pleasure
That the joy of FRIENDSHIP gives

For Friendship is a priceless gift
That can't be bought or sold,
But to have an understanding FRIEND
Is worth far more than Gold

And the GOLDEN CHAIN OF FRIENDSHIP
Is a strong and blessed tie
Binding kindred hearts together
As the years go passing by



*Broken Chain
Memorial Program*

Broken Chain

Memorial Program

Prelude Mary Alberts

Grand Officers

Song –Amazing Grace Grand Choir

Under the direction of Bill Ryan

Grand Choir Director, Past Grand Patron of Arizona

Accompanied by Mary Alberts

Invocation Bill Crews

Past Grand Patron of Texas

Report of Grand Chaplain Jo Ann Snow

Grand Chaplain

Narrative of Golden Chain Grand Chaplain

General Grand Chapter

Tribute Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation Betty Benham

Past Grand Matron of Texas

Escort Henry Martin

Right Worthy Grand Sentinel

Past Grand Patron of Texas

Grand Chapter

Tribute Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation Bess Caldwell

Past Grand Matron of Texas

Escort Bill Wyatt

General Grand Chapter, Scottish Rite Charities

Past Grand Patron of Texas

Subordinate Chapters

Tribute	Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Yvonne S. Brownfield Past Grand Matron of Texas
Escort	Nelson R. Campbell General Grand Chapter, Cancer Past Grand Patron of Texas

Military

Tribute	Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Joyce Nicklas General Grand Chapter, Support Our Military Past Grand Matron of Texas
Escort	Ray Hertenberger Past Grand Patron of Texas

Song: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Grand Choir

Scripture: He guided them to their haven, Let them give thanks to the Lord. Psalm 104: 30-31

Dedication: This program is dedicated to Joseph Dale Yenger, father-in-law of our Worthy Grand Matron, and Paul William Yenger, husband of our Worthy Grand Matron. Joseph Dale is a MIA from the Korean War, and Brother Paul was a Retired Veteran of the US Army, Both, father and son fought for our Country so that we might have our FREEDOM.

America's White Table

Grand Chaplain

Taps

Bill Ryan
Grand Choir Director
Past Grand Patron of Arizona

Opening of the Holy Bible

Jerre Lucas
Grand Conductress

Draping of the Altar

Jerre Lucas
Grand Conductress
Sharon Mosmeyer
Associate Grand Conductress
Jo Ann Snow
Grand Chaplain

Benediction

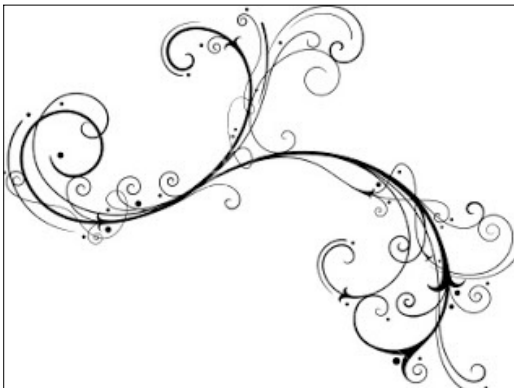
David B. Dibrell
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible

Jerre Lucas
Grand Conductress

The Old Rugged Cross

Grand Choir
Retiring Drill by the Grand Officers



**Friday Morning Session
August 8, 2014**

Links of Peace

7:45AM

Musical Prelude

8:00AM

Call to Order

Nancy Brown
Past Grand Matron

Nelson Campbell
Cancer Committee, General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron

Chain of Stars Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Susan Hall, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of Holy Bible

Jerre Lucas
Grand Conductress

Invocation

Karen Morgenthaler
Past Grand Matron

Scripture Reading

Doris Hester
Past Grand Matron

Business Session — Reports:

All committee chairmen are to be available at all times as changes may be made to the following list.

Reports:

Chapters Under Dispensation
Worthy Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Secretary
Grand Treasurer
Board of Directors
Unfinished Business

Buddy Baker
Jayne Yenger
Trey Smith
Marlene Scholari
Lorrie Faith Owens

Jurisprudence
Grievance and Appeals
By-Laws
Educational Fund
International Headquarters
Museum
O.E.S. Home Endowment
Parliamentarian
Purposes and Policies
Titles, Deeds, and Properties

Jerry Trees
Joyce Gilbert
Donna Hill Pope
Delphia Von Heeder
Greta Bane Spatling
Ethel Powell
Doris Davis
Willie Mae Shaw
Bess Caldwell
Karen Moganthaler

Adoption of Reports:

Fraternal Correspondent
Humanitarian
ESTARL
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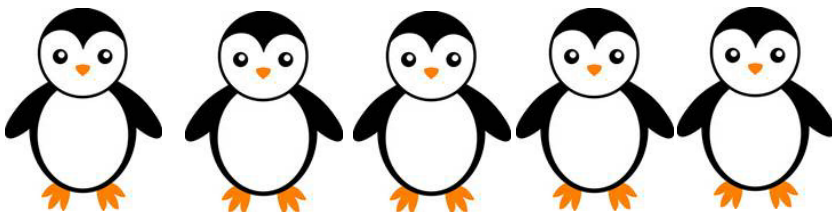
Betty Friend
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Closing of the Bible

Jerre Lucas
Grand Conductress

We hope that you will be joining us for our Line Officers Luncheons

Called from Labor to Rest until 1:00 PM, Friday Afternoon



**Friday Afternoon Session
August 8, 2014**

Belief in Our Order

12:45 PM

Musical Prelude

1:00 PM

Call to Order

Mary Ruth White
Past Grand Matron

Arthur Drescher
Matador, General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron

Opening of Holy Bible

Jerre Lucas
Grand Conductress

Invocation

Naomi Wolfe
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Scripture Reading

Yvonne Brownfield
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Reports Continued:

Jurisprudence
Deputies of Grand Chapter
Board of Grand Examiners

Benediction

Ray Hertenberger
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Closing of the Bible

Jerre Lucas
Grand Conductress

Called from Labor to Rest until 8:00 AM, Saturday Morning

Please join us for the Picnic on the Brazos at 6:30 PM

Rehearsal for 2014-2015 Installation of Grand Officers after the banquet

**Saturday Morning Session
August 9, 2014**

United We Stand

7:45 AM

Musical Prelude

8:00 AM

Call to Order

Vi Griffin
Public Relations, General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron of Texas

David Dibrell
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Chain of Stars Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Susan Hall, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of Holy Bible

Jerre Lucas
Grand Conductress

Invocation

Sharon Fentress
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Scripture Reading

Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Presentation of Executive and Arrangements Committees

Unfinished Business:

Credentials - Final Report

Alma York

Appointment of Election Judge, Table Judges and Tellers

10:00 AM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Presentation of Residents of The Masonic Retirement Center

Presentation and Recognition of Fifty Year Members

Reports Continued:

Picnic on the Brazos

Registration

Telegram/Telephone

Sherry Thompson

Pasty Jones

Invitation to 2014-2015 Grand Chapter Session

Recognitions and Presentations

Election Results

Closing Ode

Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Grand Choir and Assembly

Benediction

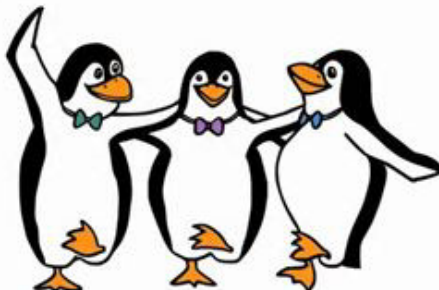
Donny Broughton
Past Grand Master

Closing of the Bible

Jerre Lucas
Grand Conductress

**Called from Labor to Rest until 5:00 PM, Saturday evening
for the Installation of 2014-2015 Grand Officers**

Processional of Distinguished Guest will begin at 4:45 PM



PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR GRAND CHAPTER 2014

In accordance with Code of Laws, Article 157,
Pages 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 members holding the proxy of the Worthy Matron and/or Worthy Patron) are entitled to speak, make motions, debate or vote.
6. In order to obtain the floor, the following procedure will be used:
 - a. Proceed to the nearest microphone;
 - b. Address the Presiding Officer;
 - c. Wait for recognition from the Presiding Officer before speaking;

- d. State name, title, chapter name and number; then proceed to make a motion or participate in debate.
7. All motions must be seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer before debate can begin.
8. A motion may be amended (primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment 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 questions, unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure. If the result is not clear, a division can be called. Voting Delegates will hold up the ROYAL BLUE card; Chapter Representatives will hold up the GOLD 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;
 - 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 this nomination is made.
19. Nominations do not require a second.
20. The election results will be announced by the Presiding Officer.
21. No tape recorders (except official recordings) are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.
22. Bottled water and small snacks are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.

SPECIAL APPRECIATIONS

Altar Cloth	Joyce Nicklas
Holy Bible	Paul Yenger Family
Square and Compasses	Executive Committee
Bible Cover and Marker	Yvonne Smith
Bible Marker	Mary Christ
Gavel	Gordon Decker In Memory of Mary Ann Decker Leander #73
Installed Officers Chairs	Ruth Chapter #20 Webb #1140
Star Point Pedestals	Columbus Chapter #324
Chapter Paraphernalia	Vashti Chapter #32
Session Banner	Jerry Trees
Session Pictures	Wendy LaGrone
Assisting Grand Organists	Mary Alberts Daniel Caldwell Marilyn Lee Beverly Plante Susie Smith
Assistance and Support	Executive and Arrangements Committee, 2013-2014

2014 Grand Chapter Session Social Events

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

7:00 PM Forever Linked Installed Grand Officers Banquet, Chairman Susan Hall, Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, 2801 W Waco Drive. (By Invitation Only)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014

9:00 AM Reception

11:00 AM Honoring Cheryl Albrecht, Associate Grand Matron and the 2014-2015 Installed Grand Officers, Hosted by George Gwaltney, Associate Grand Patron, Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, 2801 W Waco Drive (By invitation Only)

11:30 AM The Journey's End Luncheon 2013-2014 Deputies of Grand Chapter Luncheon
Honoring Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron and Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Deputies of Grand Chapter, Chairman Betty Hancock, Location McLennan Room 209, Waco Convention Center (Open to this group, Board of Examiners, Humanitarian Committee, Fraternal Correspondent, & Spouses)

12 Noon The Golden Chain of Friendship Luncheon
Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patrons Luncheon, Chairman Bess Caldwell, President, Location McLennan 208, Waco Convention Center (Open To This Group Only)

2:00 PM Hospitality Room for Distinguished Guests,

4:00 PM Grand Representatives and PAGO Members, hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas, Chairperson Marty Drescher; Grand Representatives Association, Pat Hart, President and the PAGO Association, Wanda Hollingsworth, President. Location Lone Star Room 103, Waco Convention Center (Open to these groups only)

5:30 PM Cameo Ladies Homecoming on the Brazos Banquet
Honoring Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary,
Chairman Patsy Hewlett, Location: Brazos Ballroom, Waco
Convention Center (Open to Membership)

8:00 PM United We Stand Reception for Most Worthy
10:00 PM Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Installed Officers
and Committees, hosted By Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand
Matron and Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, Chairman:
Henry Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, and Phyllis
Macon, Location Huaco Room, Indigo Hotel (By Invitation
Only)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014

7:30 AM Links of Never-ending Friendship Grand Representative
Breakfast
Honoring Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron and Trey
Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, Chairman Patricia Hart, Lo-
cation: Brazos South, Waco Convention Center (Open to
Present and Former Grand Representatives, Fraternal Cor-
respondent, Spouse and Traveling Companions)

9:30 AM Elephants Never Forget 2012-2013 Grand Family Brunch.
Honoring Annette Curry, Past Grand Matron and Bill
Crews, Past Grand Patron , hosted by the 2012-2013 Depu-
ties, Chairman Donna Noe Location: Lone Star Room 104,
Waco Convention Center, (Open to 2012-2013 Grand Fam-
ily, Spouses and Traveling Companions)

10:00 AM Hospitality Room for Distinguished Guests,
Noon Grand Representatives and PAGO Members, hosted by the
Grand Chapter of Texas, Chairperson Marty Drescher;
Grand Representatives Association, Pat Hart, President and
the PAGO Association, Wanda Hollingsworth, President.
Location Lone Star Room 103, Waco Convention Center
(Open to these groups only)

- 4:30 PM Reception for Distinguished Guests
- 5:30 PM General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members, hosted by Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron and Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron. Hostesses: District Deputy Grand Matrons, Location 2nd Floor Main Atrium, Waco Convention Center (Open to This Group Only) (Formal Wear)
- 6:00 PM Golden Links Uniting for Tomorrow's Hope Honor Banquet
Honoring Most Worthy Grand Matron Bobbi White, Chairman Martha Ervin, Location Brazos Ballroom, Waco Convention Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2014

- 8:00 AM Busy Beavers Looking for Treasure on the Brazos 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: Jack Beall, Location: Hotel Hilton (Open to present and past Secretaries, Treasurers and Traveling Companions.)
- 12 Noon Lunch on the Brazos Luncheon
Honoring Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron and Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, Chairman Alice Zimmerman, Location Hotel Hilton
- 12 Noon Cool Breezes Luncheon
Honoring Cheryl Albrecht, Associate Grand Matron and George Gwaltney, Associate Grand Patron, Chairman, Kaye Swain, Location McLennan 209, Waco Convention Center.

12 Noon Brazos Trails Luncheon
Honoring Jerre Lucas, Grand Conductress, Chairman Pat Turner, Location McLennan 208, Waco Convention Center

12 Noon Inspiring Minds Luncheon
Honoring Sharon Mosmeyer, Associate Grand Conductress, Chairman Linda Hugo, Location Ranger Room 106 - 110, Waco Convention Center

6:30 PM Picnic on the Brazos
Honoring Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron and Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, Chairman Sherry Thompson, Location Brazos Ballroom, Waco Convention Center (Open to Membership)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2014

6:30 AM FANTastic Takeoff Breakfast
Honoring Cheryl Albrecht, Associate Grand Matron and George Gwaltney, Associate Grand Patron, Chairman Georgia Orr, Location McLennan Hall 208-209, Waco Convention Center (Open to Membership)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014

8:00 AM Sunrise on the Brazos Breakfast
Honoring the Newly Elected Associate Grand Conductress, Chairman Kaye Swain, Location Brazos Ballroom, Waco Convention Center (Open to Membership)

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

SOCIAL INFORMATION

Distinguished Guests
Grand Representatives
PAGO

Waco Convention Center
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REPORTS

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

CHAIRMEN — Please be available until your report has been given. Please watch the progress of the reports, as you may be called upon to give your report earlier or later than scheduled. The General Chairman, 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 report is read, the Chairman will move the adoption of the report. After approval of the report, a picture will be taken of the General Chairman, Co-Chairman, and District Chairman with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron.

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

NOTE: Individual or group photos may be scheduled with the Photographer directly.

HEADQUARTERS HOTELS

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron	Hilton
Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron	Marriott
Distinguished Guests	Indigo

GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS	Convention Center
Thursday Afternoon Informal Opening	11:00 AM
Thursday Ceremonial Opening	1:00 PM
Thursday Afternoon—Humanitarian and Grand Representatives	
Thursday Evening—ESTARL and Memorial	8:00 PM
Friday Morning - Business Session	8:00 AM
Friday Afternoon - Business Session	1:00 PM
Saturday Morning - Business and Election Session	8:00 AM

REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS

Wednesday - Waco Convention Center	9:00 AM
Thursday - Waco Convention Center	8:00 AM
Friday - Waco Convention Center	7:00 AM
Saturday - Waco Convention Center	7:00 AM

Registration of Voting Delegates for their Credentials closes promptly at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 10, 2014. Registration for Non-Voting Delegates closes at 10:00 AM. 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 Badges are required for admittance to each Grand Chapter Session.

DRILLS and SPECIAL FORMATIONS

All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons, and Junior Past Patrons of Chapters which are 100% or more in participation in the 2013-2014 Humanitarian Program are invited to participate in our drill on **Thursday Afternoon** right before we close. Please be available in the area in the West. You are invited to wear your Grand Chapter Attire, or your Subordinate Chapter Attire. The Gentlemen are requested to wear a DARK Suit or a Tuxedo.

FIRST AID

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

SAFETY

As a safety measure, we ask you to always walk in groups — never walk alone, in going to and from the Convention Center and the Hotels.

GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE - EXAMINATION ROOM

Please contact Laura Sharp for Days and Times - Location will be at the Convention Center.

GRAND CHOIR

Members, please be in place 30 minutes before each session

VENORS

The vendors will be located downstairs on the lower level at the main entrance.



Music Selections
Bill Rhyan Grand Choir Director

The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light,
what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming;
whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
o'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
gave proof through 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.

The Caissons Go Rolling Along

Over hill, over dale as we hit the dusty trail,
and those caissons go rolling along.
In and out, hear them shout, counter march and right about,
and those caissons go rolling along.
Then it's Hi! Hi! Hee! In the field artillery,
shout out your numbers loud and strong,
for wherever you go, you will always know
that those caissons go rolling along.

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for You.

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.

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

I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing

I'd like to build the world a home and furnish it with love,
grow apple trees and honey bees and snow white turtledoves.
I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony.
I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company.

I'd like to see the world for once, all standing hand in hand,
and hear them echo through the hills, for peace throughout the land.
I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony.
I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company.

There's Within My Heart A Melody

There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low;
fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,
in all of life's ebb and flow.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

Though sometimes he leads through waters deep,
trials fall across the way;
though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
see his footprints all the way.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole, wide world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands.
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands.
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me, sister, in His hands.
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands.
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.

The Family of God

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God!
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood.
Joint heirs with Jesus, as we travel this sod,
for I'm part of the family, the family of God!

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer;
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne,
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this live is o'er,
I'll fly away. To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, o glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, oh I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away. To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, o glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, oh I'll fly away.

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear;
and Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come.
T'was Grace that brought me safe thus far,
and Grace will lead me home.

Candidate	Votes Cast	Needed to elect	Totals	Votes Cast	Needed to elect	Totals	Votes Cast	Needed to elect	Totals
Associate Grand Conductress									
Bigham									
Hudman									
Stringer									
Zigg									
Board of Grand Examiners District 2									
Larson									
Dormady									
Board of Directors District 3									
Board of Directors District 4									
Clegg									
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BELIEVE IN OUR ORDER/ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

The Believe in Our Order/Endowed Membership Committee will encourage Chapter members to participate in the Endowed Membership Program by purchasing \$10.00 stamps or \$500.00 Endowed Memberships. Chapter Secretaries will be encouraged to maintain an inventory of Endowed Membership stamps to make purchasing stamps easier for the members of their chapters.

With each Endowed Membership purchased, the newly endowed member will receive a certificate from Grand Chapter and a letter from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Included in the letter will be a gift of an Endowed Membership pin. It is possible that members who have previously purchased an Endowed Membership could purchase an Endowed Membership Pin for \$10.00 each. Any excess inventory may be retained in the Grand Chapter office and used for future Endowed Memberships purchased.

The proceeds of the sale will go to the Endowed Membership fund.

CHAIN LINK/MEMBERSHIP VISITATION COMMITTEE

The members of this committee will encourage Chapter members to visit other Chapters. The traveling Chain Link plaque will first be given by the Deputy Grand Matron in each Section to the Chapter with the largest number of members at her last Official Visit. The traditional rules, involving a “point” system, will apply to the traveling Chain Link plaque to encourage other Chapters to visit to “go get” the Chain Link plaque from the holding Chapter. At the end of the year, the Chapter with the largest number of possessions will retain the plaque.

In addition to the traveling Chain Link plaque that involves the “point” criteria to claim the plaque, there will be an additional incentive for Chapter visitations. A stuffed penguin will be passed from chapter to chapter. No Chapter will want to be “stuck” with having to care for the penguin, so the Chapter in possession of the animal will take it to another Chapter for them to be responsible for the care and feeding of the penguin. The Chapter must have a minimum of three members visiting to be able to “get rid” of the bird. Each Deputy Grand Matron will be responsible for finding the penguin of her choice for her section.

The penguin will start her travels at the last Official Visit of the Deputy Grand Matron, where the Chapters present will “draw” for possession of the bird.

This committee will also assist the District Deputies with the sale of the Travel Books. The proceeds of the sales will go to the General Fund.

DAYS TO REMEMBER/CALENDAR

The members of the Days to Remember/Calendar Committee will sell pocket calendars covering the 2013-2014 Grand Chapter year. The calendar will provide the members with the dates of Schools of Instruction, Fraternal Visits, Chapter Anniversaries and various fraternal dates. The proceeds of the sales will go to the WGM Undesignated Fund.

DRESS PIN

The Dress Pin will be available to those members who accept a Grand Chapter appointment. In lieu of or in addition to purchasing the dress or blazer, the member will be encouraged to make a donation to further support Grand Chapter and its charity projects. The proceeds of the sales will go to the General Fund.

The pin was designed by the late Paul W. Yenger, husband of the Associate Grand Matron. She will appreciate seeing these pins displayed knowing it will support our Grand Chapter committees and his memory.

GOLDEN LINKS/HELPING OUR HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

The Helping Our Headquarters Committee coordinates with the General Grand Chapter project to collect a person's pocket change each day, conduct "silver drills," or raise money in various ways and to send these funds to the International Headquarters. The Helping Our Headquarters Committee is composed of Worthy Matrons.

Members may also wish to be an honorary member of 1618 New Hampshire by contributing \$20.00 or more to the "1618" Committee of General Grand Chapter. The funds received will be used to update the General Grand Chapter Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

This committee is under the International Headquarters chairman.

GOLDEN NOTES/MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Golden Notes/Music Committee will sell copies of the sheet music written for the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron. The proceeds of the sales will go to the General Fund.

GUIDING STARS/RITUAL COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Ritual Competition Committee will be composed of current Worthy Patrons and brothers who are proficient in the Ritual and interested in promoting the Ritual. The format of the competition will be similar to the previous formats and will encourage all members to participate in one of the following categories.

1. Prayers
2. Star Point Lectures
3. Associate Patron Lecture
4. Conductress/Worthy Patron Interaction
5. Conductress introductory speech to the candidate and charges to the Star Points
6. Worthy Matron part in Funeral Ceremony

Ribbons and certificated will be awarded for First Place and for Participation.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS/TRMC

The Happy Holidays/TRMC committee will provide holiday parties for the residents of TRMC. They will sell purse holders with an Eastern Star emblem for a donation of \$10.00 per purse holder. The proceeds of the sales will go to fund the TRMC parties.

The districts will be responsible for the parties as follows:

District II	Halloween Party	October 13, 2013
District III	Christmas Party	December 8, 2013
District V	Valentine's Party	February 9, 2014
District IV	Easter Party	April 13, 2014
District I	Patriotic Celebration	June 29, 2014

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS COMMITTEE

The Historical Highlights Committee assists in taking orders for the Historical Highlights Book which has recorded the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas. This book contains one page for each Grand Chapter year and displays pictures of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and lists the Installed Grand Officers and other facts pertaining to that year.

The Historical Highlights Book is available from the Grand Secretary's Office for \$25.00 per copy. Yearly updates are also available for \$2.00. All proceeds will go to the General Fund.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE/YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Hope for the Future Committee will promote the support of our youth organizations: the Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay for Boys. Committee members will identify and visit the nearest Rainbow Assembly and DeMolay Chapter and bring greetings and support from Eastern Star and encourage participation by Chapters in DeMolay and Rainbow meetings and events. The Committee members will also sell foldable fans. A donation of \$5.00 will be collected per fan.

The proceeds of the sales will be divided equally between the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of the DeMolay for boys.

IN THE KNOW/BULLETIN COMMITTEE

The In the Know/Bulletin Committee will encourage new subscriptions to the Official Bulletin of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Members are encouraged to promote new subscriptions for new members and ensure that all Chapter line officers have a current subscription. They will also encourage Chapters and individuals to send articles for They Say That and What's Happening in Your Chapter.

New members should be encouraged to order subscriptions.

Special recognition will be given to the member with the most new subscriptions in each District.

JOY FOR CHILDREN/SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

The Joy for Children/Scottish Rite Committee will actively promote the activities of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas and children's hospitals throughout the state.

Committee members will sell stuffed penguins with a note written to a child in the hospital. The committee members will collect the animals and distribute them to a children's hospital in their area.

The profits will go to the Scottish Rite Hospital.

KEEP IN TOUCH

This Committee will work with the Chapters in making phone calls, making visits, and sending cards when appropriate.

Chapter members should be encouraged to donate their time and possibly collect cards to be mailed, not only for shut ins but perhaps those who, for whatever reason, are no longer active.

Cards could even be handmade as a Chapter project.

We all like to get snail mail.

MARDI GRAS ADVENTURE

Louisiana will host an event to be held in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The date is January 25-26, 2014. Committee members will promote the Mardi Gras Adventure by announcing the activities in each Chapter in their Section—by flyers, pictures, or other means—letting our members know our neighbors to the east are giving a party in our honor.

We do not want to disappoint our neighbors.

You do not want to miss out on an adventure.

Why not take a bus—possibly stopping along the way to pick up passengers!

MASONIC LINKS COMMITTEE

The Masonic Links Committee members are all Masons and are encouraged to promote Eastern Star membership in their local Lodges. Committee members are encouraged to attend their Lodge meetings in their area and then ask to say a word about Eastern Star at the end of the meeting. The Committee members can also offer to bring a program on Eastern Star to the Lodge. Each committee member should always carry an OES petition with them on their visits. Each Masonic Links Committee member should also encourage support for the Lodges from the sisters and brothers in Eastern Star.

PICNIC ON THE BRAZOS/ROB MORRIS COMMITTEE

The Picnic on the Brazos/Rob Morris Committee will promote attendance at the Rob Morris Celebration banquet to be held at the Grand Chapter session in Waco. The committee members will sell canvas totes for a donation of \$10.00 per tote. They will also be responsible for silent auctions at the Schools and at each District Family Reunion.

Silent auctions will be held at each School of Instruction and at each District Reunion. The first \$15,000 will help defray the cost of the picnic. Proceeds in excess of \$15,000 will go the WGM undesignated funds. A live auction will be held at the Picnic. All proceeds from the live auction will go to the Undesignated Fund.

PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE

The Proficiency Committee will encourage the formation of study classes regarding the Constitution, Code of Laws and the Ritual. These committee members will also assist the Grand Examiners during Schools of Instruction and help distribute the proficiency stickers

to those who obtain their proficiency certificates. The proceeds of the sales will go to the Educational Fund.

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

This committee will support all the Fisher Houses in Texas. These houses assist military families making it possible for them to be near their loved ones while seeking medical treatments, because “a family’s love is good medicine.”

Part of the proceeds from this committee will also go to Patriot Paws.

The members who will be chosen for this committee will be active or retired members of the armed services, veterans, and those members with a desire to serve our military families. The members of this committee will offer flag lapel pins and flag sun catchers.

The proceeds of the sales will go to the Fisher Houses and to Patriot Paws.

PROVIDING COMFORT COMMITTEE

The Providing Comfort Committee will work with the local hospitals, rest homes, shelters, or other facilities where individuals in need would benefit. Committee members could provide receiving blankets, lap robes, pillows, caps, or other items of comfort.

These items could be handmade or could be purchased with funds raised by the committee members. Let people know we care.

REACH FOR THE STARS CHAPTERS

This is a program to encourage and then recognize Chapters for participating in a wide variety of programs. Details are still being developed but could include such items as:

1. A certain number of Officers attending a School of Instruction
2. Being 100% in Officer subscriptions to the Official Bulletin
3. 100% Humanitarian with bonus points for more than 100%
4. Hold regularly scheduled Study Classes
5. Make donations to the TMRC Country Store
6. Host an informal booth at a public event—fair, festival, rodeo, or similar public event
7. Host a joint event with another fraternal organization
8. Contact inactive members—sending dues notices does not count
9. Have a scholarship program
10. Support a Masonic youth group or community youth group such as Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts
11. Have a newsletter at least quarterly or maintain a Chapter website

REUNION COMMITTEE

The Reunion Committee will plan an event in each District to be held on the five Saturdays during the month of March. The event will be held on the same date as the District Banquet. The event will be held to promote fun and fellowship among the members.

District Two will be held on Saturday, March 1.

District One will be held on Saturday, March 8.

District Five will be held on Saturday, March 15.

District Four will be held on Saturday, March 22.

District Three will be held on Saturday, March 29.

Each District will be responsible for selecting the site and the nature of the event—such as an auction, sale, “electing” a winner of the activity with pennies, etc. Any funds raised from the event will go to the Rob Morris fund.

ROB MORRIS JEWEL

This General Grand Chapter Project has as its purpose the awarding a pin for signers of petitions. This committee will publicize the program and encourage petitions and participation. Pins and bars can be earned following the criteria established by General Grand Chapter.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY COMMITTEE

The Sentimental Journey Committee will encourage all members and Chapters to place ads in the Yearbook and to solicit commercial enterprises for their advertising budgets. The Sentimental Journey book will be offered for sale on a prepaid order form and a small quantity will be available at Grand Chapter.

Sentimental Journey book sales will be encouraged throughout the 2013-2014 School Schedule and a mailing to all Chapters will be done to encourage Chapter participation. The ad form will be placed in the Official Bulletin several times during the year.

The proceeds of the sales will go to the General Fund.

TMRC FAMILY FUN DAY

The Family Fun Day Committee will work with the Grand Lodge Family Day Committee and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter Family Day Committee to assist with activities of the Annual Masonic Family Day to be held at TMRC in October, 2013.

A booth may be considered for fund raising activities at the event.

A donation of \$500.00 will be given to TMRC to help with this event.

PEACE FOR OUR NATION HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM

The “Peace for Our Nation” Humanitarian Program will focus our energies on the following areas of concern:

- P** Provide benevolent aid for our sisters and brothers
- E** Education—Scholarships for our members and youth
- A** Assist with operating expenses of the General Fund
- C** Care for our members at the TMRC
- E** ESTARL

Every Chapter is encouraged to contribute \$1.00 for each member on their roles as of May 31, 2013. Each Chapter will be recognized at the Fraternal Visit in their Section. Ribbons will be awarded for 100%, 200%, 300%, 400%, and 500%. Ribbons will be presented to the Worthy Matrons of each Chapter.

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Acknowledgements

*Patsy Hewlett, Chairman
Abi Foreman, Co-Chairman
Cathy Sammons, Decorations
Jan Holland, Ticket Chairman*

*Thank you for taking time to spend with "TEXAS' OWN"
Cameo Lady this evening*

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PM, Granbury Chapter No. 530*

Entrance and Presentation of Distinguished Guests

*Welcome Pat Turner
WM, McLennan Chapter No. 639*

*Response Helen Westmoreland
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron*

*Pledge to the U. S. Flag Kenneth Foreman
WP, Stephenville Chapter No. 801*

*Invocation Annette Gardner
WM, Granbury Chapter No. 530*

Dinner

*Introductions Abi Foreman
Secretary, Stephenville Chapter No. 801*

*Presentations Cathy Sammons
PM, McLennan Chapter, No. 639*

Greetings

*Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron
John E. Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron
Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron of Texas
Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas
Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary*

Entertainment Jeanne Robertson

*Benediction Sandra Lackey
WM, Stephenville Chapter No. 801*

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MC Patsy Hewlett: It is a pleasure to present Sister Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Kenneth Forman, Worthy Patron of Stephenville Chapter #801. (Applause) I am pleased to present Brother John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron escorted by his wife Barbara, Special Appointment and Personal Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron. (Applause) I am happy to present Brother Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron of Texas, escorted by his wife Lesa, Grand Esther. (Applause) It is a pleasure to present Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mike Hall. (Applause) It is an honor and of much joy to present our honoree, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Matron of Texas escorted by her husband, Dr. Charles William “Bill” Bane, Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia and International Headquarters Administrator. (Applause)

All are hugged, loved and wanted here. May celebration, homecoming and laughter attend you here tonight. This special time for our honoree tonight will not be the same without your gathering. It is our joy and we are Texas proud to celebrate the “Homecoming on the Brazos” of our Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Texas Cameo Lady as we remember. We’ve been with her in spirit although the miles have been far. It’s not how far you go in life it’s whom you walk with. And I know most important, Alma walks with her husband Bill. Have a laugh. Look around for happiness in others. I see celebrating, homecoming fun and I hear many of you laughing and having a great time. But just wait, the best is yet to come – laughter big time. Laughter is made to share. Sister Pat Turner, Worthy Matron of McLennan Chapter #639 will share a welcome with us tonight. Sister Pat.

PM Pat Turner: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Honoree, General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards and Distinguished Members. Protocol has been met. Aren’t y’all proud? (Applause) Sister Alma, will you please stand? And Brother Bill. We are honored to have each of you here tonight to help us show our Honoree a true Texas Homecoming. You know she really is ours before she was all of y’all’s’. So we’ve shared them long enough. Now it’s time for her to come home for a short time at least. And let me welcome each one of you here in Waco, my home town and let you know we are proud you are here and if there is anything that you need, you know that we’re here. Please come back often. (Applause)

MC Patsy Hewlett: God grants us sanity to handle our hectic schedules and the wit to laugh at every opportunity. Brother Robert Penoyer, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, will I am sure with wit respond to the welcome. Brother Robert.

RWAGP Robert Penoyer: Thank you Madam Toastmaster. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy

Grand Matron, Distinguished Guest at the head table and all our Sisters and Brothers, Good evening. Alma asked me to fill in for Sister Helen Westmoreland who was supposed to do the response this evening and so I'm pinch hitting so I talked to her late this afternoon before I arrived here. She sends her heartfelt best wishes to all and to Alma and Bill, as well as her apologies as she really wanted to be here tonight for Alma. And when I talked to her she was kind of in tears and I'm not real sure if it was because she hadn't made it here or if it was from the pain of the shingles. Helen and I have enjoyed and I'm sure everybody here has enjoyed the expertise that Alma has provided us as our Right Worthy Grand Secretary. And we're going to miss that expertise when she leaves in 2015. We wish she and Bill all the best in the future in whatever endeavors she may decide to do. And we're looking forward to seeing everyone that's here tonight in November 2015 in Pittsburg. My home state and we're going to welcome you to that area. We hope that we can see all of you here. We are looking forward to that Triennium and we look forward to keep flying high for OES. Thank you. Have a great meal and a good evening. (Applause)

MC Patsy Hewlett: It is my pleasure to invite Brother Kenneth Foreman, Worthy Patron of Stephenville Chapter #801 to lead the pledge to the flag of our country. Brother Kenneth. All please rise.

WP Kenneth Foreman: Join me in the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.
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.

MC Patsy Hewlett: You may be seated. Thank you. I believe God has a sense of humor because he gave us a funny bone. God listens to our laughter and joy and hears our prayers. Sister Annette Gardner, Worthy Matron of Granbury Chapter #530, will vocalize our invocation to God.

WM Annette Gardner: Would you all join hands please. Our most gracious heavenly Father we come before you tonight with praise, giving you honor and glory. And Lord we ask you for your blessings on this Grand Chapter meeting week and I ask that you just be in control of all things. Father we thank you for loving us and Father I just want to ask a special blessing on Sister Alma Lynn and Bill and all of those that are here tonight. I ask you to be with the soldiers and our military as they keep us safe so that we can pledge allegiance to our wonderful flag. Father I ask you to bless this food, bless it to our bodies. In Jesus name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

MC Patsy Hewlett: Since we do not have dinner music tonight, take time to laugh is the music of the soul. Enjoy. I would ask that you would put your tickets in the envelope provided on the table. If you did not bring your ticket, if you will write your name on the envelope, that will be great. Thank you.

(Dinner)

MC Patsy Hewlett: I hope everyone enjoyed the dinner. It was very good, I think. We had good service. We appreciate that. And if you are still eating your desert or whatever, continue with that. We want to proceed because we have some exciting things to do. Next on our agenda is probably not a laughing matter for this dear Sister. But ah, the inside of hindsight presents Sister Abby Foreman to bring our introductions.

WM Abby Foreman: Well they saved the best for last, nearly. Well we do have entertainment coming and I know she'll be better than me. They had to give me something where I couldn't make you laugh or try to make you laugh because if you know me, I like to make you laugh. First off we do want to say to Sister Alma Bane, those of us who are on your program, thank you greatly for the honor you have bestowed upon us. I bet forty years ago when she joined Eastern Star she had no clue we would be in Waco, Texas honoring her. She has woven a tapestry over the state of Texas as her Cameo year. She's now woven the state over the globe and continues to do so and Texas is very proud of her. And we love her and I'm ready for you to come home. So, now then that that's said - First off we are very proud to be with our Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas and her wonderful husband, Dr. Bill Bane, International Headquarters Administrator, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia. Please show them how glad we are. (Applause)

We have our own Texas Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron and her son Joey who is Grand Representative of Maryland in Texas. On this side of the table we have Brother Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron of Texas and his beautiful wife, Lesa, our Grand Esther. Please join me in giving them a warm welcome. (Applause)

And it's not every day that your husband gets to walk in the Most Worthy Grand Matron but this is Sister Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia. We are very honored to have you here and on this side of the table we 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. Thank y'all for joining us on your very busy schedules. (Applause)

Now then, for the rest of the members at the head table we have Sister Pat Turner, Worthy Matron of McLennan Chapter, Annette Gardner of Granbury Chapter, Sandra Lackey of Stephenville Chapter, Kenneth Foreman, Worthy Patron of Stephenville Chapter. Then we have with us Brother Robert Penoyer, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and a Past Patron of Pennsylvania with his wife Mary, Escort to the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Sister Marianne Shenefeld, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming, Sister Clara Hamilton, Worthy Grand Electa and a Past Grand Matron of Alabama, Brother Dennis Paul Jordan, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and a Past Grand Patron of California, Brother Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his beautiful wife Opal, Grand Escort and Sister Paula Argus, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Utah. Please join me in welcoming these Grand Chapter members. (Applause)

We also have with us Sister Terrie Castay, Ambassador to New Jersey and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana. Sister Rennie Oton, Past Most Worthy Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas (wahoo for the Redbird!) and Sister Terrie I kind of did y'all backwards but who cares

right now? Everybody is waiting to see our entertainment, I know. Alma will get me later, y'all trust me. Now then, for the other members of General Grand Chapter Committees: Sister Diane Smith, Alzheimer's Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, Brother Nelson Campbell, Cancer Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas – Please stand and stay standing. That's what she said, I'm just the messenger – and his beautiful wife Georgia, Grand Escort, Brother Gary Miller, of Credentials and a Past Grand Patron of Illinois and his wife Kathy, Editor of the *Eastern Star Journal*, Sister Wanda Joiner, Chairman of the Community Service Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Mississippi, Sister Francis Sumrall, Membership Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Mississippi, Sister Ellen Glass, Payroll and a Past Grand Matron of Georgia, Sister Vi Griffin, Public Relations and her handsome br. This man brother Tommy (She meant husband) is not with her. He's busy. This man runs all the time. Sister Julie McMillen, Public Relations and a Past Grand Matron of Illinois and her husband Bob, Grand Escort, Sister Annie Ruth Bryant, General Grand Chapter Registration Committee and a Grand Secretary, bless her sweet soul, of Arkansas and her husband Lewis, Past Grand Patron of Arkansas. Brother Jerry L. Martin, now this gentleman has a lot of titles. Y'all just be patient. Scottish Rite Charities Committee of General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Patron of Texas and he is currently serving as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. and his beautiful wife Betty, Grand Escort. Brother Bill Wyatt, Shrine Charities Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife Ann...and you are...the Grand Representative of Kentucky in Texas. And then we have Sister Joyce Nicklas, Support Our Troops and a Past Grand Matron of Texas and she's a beautiful friend of mine too. Brother Art Drescher, John's Matadors and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife Marty Drescher, Arrangements Committee, Distinguished Guests, General Chair. Sister Betty Penham – uh, excuse me....Sister Betty Phillips Benham, she is one of Bobbi's Forever Friends and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. And we have Sister Wilma J. Thompson, Belmont Ball Chairman. Have I missed anyone of these groups? Oh, I'm sorry Lee, I've got you. Please Lee don't do me that way...Lee Stallings, I didn't have that you were a Matador, I'm very sorry. If you have a horn, that's all that matters. Okay, Lee Stallings and his beautiful wife Pat and she is also on Distinguished Guests, Arrangements. Now then, did I miss anybody? Give all this group a hearty welcome. (Applause)

And then we have the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions. And for those of you that don't know if you've never been to Texas we do things a little different here, we create things as we go. And we have with us here Sister Cheri Pierce, Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas, Sister Mezzy McKenzie, Worthy Grand Matron of the District of Columbia, Sister Gale Porch, Acting Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma. No, she's not here? Okay, she was to be. Brother Jerry Harrell, Worthy Grand Patron of Arkansas and his wife Paula, Grand Chapter Sweetheart of Arkansas and his mother-in-law which is the Grand Chapter Mother-in-Law, Ms. Mary Pike of Arkansas. Now have I missed anybody from that group? Current Worthy Grand Matrons or Patrons. George Wilkinson, Worthy Grand Patron of Louisiana, I'm sorry sir. And George Lang of Nevada, I'm very sorry. And Mrs. Cheryl Lang Grand Representative of Connecticut in Kentucky and Juanita Wilkinson, wife of the Past Grand Patron of Louisiana. And I'm very sorry. She's the Past Grand Matron is what it is. You got to realize, I'm reading it from a distance and I'm needing it up close. I'm very sorry for that, but we do thank all of you for coming and let's give them a hearty welcome. (Applause)

Now then, we have the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sister Irene Stadick, she's the Jr. Past Grand Matron of District of Columbia, Sister Jo

Cullifer, Georgia and Grand Treasurer, Shirley Boone, Louisiana, Jo Beth Williams, Louisiana, Linn McNary, Louisiana, Roberta Nielsen, Mississippi, Marilyn Woods, Missouri, Cheryl Martin, Oklahoma, Margie McConnell, Oklahoma and her husband Gerald, Grand Representative of Texas in Oklahoma. Did we miss any of you ladies? You are Mavis Payne, Past Grand Matron of Arkansas and I know her, I'm very sorry you weren't on there. And Ira, her husband and he's also a Past Grand Patron of Arkansas. We thank all of you for coming. (Applause)

Then we have the Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Brother Joe Earnhardt, Florida and his wife Heather. . . .they aren't there. Okay, Jerry Frayser of Mississippi. And did we miss any Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions? Very good. Thank you sir for being with us. (Applause)

Now, from Texas our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Sisters Elise Hammack, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Sister Naomi Wolfe, Sharon Fentress, Doris Hester, Nancy Brown, Joyce Gilbert, Mary Ruth White is not over there, Annette Curry. Past Grand Patrons, this is where I had Brother H. Lee Stallings and his wife Pat, Arrangements Distinguished Guests, Buddy Baker and his wife Judy, Humanitarian Chairman, District 3, Jerry Trees, Ray Hertenberger and his wife Vicki, Arrangements Distinguished Guests, David B. Dibrell, Past Grand Patron of Texas and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas and his wife Marlene, Arrangements Distinguished Guests and Supreme Nature of the International Rainbow for Girls, Bill Crews and his wife Kathey, Grand Representative of Wyoming in Texas. Now is that all our Texas folks? Let's give these people a very warm welcome too. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers I have been asked to announce that the Installed Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions in Texas will be formally introduced tomorrow by Sister Jerre Lucas, our Grand Conductress and we would like to welcome you to attend that session so you can see her do introductions the correct way. Thank you for attending tonight's banquet and we hope you enjoy the entertainment. (Applause)

MC Patsy Hewlett: Blessed are those who give without remembering and take without forgetting. Sister Cathy Sammons will make our presentations tonight. Thank you.

Sister Cathy Sammons: They told me to be prompt. Sister Alma, will you and Bill stand please? Brother Bill? First of all we have a love gift for you from all the ones who participated in this wonderful occasion tonight and all these lovely people you brought here from all over the place. We've been having a very nice conversation with a young gentleman from Kentucky over there and Wyoming and it's very good. And we would like to present this to you.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you. Thank you very much.

Sister Cathy Sammons: On behalf of McLennan Chapter #639 here in Waco which is Alma's Parent Chapter and we're so proud of her and we know you already have memberships . . . the Chapter voted you a Life Membership Certificate because we love you both so much.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Oh thank you. Thank you so much. (Applause)

Sister Annette Gardner: Oh, no, no, no. . . .(to Alma Lynn) don't leave yet. Sister Alma Lynn we may not be your Parent Chapter but we're one of your Plural Chapters, Granbury, and

we're very happy to have you and Brother Bill as part of our Chapter and we have a love gift for you from Granbury.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you. Thank you. (Applause)

PGM of Alabama Clara Hamilton: Sister Alma, thank you for being our Right Worthy Grand Secretary and thank you for all you and Bill do at our International Headquarters. However, Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to tell off on them. The General Grand Family was there for Christmas last year and Alma found Cranberry juice on the marble staircase. However, it wasn't Cranberry juice, it was my blood. I fell down those steps. (Laughter) But I got this lecture about not taking food out of the kitchen. And then when we looked down and saw it was my toe she was very attentive and got the first aid kit and all this kind of good stuff. But we do appreciate all of your hospitality. And as we have been doing, several of us have given a donation and those are the names in your card for the 1618 project per your request.

Sister Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you thank you. (Applause)

Brother Mike Hall: Hi Sister Alma, on behalf of the 132nd Session of Grand Chapter we would like to present you with this small love gift for your attendance tonight.

Sister Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you. (Applause)

MC Patsy Hewlett: A laugh can break into a thousand pieces and go skipping around the world as does our Most Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Bobbi will you please bring greetings.

MWGM Bobbi White: Thank you so very much. Good evening everybody. (Good evening!) Have you had a good time so far? (Yes!) I knew so. All the chatter and laughter tell me that you've been having a good time. You know this "Cameo Lady's Homecoming on the Brazos" for Sister Alma is outstanding as I knew it would be. She loves Cameos and she was in seventh heaven in Italy in March of this year when she got to see how they're made. Needless to say she has to go back to Italy to visit her money. (Laughter) To all of the General Grand Chapter Officers, thank you for coming from all over the country to attend this very special event as Texas honors its own Distinguished Member. Sister Alma, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Alma is honored you joined her tonight for her Homecoming and you've made her day. Alma, I realize how important your family is to you and I have had...and I know you're elated that they are here with you tonight. I've had the distinct honor to meet a lot of your wonderful family at the Grand Chapter's Supreme Rainbow and even our Charitable Cruise last year. Once again I want to thank you mother for the very generous donation to the Shrine Charities Project in my honor. I appreciate that so very much. My husband Jim even knew your Dad, since he was a Jester also. Your family likes to have fun and that's right up my alley as you know. I first met you many years ago in Texas and I watched your progression as you went through the Grand Chapter Line. And we have always had a very close friendship. After you were elected to office as the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, I showed you a picture of you, your mother and your sister that I had had for a number of years. Then at a more recent Grand Chapter we took another picture of the very same folks. You are a very generous and deserving Sister. You are retiring as Right Worthy Grand Secretary at the end of this Triennium. Now I'm not going to look at you if you are going to get tears in your eyes. You have done an outstanding job as our General Grand Chapter Secretary. You have brought the office into the

modern day and time. And with your expertise, your computer and executive skills, you've really done a super job. You also are a people person and that's really important in that position. You are a credit to Texas, the General Grand Chapter and the Order of the Eastern Star. And I'm overjoyed that you have been a member of the White House First Family for this Triennium. I want you all to know that you are in for a treat with your entertainment for tonight. I've heard her at several occasions at the Imperial Shrine First Lady's luncheons and she is a hoot and I know you'll just have a ball. Now Alma was interviewing three blondes for the last position in the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office. (Laughter) The first blonde came in and she showed her a picture and just gave her two or three seconds to look at it and Alma said "What do you notice about this picture?" The blonde says "Well, the man only has one eye". And Alma said "well it's a side picture of course he would only have one eye." So she dismissed that blonde. The second blonde came in and she showed her the same picture and gave her the same amount of time to look at that picture. And the second blonde Alma asked her what did she notice about the picture and she said "the man only has one ear". And Alma said "I told the first blonde it is a side picture. Of course he has one ear." So anyway, the third blonde comes in and right away Alma gives her the same picture, the very same one, gave her the same amount of time, everything is the same and she says "what did you notice about this man?" She said "He wears contact lenses". And Alma looked at the resume on the man's picture and sure enough he wore contact lenses and she was astounded. And she got the job after Alma said "how did you know he wore contact lenses?" And the blonde said "Well, hello. With one eye and one ear he certainly can't wear glasses." (Laughter)

MC Patsy Hewlett: If you want to look good, wear a smile. Brother John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron, you look good tonight. Will you please bring us greetings.

MWGP John Grobler: Thank you Madame Chairman. Good evening. Protocol has been established pretty well. Well sitting up here with the Worthy Patron and his wife we've been discussing dinner. And Lesa had a lot of suggestions for me to include in my remarks, however I will not but I would like to have some butter (Laughter) for my roll. (Laughter) And you know dinner isn't dinner without coffee, but... I did enjoy the dinner. It's really kind of special. There was once upon a time this beautiful independent, self assured Princess and she happened upon a frog in a pond. The frog said to the Princess "I once was a handsome prince until an evil witch put a spell on me. One kiss from you and I will turn back into a Prince and then we can marry and move into the castle with my Mom and you can prepare my meals, clean my clothes, bear my children, and forever feel happy doing so." (Laughter) That night while the Princess dined on frog's legs....(Laughter) she kept laughing and saying "I don't think so!" (Laughter) I would have liked to have frog's legs. Anyway, on this day we celebrate the station of Right Worthy Grand Secretary and thank Sister Alma Bane for serving the Grand Chapter, the General Grand Chapter as our Right Worthy Grand Secretary. It is great for Barbara and I to be back here in Texas once again and see so many of you who have been so hospitable to Barbara and me over these past years. Alma you have served as Right Worthy Grand Secretary for what seems like a long time to me. I know you have elected to end your time as Right Worthy Grand Secretary at the close at the 48th Triennium. Just because I am leaving doesn't mean that you have to leave also. But maybe we can party together. As your time comes to a close you may be wondering if your time was long enough or if you did your job well enough or with enough enthusiasm. Many members may be wondering if they appreciated you well enough or if they gave you enough credit or enough praise. I once heard a story about a mother and a daughter in their last moments together at the airport. Standing

near the security gate they hugged and the mother said "I love you and I wish you enough." The daughter replied "Mom our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough too, Mom." They kissed and the daughter left. The mother walked over to the window where another woman was seated. Standing there the woman could see the mother wanted to be alone. The woman tried not to intrude on her privacy but the mother welcomed the woman in by asking "Did you ever say goodbye to someone knowing it might be the last time you see them?" "Yes, I have" the woman replied. "Forgive me for asking but why might this be the last goodbye". The mother said "I am old and my daughter lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is that the next trip back will likely be for my funeral." Then the woman said "When you were saying goodbye I heard you say I wish you enough. May I ask what that means?" The mother began to smile "That's a wish that has been handed down from generation to generation in our family. My parents used to say that to everyone." She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember in detail and she smiled even more. "When we said I wish you enough we wanted the other person to have a full life. Have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them." Then turning toward the woman the mother shared the following "I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more. I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough hellos to get you by the final goodbye." They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them but then an entire lifetime to forget them. To you Alma, I wish you enough. Thank you for being here tonight to celebrate this occasion with our Sister Alma and thank you for all you do for Eastern Star. (Applause)

MC Patsy Hewlett: This Brother can make you laugh and cry at the same time. Blessed is he who has learned to laugh at himself for we shall never cease to be entertained. Brother Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron of Texas, please bring greetings.

WGP Trey Smith: Well remember I am not the paid entertainment. (Laughter) No pressure at all, but thank you. It's a pleasure to be with you this evening and it's a pleasure to be here as we honor Sister Alma. We go back a long way and there are many things that I can say about Alma that I know many of you already know. She's a true friend. She's always your friend and that means so much to me and my wife. We appreciate you so much. You know the first time I got to help Sister Alma was when I was her Installation Chairman which was in Ft. Worth. Now, it was a fun night. It was a beautiful night. It was one of the longest nights I have ever been a part of. (Laughter) We just kept going and going and going and going. We went so long that at one point she saw me walking out of the room with a table and then chairs and then more tables and chairs. Then the West came down, seriously, and we kept talking and going. She called me "11:59" after that. We had to be out of the convention center at midnight or we had to pay extra. So when I finally made it back to her room to say "We're all done", we were so tired we could barely speak but we did it because we love ya and we appreciated you. She sent me out travelling and in Texas that means she sent me on a little trip, to Utah...(Laughter) That was my trip. I was the Grand Representative of Utah due to her. And I appreciated that so much. I will always remember that appointment. They had no Dr. Peppers there. (Laughter) Nope, and I felt like, and I can say this with all due respect and love...I'm a Baptist. We had to go to the liquor store to get Dr. Peppers. (Laughter) That's the truth. And the people that were with me were laughing at me because I said "Go through the window that's the Baptist window". (Laughter) It's faster. It's a lot faster I promise. No

one will see us. (Laughter) We had a great time and we had a great trip and we owe that all to you. You know we were talking about getting ready for Grand Chapter and we're so excited that everyone is here and we hope you enjoy your visit so much. My wife had me packing everything that we owned. I put it on Facebook. She didn't believe it. We came in our red pickup. I have a Toyota Tundra. We packed in black trash bags, (Laughter) we packed in boxes, we packed in everything we could get our hands on. And I don't really think there is anything left at home. I teased about it will all be for sale on Sunday pretty cheap...cause I'm not hauling it back. But I told her as I've been doing, and toting and lifting and everything else, and trying to get the truck loaded and all that..she said now I need to work on the yard, I need to do the edging, I need to get the truck loaded, I need to bag this stuff...all the honey do's... you know how that goes. Well I was pooped. And I mean pooped. I said "I'm going to go take a shower and when I get out I want you to help me out." I got in the shower and she yelled at me "You didn't take the trash out." So I got out and I said "Lesya, my arms are so tired I can't even lift them to my head. Who's going to do this for me? Who's going to comb my hair and help me get dressed?" She said "At this rate the undertaker". (Laughter) Not really, I love my wife very much. And if I want her to know different, I'll let y'all know. I saw this the other day on a bumper sticker and it really made me laugh because I really think it is apropos for some people I know. *Never get jealous of your ex being with someone else because our parents taught us to give our used toys to those that are less fortunate.* (Laughter) I just call them like I see them. I can't help it. But please know we're so happy you're here. Alma we're so looking forward to you coming home. We are so proud of you and all that you've done all of your Eastern Star life and our friendship. It means the world to us. You and Brother Bill both. We love you very much and we can't wait for you to get back and get home. Get home to Lake Granbury or what's left of it. It's about three feet deep now so you should be encouraged. (Laughter) Sisters and Brothers, thank you again. We appreciate you coming. I hope you enjoy this Session and I hope that your every, every need is met and if you need anything at all just....call on the Worthy Grand Matron. (Laughter) She'll be glad to help get it worked out. I've done my deal. I've helped people get situated. We will try to work on some butter for Brother John. Which quickly reminds me, when I was in college and I waited tables I was pretty good at getting by with things. We had one lady and man one night, the lady well she just sucked the bone dry of anything on it. There wasn't a piece of meat on it and she said "This steak was horrible. I am not paying for this steak." I said "No you're not because there's nothing left but we're going to charge you for something here." Well she wanted extra cheese and I told her "That cheese is \$12.95!" (Laughter) Well her husband wanted butter and I kept running around. It was busy, crazy...I wasn't very good at it okay. That's the truth. He said "Could I get some more butter?" and I said "Well sure" and I buzzed by him again and he said "What about my butter?" I said "Just a minute, I'll be right back. I'm going to go get your butter." I took off again. I came by him and he said "Hang on just a minute. Sit down here" and I said "What?" He said "Sit down right here." I said "Okay. I don't think I'm supposed to do this but okay". So I sat down. He said "Now will you direct me to the store where I can go buy some butter?" (Laughter) So I'm going to sit in your place and I'm going to give you directions where to go get butter. Sisters and Brothers, God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, or sun without rain. But he did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, light for the way. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Patsy Hewlett: Our beloved Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, Sister Jayne Yenger full of love and laughter like the Texas sky, spacious and without measure a real treasure. Sister Jayne.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Patsy. And I have to follow this I want you to know. For our out of state visitors, that's the way we do it in Texas. The Worthy Grand Patron speaks and takes all the time and then I get to follow him. (Laughter) But we are happy that each and every one of you could be here this evening. And Sister Alma Lynn how appropriate that you have this banquet here in Waco this evening. We've shared a lot of good times, not just across Texas but right here in Waco. And you know I remember a poem once that it said *The nicest part of any trip no matter where you go is that of coming home again to folks who love you so*. And you know how much I love you. And Brother Bill that kind of goes for you too. We've been very close down through the years and with my Brother, and with my Bill too. I will have to tell one story on Sister Alma. I was one of her District Deputies and one thing I think if you know Sister Alma very well is that she likes to shop. So on our school schedule when we had a chance to shop, we shopped. Now one of my first experiences was there was a pawn shop and she said "Oh, stop". Well, I thought she was kidding so I just drove on. She said "You passed it". I said "You didn't want to go to a pawn shop!" I thought only military and men went there. (Laughter) And she just insisted that I turn around and go to this pawn shop. So we did. One of the other experiences was I was driving down Interstate 20, had Sister Alma Lynn in the back. Just rolling along in that van. Well a bee got in the van. And anybody that knows me knows that I might be a little upset and I pulled that van over and that was the only time on the travels through Texas that Sister Alma Lynn didn't say a word. (Laughter) She couldn't believe that I got that van pulled over and she was in shock at what was going to happen. And I have one more story to share. And that was again we were shopping. And we went into this little store in this little Texas town. And the lady came up to us after a while and she said "You two must be Sisters". And Alma looked at her and said "We are". And Sister Alma Lynn you are a true Sister. And I love you. (Applause)

MC Patsy Hewlett: Easy wit with candor thought, laughter genuine and unsought. We raise our glass to the honoree and the work she's done. We love you. We're proud to honor you and we're proud to welcome you home. I present Sister Alma Lynn Bane. (Applause)

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you Master of Ceremonies, Distinguished Head Tables, my Sisters and Brothers all. Jayne didn't tell you all that I told that clerk. I said "Yes we're Sisters, same Daddy different Mama. (Laughter) Needless to say we didn't buy too much at that store. First I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing me to have this night on their schedule for this Homecoming, for this honor night. "In General Grand Chapter each Installed Grand Officer, Elected or Appointed, is afforded a Reception", which generally means a Banquet. And when I found out that Jayne was going to have her Grand Chapter Session here in Waco where Bill and I raised our daughters, watched them graduate from High School and where my Session, mine and Henry's was once held, I knew this is where I wanted my Honor Reception. I also want to thank the Most Worthy Grand Matron for allowing it to be on her calendar here in Waco as my Honor Banquet. To the committee that is listed on the back of your programs, this is a Homecoming Banquet. It is done by my home Chapter here in Texas. My Parent Chapter, McLennan #639, I would ask for the members of McLennan Chapter #639 to stand at this time. My first Dual Chapter, Stephenville #801, in Stephenville where we taught at Tarlton State University, and our newest Chapter, our Plural Chapter, Granbury Chapter, will they please stand. Each of you are special to us. We look forward to coming home and being to attend meetings. It's hard to leave home. I never thought of the word homesick until we had been in D.C. for a while. And we would come back and I knew each time it was more difficult to put the clothes back in the suitcase for the time was

coming for our Homecoming. And I want to thank these Chapter members for putting this Banquet on for me. Please join with me in showing your appreciation to them. (Applause) I want to thank each member of the General Grand Chapter family, those that are General Grand Chapter Officers or Trustees, our Elected, our Appointed, I just want to say thank you for being here. Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons that I have met throughout General Grand Chapter these years, I want to thank you for coming. There's a small token from me to each of you at your place and I purchased it at the gift shop at the General Grand Chapter gift shop. So not only did you get a gift, we made a little money back home on this gift. It's totally legal Most Worthy Grand Matron. (Laughter) To the Texas membership, you are very special and I'm not in another Jurisdiction very long before they say "Now where are you from?" I say "Well, I'm here from the District of Columbia but I'm from Texas". Born, raised, bred and I will be dead in Texas. I'm coming back but I like Texas. I want to introduce my family and some close friends. I have here with me my mother, Betty Lynn and she is our Grand Chapter Mom and she was my Grand Electa. My Sister, Sandra. Sandra did you find your bottle openers? (She said yes and that she had given them away) Oh my gosh, she's already given them away. Our daughter, Greta. Y'all can stand up. Our other daughter, Cynthia. And she can stand up. And her husband, Matt Lewis. And he can stand up. Those of you that have seen the new Eastern Star website, this is the man that made it happen. Our son-in-law. (Applause) One of my goals was to have a user friendly Eastern Star website for General Grand Chapter. The phone calls have gone way down because they now know how to join us. It's on our front page and it's now totally usable for non-members as well as members. And I have a special one at the table and if I don't introduce him I get to buy him a new suit. Bill... I love you hun. (Applause) We have two special members. They've already been introduced but I want to recognize them again. Irene Stadick who made that magic phone call asking Bill to go to the East with her in the District of Columbia and Sister Mezy McKenzie whose made our dog Freckles the Grand Chapter Dog for the year and she is a Service Dog now. And Mezy and Irene we thank you for making that trip to Texas to be here with us and thank you very much and we will come back. I want to say that the flowers I'm (Applause) I want to get to the entertainment too. Uh, I want to say that the flowers I'm wearing were sent to me by my staff in the office. They all wanted me to have special flowers so I know they love me back there. And Sister Bobbi, I did... who said the blonde joke? I did hire an employee recently and she is blonde. (Laughter) I will introduce you to her the next time you're there. I want to thank the Chapters and the groups who gave me the love gift. All the love gifts tonight will go towards the 1618 project. Our daughter has been the International Headquarters Representative here in Texas. She has a lovely report she's going to give this weekend. She's outside selling ribbons. We've put a new roof on the building, the elevator is finished it is working! All the money you sent helped so thank you. So now we have to pay for the roof. Last year when Sister Jayne made her invitation to come to Waco, Brother Buddy let me make a few comments. And one of the comments I made was to come to my Banquet because we were going to have a different type of evening. No tributes, no long speeches, Worthy Grand Patron. (Laughter) Bill and I went to an event in Kentucky and we arrived a little late and we walked up into the lobby and I noticed that they had the tickets there. So we walked up and I commented that I had ordered tickets and that I was here to pick them up and the lady asked my name and I told her. And she went around and she looked and she said "I'm sorry we don't have tickets for you." I said "Oh, but I wrote a check and I mailed it early. You should have it. Are you sure?" She said she was sure. I said "Well, I guess I'll just have to check with uh" and I said Mike Berry's name. She said "Mike who?" And I said "Are you Eastern Star in Kentucky?" and she said "Oh No, we're here with the entertainment.

(Laughter) So, Bill and I didn't have anything to do. She says "Well if you don't have anything to do tonight we have a man who's a comedian and he's really good. You'll want to hear him." I looked at Bill and he says "Oh yeah, we don't have anything to do." So we want two tickets and she says "Now if you buy tonight and tomorrow night you get a discount." Well there's nothing better I like than shopping and that's getting a discount. So we bought tickets for both nights. And I am so glad we did. It set the tone for the weekend, for the year, for everything. And I told myself if I have the opportunity I would introduce you to this fantastic person that's going to be our entertainment tonight. But I got to talking with her before her performance and I told her we were Eastern Star and she said "I think my Grandmother was Eastern Star." Sister Clara Hamilton will you please stand up. This is a quiz. Who was your Worthy Matron in 1929? It was a Ms. Cora McAdore. And our entertainment tonight is her Granddaughter. It is a small, small world when you talk Eastern Star. And I have researched, I have the proceedings here and I'm going to share them with her. And when you go back to Alabama you tell all those that didn't come with you, they missed a treat. (Clara started in with Roll Tide Roll) (Laughter) Our speaker tonight is Jeanne Robertson from Burlington, North Carolina. Jeanne was Miss North Carolina in 1963 (Jeanne yelled out '83 and the room erupted in laughter) Oh my glasses are fogging up....'83....(more hysterical laughter). She competed in the Miss America pageant where she was named Ms. Congeniality. You could have made the movie girl! A graduate of Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, Jeanne taught Physical Education and basketball for 9 years before going into professional speaking for a full time basis. (Jeanne said something about the year again and again more laughter) Jeanne, after the meeting I have a petition for you. In 1985 Jeanne served as President of the National Speakers Association. Tommy said I had to read this. Okay, I'm going to finish. Jeanne received Toastmasters International 1998 Golden Gavel Award presented to one individual each year for achievement in Communication and Leadership. While Jeanne is a humorous speaker, she takes quite seriously the business of being a professional speaker. Her business skills were recognized by the Southern Conference when it named Jeanne Auburn's University Woman Entrepreneur in the year 2000. In North Carolina Press Association named Jeanne the North Carolinian for 2001. Jeanne has produced seven DVD's and CD's of which I have all of them and is featured daily on Sirius XM Radio on the comedian channels where she speaks two languages fluently, English and Southern. (Laughter) Ladies and Gentlemen, a tall speaker with a tall sense of humor Jeanne Robertson. (Applause)

(Entertainment: Jeanne Robertson, Comedian)

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Each of you has a special place in my heart. This is what I wanted tonight to be all about. When I started on this journey, when I first began running for Grand Examiner of District Three, and I gave one of my first programs, Charles Pinto and Bobbie Pinto travelled with me. And he took me aside and he said "Alma you have a lot of good information for them." He said "But you need to remember to make them smile and laugh and they will love you." I love each of you and I wanted to see you smile and laugh and I knew this would be the perfect way to do it. I do want to share with you some sad news. Please keep Sister Jimmie Lee McMahan and her family in your prayers this evening. She has lost her father this afternoon. So please remember her. Her son has come to pick her up and take her back home. So please remember Sister Jimmie Lee and her family. Again I want to say thank you and I'll turn it back to the Master of Ceremonies because this has been a truly wonderful Homecoming for me. Thank you and Jeanne thank you, thank you. (Applause)

MC Patsy Hewlett: Sister Sandra Lackey, Worthy Matron of Stephenville Chapter #801 will bring our Benediction. Sister Sandra.

Sister Sandra Lackey: After a wonderful evening please join me in prayer. Thank you Lord. Thank you for the opportunity to gather together in sweet fellowship and for the fellowship that we enjoy with each other. Thank you for this beautiful Fraternity full of love and joy and friendship and so much fun. Thank you Lord for your Word which has given us the Heroines of our Order and the lessons that we strive to live by. Bless our members with your love and your peace. Bless those who are sick and hurting with your comfort and your strength. Bless our Country and its leaders with your guidance. Bless our troops with your protection. Watch over us as we leave here this evening and guide us as we go into our Grand Chapter meetings. Help us to make the decisions that will be pleasing to you and a benefit to our Order. Again we want to thank you Lord for your blessings and your love. Amen. (Amen)

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**132nd Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
"Golden Links of Love"
Waco Convention Center
Thursday, August 7, 2014
Opening Session, 10:45 a.m.**

Musical Prelude

**Michelle Stegman,
Grand Organist and Others**

Organist for the Informal Opening

**Joyce Gilbert
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

Master of Ceremonies

**Joyce Nicklas
Support our Troops, GGC
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

Assisting Grand Marshal

**Betty Benham
Bobbi's Forever Friend, GGC
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

MC Joyce Nicklas: Good morning Sisters and Brothers and all of our good friends of the Order of the Eastern Star. Haven't you enjoyed the beautiful music? It was provided by our own Past Grand Matron Sister Joyce Gilbert. And she just adds so much beauty to our Chapter room and our Grand Chapter when she plays. Thank you Sister Joyce. (Applause) Welcome Sisters and Brothers to the *132nd Golden Links of Love Session* of Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. We thank you so much for being here and sharing this special time with us. This special event in our Grand Chapter is a Certification of the dedicated efforts expended in our programs for the year 2013-2014. There are also so many dedicated workers in the state of Texas. So many of these committee members have given their time and energy to make these programs a success. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I want to thank you for leading the Golden Links and Guiding Stars in a productive year of service to our Order. Worthy Grand Matron your Golden Links have surrounded the state with Love. Worthy Grand Patron, your Silver Stars, Guiding Stars have shown brightly for us all. Thank you bunches and bunches for the honor accorded me as Master of Ceremonies of this *Golden Links of Love Session*.

I am pleased to introduce our Assisting Grand Marshall for this morning, a beautiful true Texas Lady....Past Grand Matron Sister Betty Benham. (Applause) And we are very lucky that Sister Joyce Gilbert will continue to bless us with her music for this informal opening.

We will now have the Processional of Distinguished Members and Guests. Would you please give your attention as they are presented?

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Grobler to the East. Let's give them a hearty Texas welcome. (Applause) (Three raps)

Our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton is sitting here in the East. Let's

give her a good hand of applause. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal you will present the Elected and Appointed Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Committee Members to the Grand East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. Don't we have any? Okay, you Past Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons get ready. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions to the Grand East. (Applause)

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

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas to the East and would you also present the Grand Lodge Officers. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. There she is. (Applause)

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

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Jurisdictions to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East. So sorry, these are the Grand Representatives of Texas. (Applause)

Okay Sisters and Brothers, now I have my finger in the right place... Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Adult Leaders of the Fraternal Youth Organizations to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Past Presiding Officers of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will please escort the Distinguished Members and Leaders of Other Fraternal Organizations to the East. Do we have any? Okey Dokey. Thank you. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers the Board of Grand Examiners is composed of six members elected annually. (Applause begins) Oh yes let's thank Betty. She did a good job. And these elected members strive to serve the membership in the exam rooms, during the schools and any other time that they are instructed to by the Worthy Grand Matron. The members of 2013-2014 are:

Sister Carolyn Martin escorted by Brother Henry Martin, this is from District 1. (Applause)
District 2's Board of Grand Examiners is Sister Carla Stringer escorted by her husband Brother Bobby Stringer. (Applause)

District 3 is Sister Donna Noe escorted by Larry Whitfield.

Board of Grand Examiners for District 4 is Sister Terri Rozelle escorted by Brother Burley Jones. (Applause)

Our Grand Examiner for District 5 is Linda Winn-Christensen escorted by her husband Brother Victor Christensen. (Applause)

Our Grand Examiner-at-Large is Sister Laura Sharp escorted by her husband Richard Sharp. (Applause)

Now it is my honor to introduce the Board of Directors. These members strive to serve all members of the Order. They give endless hours of their time and energy for each of us.

District 1 Sister Becky Austin escorted by her husband Brother Don Austin. (Applause)

From District 1 Brother Ray Hargis escorted by his wife Linda Hargis. (Applause)

From District 2 Sister Deborah Land escorted by Allen Rodgers. (Applause)

From District 2 Sister Audri Rowell escorted by Don Reynolds. (Applause)

From District 3 Sister Lynn Kearney escorted by Buddy Bean. (Applause)

From District 4 Sister Gerry Sturtz escorted by her husband Bill Sturtz. (Applause)

From District 4 Sister Mickie Campbell escorted by her husband Ray Campbell. (Applause)

From District 5 Brother Ron Zipp escorted by his wife Sandra Zipp. (Applause)

From District 5 Brother David Oulette escorted by Dee Davis. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers now it is my pleasure to present Texas own Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent. But first let us welcome a very lovely friend, our Grand Chapter Mom, Sister Betty Lynn escorted by her daughter Sister Sandra Lynn. (Applause)

Taking us to far-away places through her excellent reports of other Grand Jurisdictions is our Fraternal Correspondent Sister Betty Scott escorted by her husband Brother Andy Scott. (Applause)

We depend upon this gentleman for our protection and security against interruption, Grand Sentinel Brother Skip Smith escorted by his wife Yvonne Smith. (Applause)

Laboring always for peace and harmony of our Chapters is our Grand Warder Sister Chris Puckett escorted by Bill Crews. (Applause)

Through her fervency and zeal, this lady is a witness of truth and love, our Grand Electa Sister Cathi Cannon escorted by Brother Gene Cannon. (Applause)

Portraying her Christian convictions and a hope of immortal life is our Grand Martha Helen

Sanderford escorted by Jerl Blalack. (Applause)

Through her queenly virtue and devotion and loyalty to family and friends, she has found much favor among the members of this Grand Chapter, our Grand Esther Lesa Smith escorted by Brother Ken Curry. (Applause)

Reflecting the responsibility of obedience, we have reaped the harvest of her labor and her constant friendship, our Grand Ruth Sister Nell Casparis escorted by her husband A. L. Casparis. (Applause)

Always faithful to the demands of right and duty, she too has displayed heroic conduct. Her fidelity to her Mother and Father causes smiles from heaven, our Grand Adah Sister Jennifer Bodnar escorted by Keith Borst. (Applause)

This lady has left lasting impression with melodies to remember, our Grand Organist Sister Michelle Stegman escorted by her husband Ronnie Stegman. (Applause)

Marching forth with courtesy and purpose, she brings honor to her station, Grand Marshal Sister Susan Hall escorted by her husband, Brother Mike Hall. (Applause)

Through faith in the divine creator, she is a doer of His word, the Grand Chaplain Sister JoAnn Snow....excuse me (JoAnn was not there)

Looking happily toward a delightful journey and inspiring us already is our Associate Grand Conductress Sister Sharon Mosmeyer escorted by her husband Brother Gary Mosmeyer. (Applause)

The trails of tomorrow will soon open to the touch of her hand...the clock is ticking. Our Grand Conductress Sister Jerre Lucas escorted by Brother Paul Zappe. (Applause)

One who is always faithful to her trust in the financial interest of our Order is our Grand Treasurer Sister Lorrie Owens escorted by her husband, Jerry Owens. (Applause)

Much is entrusted regarding prompt and discreet action to the duties of her office. Our Grand Secretary Sister Marlene Scholari escorted by her husband, Joe Scholari. (Applause)

Preparing to meet the challenges of tomorrow and make them a reality. Associate Grand Patron Brother George Gwaltney escorted by his wife Nannette Gwaltney. (Applause)

Planning her year, always in search of God's plan our Associate Grand Matron Sister Cheryl Albrecht escorted by her husband Darrell Albrecht. (Applause)

Living his life in the tried and true principles of our Order, he commands the love and respect of our membership, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Trey Smith escorted by our sweet Sister Judy Baker. (Applause)

Her worth cannot be measured in words. With an open-hearted mind, her fraternal spirit has prevailed and brought much credit to her and honor to this Grand Chapter of Texas. Our Wor-

thy Grand Matron Sister Jayne Yenger escorted by her son Joey Yenger. (Applause)

To each of you, I trust that this will be a memory commemorating the love and devotion of your service. Sisters and Brothers, this is a special time and these presenters are very very special to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Presenting our Holy Bible will be Sister Jerre Miller the Secretary to our Worthy Grand Patron. (Three raps) Presenting the Bible marker is Sister Margie Curry, the Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron. Presenting our Square and Compasses will be Brother Bob Livingston. Now our Chapter room is complete. (Two raps) Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are proud to have special friends to assist in these presentations. That's why they asks these special ones, their friends. Brother Bob is Secretary of our Executive Committee.

Our flags are symbols of love, religion, family and dedication, patriotism and freedom – all of these are the foundation on which our fraternal families are based. It is with much gratitude to those who have gone before to secure these rights and privileges that we present these flags so dear to the hearts of us all. Presenting the flag of the United States is Brother John Creel, Past Grand Patron of Texas. (Three raps) Presenting the Canada flag will be Brother Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Presenting our Texas flag is Brother Bill Wyatt, Shrine Charities Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Presenting our Christian flag is Brother Bill Crews, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Presenting the Eastern Star flag Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Presenting the Masonic flag is Brother Jerry Martin, Most Worshipful Grand Master and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Presenting West Virginia flag Brother Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Presenting the Washington flag is Brother Carl Larson, Past Grand Patron of Connecticut... Whew... (One rap) (Applause)

You know Sisters and Brothers there is one person here this afternoon that I know is breathing a big sigh of relief because this day has finally arrived. They've been planning this event for years now and Brother Mike Hall is Chairman of the Executive Committee. I know he'll breathe a lot better on Sunday but right now he does feel better. I invite you Brother Mike to come and address this assembly.

Brother Mike Hall: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Good morning Sisters and Brothers. I am Mike Hall the Chairman for the Executive Committee for this Session. On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron Jayne Yenger, the Worthy Grand Patron Trey Smith, the Executive Committee and the Arrangements Committee I welcome you to the 132nd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We have worked diligently to provide a welcoming, comfortable and safe venue at Housing for this year's meeting. We hope you have found all of your needs covered. Waco is a beautiful city to visit and provides many different activities and restaurant choices. Should you need any assistance while you are here please ask any of the Ushers or Security personnel and we will try to accommodate your request. Have a nice time and enjoy your visit with us. Thank you. (Applause) I would now like to introduce Elizabeth Taylor, the Director of the Waco Convention Center.

Ms. Elizabeth Taylor: Good morning. It is my very distinct pleasure to officially welcome the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star to the Waco Convention Center for the 132nd Session. We are so glad you are here. Your theme of "Golden Links of Love" seems so appropriate as I have witnessed in the planning and the organizing of this event, so many

links of love and caring you all share with and for each other. Waco is blessed to have many wonderful attractions, events, activities and facilities, all so that we can hopefully provide a great experience for your group during your time here. I hope you take the time to visit some of our exciting attractions such as the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame, the Armstrong Browning Library, the Waco Mammoth site, the Dr. Pepper museum and oh, there are so many others. Why don't you stay just a couple more days. And if you don't have time to visit on this trip I hope you will plan a return trip, a return visit soon so that we can provide more hospitality to you. The staff of the Waco Convention Center is here to provide service to you during this event. Please let us know if there is something that we need to provide that is not at hand. Again, thank you for coming to Waco and I wish much success in your business and enjoyable comradery in your fellowship. Thank you all. (Applause)

MC Joyce Nicklas: Sisters and Brothers we will now have Sister Effie Mae Davis come to the East for our Invocation. I really needed this prayer before we all started so I'm getting her in here.

PGM Effie Mae Davis: Our heavenly Father, now we thank thee for the many blessings that you have sent so that we can meet on this Thursday afternoon Session of the 132nd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We thank thee for the decisions to come to Waco, Texas and the plans that brought our members here today. Our Father, as we count the many blessings of this year, we thank thee for the dedication and the leadership of our Worthy Grand Matron, Jayne Yenger and our Worthy Grand Patron, Trey Smith. Continue to guide and direct them in their duties of this Grand Chapter. We thank thee for thy love and care over the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of our Texas and the Elected Members of our Boards. We leave you now to fill our stations for this Session. May they serve and know the joy and the duties and responsibilities. Now give them wisdom and grant understanding as they lead us. Our Father, the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas ask thy blessings on our General Grand Chapter and thy watchful care on the Officers of General Grand Chapter. May we remember the unselfish service of these General Grand Chapter Officers as they travel our country taking Eastern Star service to mankind. Bless these General Grand Chapter Officers for their work and strengthen them as they bring inspiration to Texas. Our dear Lord, let us love one another and be mindful of each word that we speak and each song that is sung to glorify thee. May all that we do bring honor to thy name and we ask that all things be worthy of Him. Make us worthy of thy love of Him whose star in the East we follow now and always. Let us say Amen. (Amen)

MC Joyce Nicklas: Well I know we are all enjoying this Convention Center, aren't we Sisters and Brothers? (Applause) I just need to ask a question...just a second. Sisters and Brothers we are honored to have with us Jack Harper II, Assistant City Manager of the City of Waco. You know, he works hard, represents the citizens well and he provides outstanding leadership for this beautiful city. We are pleased to introduce to you Jack Harper and he is actually Brother Jack, as he is a Past Patron of TMRC/Daylight Chapter #1145 and the grandson of Loree Griffin, a Golden Link and a 70 year member and first time Worthy Matron. Brother Jack I invite you to greet this assembly.

Brother Jack Harper: Thank you and good morning Sisters and Brothers. Truly it's an honor and privilege to be in front of each and every one of you this morning and I echo everyone else's comments in saying welcome to Waco. I'm glad to have each and every one of you

here and I'd like to say I've worked hard but this is my fourth day on the job. (Laughter) In the four days that I've been here Liz can say that I've worked really really hard. But I am pleased to be here this morning and I am sorry to miss my grandmother. The TMRC will be driving her down tomorrow so I look forward to seeing her here tomorrow. But in the meantime I would like to read the Proclamation on behalf of the city of Waco.

PROCLAMATION

I, MALCOLM DUNCAN, JR. by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Waco, Texas do hereby Proclaim:

August 5-10th, 2014

as

“GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN WEEK”

In the city of Waco and urge the people in the city of Waco to join with the City Council, the City Staff and me in commending the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star for their contribution to the betterment of Texas and the citizens of Waco to such efforts as being benevolent and charitable in its actions raising millions of dollars annually throughout the world for projects that benefit all humankind. In Texas by providing members care and benevolent aid as well as providing financial support for Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership in Texas, Cancer Research, Arthritis Foundation, the Heart Fund, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Shriners Hospitals, the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas, and the Fisher House Foundation where military and veterans families can stay at no cost while a loved one receives treatment. The Grand Chapter of Texas also encourages local Eastern Star Chapters to select Charities and places of service in their own communities such as scholarships for students, community based programs such as Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity and others. Throughout these efforts the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star continues the tradition of helping create a better world. We look forward to many more years of dedicated service.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the seal of the city of Waco the 7th day of August, A.D. 2014. Signed by the Mayor Malcolm, Duncan, Jr., Kyle Deaver, Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilmember from District 5, Wilbert Austin Councilmember of District 1, Alice Rodriguez Councilmember from District 2, John Kinnaird Councilmember from District 3 and Toni Herbert Councilmember from District 4 and it's attested to by Tricia W. Irving the City Secretary.

Again Sisters and Brothers, welcome to Waco. We're glad to have you here and as a Past Patron I look forward to having an outstanding Session the next three days. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Joyce Nicklas: Thank you Jack. Worthy Grand Patron Brother Trey Smith, I believe you have a Proclamation or something?

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Sister Joyce. These are Proclamations from the City of Waco.

PROCLAMATION

I, MALCOLM DUNCAN, JR., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Waco, Texas do hereby Proclaim:

AUGUST 7, 2014

as

“MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON BOBBI WHITE DAY” (Applause)

In the City of Waco, and urge the people of Waco to join with the City Council, the City staff, and me commending Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star for her committed dedication and support of the organization's over 150 year history, purposes and projects to the betterment of the world we live in. The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both women and men may belong. Worldwide, there are over 500,000 members under the General Grand Chapter, whose stated purposes are Charitable, Educational, Fraternal and Scientific; but much more importantly Eastern Star strives to take good people through uplifting and elevating associations of love and service, and through precept and example build an Order which is truly dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness; and evidence of the charitable and benevolent nature of the organization as it affects others is the millions of dollars which have been raised within the membership to support national, jurisdictional, and local charities. Additionally, many Grand Jurisdictions have homes for their senior members. Through these efforts the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star continues the tradition of helping create a better world through its historical legacy, purpose and projects. We comment Most Worthy Grand Matron Bobbi White for her continuing commitment and leadership, and anticipate many more years of dedicated service.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand the Seal of the City of Waco this 7th day of August, A.D. 2014. Signed by Malcomb Duncan, Jr., Wilbert Austin Councilmember, John Kinnaid District 3, Patricia Ervin City Secretary, Kyle Duncan Mayor Pro-Tem, Alice Rodriguez District 2, and Toni Herbert District 5. It has a gold chocolate coin on it too! (Applause)

I have another Proclamation, Sister Joyce.

PROCLAMATION

I, MALCOLM DUNCAN, JR., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Waco, Texas, do hereby Proclaim:

AUGUST 7, 2014

as

“MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON JOHN E. GROBLER DAY” (Applause)

In the City of Waco.....

And it reads the same way except for a few changes which I will point out to you. It is to recognize you with your service to the Order of the Eastern Star in committed dedication and support of the organization's over 150 year history, purposes and projects to the betterment

of the world we live in. The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world, there are over 500,000 members under the General Grand Chapter, whose stated purposes are Charitable, Educational, Fraternal and Scientific; Eastern Star's role in the future by building on the strength of the Fraternity's relationship to one another and our communities. Under his committed leadership, the 48th Triennium Session of the General Grand Chapter will explore where the Eastern Star wants to go and what the Eastern Star wants to stand for and be known for. We commend Most Worthy Grand Patron John Grobler for his visionary leadership commitment and efforts as he strives to build a consensus for the future General Grand Chapter and its many constituents.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Seal of the City of Waco this 7th day of August, A.D., 2014. Signed: Malcolm Duncan, Jr. Mayor, Wilbert Austin District 1, John Kinnaird District 3, Patricia Ervin City Secretary, Kyle Duncan Mayor Pro-Tem, Alice Rodriguez District 2, and Toni Herbert District 5. (Applause)

MC Joyce Nicklas: Are you through? (Laughter)

WGP Trey Smith: Yes ma'am.

MC Joyce Nicklas: Brother Mike Hall I invite you to come and present a Proclamation, presentation. What is it?

Brother Mike Hall: Proclamation. Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Will the Worthy Grand Matron please join me? This is a Proclamation for the Worthy Grand Matron.

PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor, City of Temple Proclamation:

Whereas, the City of Temple is honored to recognize and welcome Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star;

Whereas, Eastern Star is the largest Fraternal Organization in the world which is dedicated to support community, state and national humanitarian projects;

Whereas, there are over one million members of the Order worldwide and falls into the governance of the General Grand Chapter; and

Whereas, we desire to show our heartfelt appreciation to Jayne Yenger for all that she does for the good of mankind.

NOW THEREFORE, I, DANNY DUNN, Mayor of the City of Temple and with great pride do hereby proclaim:

AUGUST 7, 2014
as
“JAYNE YENGER DAY”

in the City of Temple, Texas and I urge each and every citizen to recognize Jayne as an out-

standing lady who cares deeply for others and who is dedicated to making our world a better place in which to live.

In testimony thereof, I witness my hand with the Seal of the City of Temple, Texas and proudly present this Proclamation to Jayne Yenger.

And they did it on the 3rd day of August. That's when they did that action. (Applause) And this was with the assistance of Deputy Grand Matron Alice Zimmerman. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you so much.

Brother Mike Hall: Worthy Grand Patron, I have one for you too. This is from the City of Big Spring. (Applause)

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Trey Smith is a member of the Big Spring Eastern Star Chapter 67, a former member of the Colorado City Eastern Star and is the out-going Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star for 2013-2014; and

Whereas, Trey is married to his lovely wife, Lesa, and he grew up in the city of Westbrook, Texas and graduated from school there in 1981; and

Whereas, the City of Big Spring and its citizens are proud to have Trey Smith as one of our own honored at the 2014 Grand Chapter meeting held in Waco, Texas.

I, **THEREFORE, LARRY MCLELLAN**, Mayor of the City of Big Spring, Texas do hereby proclaim:

AUGUST 7, 2014

as

“TREY SMITH, WORTHY GRAND PATRON DAY”

in Big Spring, Texas and urge all citizens of Big Spring and surrounding communities to support the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star visions and principles of brotherly love, belief and truth.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Big Spring on the 7th day of August, 2014, Larry McLennan Mayor. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you.

Brother Mike Hall: Master of Ceremonies I am done.

MC Joyce Nicklas: Thank you Brother Mike. Sisters and Brothers we are so honored to have with us Mr. Dwayne F. Hopkins, he's Executive Director/CEO Fisher House, Inc. Brother Dwayne I invite you to bring some greetings.

Mr. Dwayne Hopkins: Well hello everybody and thank you and I'm honored to be here today. I tell you when I first come in I knew I was among special people. This young lady greeted me at the door and she says "Oh, are you a two star General?" And she was pointing to my two bronze stars on my lapel. I said "No ma'am but I sure do wish I had the pay of a two star General" and then when I got up here they said "Dwayne you know where you are, right?" I said "Well, I'm in Waco, Texas". They said "Yes, but the key part is Texas. You know we carry guns in Texas, right?" I said "Well, yes ma'am". She said "Well, keep your speech to just five minutes". (Laughter) But I knew I was especially among great people when I saw the Bible placed on the table out there. And to me that's special. And when they brought the American Flag, to those of you who are veterans, you know how much that flag means to us when we see it and when we put our hand over our heart and we get an opportunity to salute it. And by the way, who out there are veterans? Who has served in the military? If you would please stand. Let's give them a round of applause. (Applause) Thank you so much for your service. About 7% of Americans have served and about 1% currently serving in the military. I'm going to talk about that American flag in a real short story, an experience I had when serving over in Afghanistan. I was with a C-130 Unit from Dyess AFB. We were the first C-130 Unit in Afghanistan. I got called on this mission in that 130, we just finished a mission and they said it's not over yet. We have a priority mission for you. So I land in this airfield in the middle of Afghanistan and they started bringing the cargo out there and while they were bringing the cargo out this gentleman gets on the airplane and he says "We're bringing this precious cargo out here but I don't want you to put an American Flag on it." And what he was really talking about was two deceased Army soldiers that we were taking home. He said "Don't put the American Flag on those carrying cases because when you land in other nations it may offend them." Well what he said actually offended me. (Applause) And as they fastened them down on the aircraft, a young Captain got on the airplane and he was actually a Reserve Captain serving in the Army and at that time I realized how important it is that we recognize everybody that does their part that service in the military. Doesn't matter if it's Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, Coast Guard, Reserve. It doesn't matter what branch they serve in, they all give an awful lot to our country. (Applause) He started explaining to me what happen. His face was still black from a blast of an impact. He was actually yelling at me and at first I thought it was because of the C-130 propellers. He was yelling at me trying to get over the sound. Then I realized it was because of the blast. It had damaged his ears. And his job was to take these two Army soldiers all the way home. He said "You know we were fighting with the Taliban and the fighting got so intense that we had to call an airstrike." He said "To be honest with you we had a choice, either call on the airstrike so close or be overran. We called on the B-52 and they dropped the ordinance." And the blast was so close that it blew him 20 feet back and the flight vest off of his body. And it killed those two Army Soldiers so it was friendly fire. He says "I'm taking them home." And he started telling me about their wives and their children and the school that they went to because they all served in the same town. They all grew up in the same Elementary Schools, the same High School. Then again he said "I'm taking them home." And I started thinking – Wow...why can't I put an American Flag on their cases? So I reached over on my flight suit and I pulled off the little American Flag that we have on them and I put it on top of the carrying case. We continued to talk on our journey and finally I said goodbye. And I was telling my story about a year after that event at this Airman Leadership School graduation and this young Staff Sergeant stands up and says "Chief, I was there." I said "What do you mean you were there?" He said "When those Army heroes landed at Andrews Air Force Base." He said "I was there when they landed." He said "I met them at the aircraft." I said "Wow, that's amazing. So what are the odds that the story I'm telling you and

you were part of it.” He said “You’re not going to believe this, Chief, but when those carrying cases got to America there were 20 little American Flags on top of those carrying cases.” (Applause) And now I think back and I think about the things that Fisher House does, it serves all branches of the Service, all military branches, and their family members. And there’s sixty four Fisher Houses all around the world now. There’s one at Eielson AFB, there’s one at Andrews AFB. There’s one in almost every state of the United States. So when an American family comes across to honor their fallen, or a person with cancer or someone in an automobile accident or somebody injured in combat or their family member from Korea who has cancer, the Fisher Houses are there for that. That’s exactly what they are there for. So for that, thank you for everything that you do for us, thank you for everything you do for Fisher House and thank you for inviting me here. I am extremely honored. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Brother Dwayne for being with us today and I say Brother because my husband was military, my son was military and my husband’s father was one that was lost and missing in action in the Korean War. So the Fisher House has meant much not only to me but my family and several families across not only Texas but the United States and the world. So I wanted to be a part of a project that would help our servicemen and their families. The Worthy Grand Patron and I have visited some of the Fisher Houses and have been so impressed with them. What a wonderful way of supporting our military to help them and their families. We would like to present you with a check. This check represents the Order of the Eastern Star. We thank you again for your service to our country and contributions to this project. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to bring greetings?

WGP Trey Smith: Mr. Hopkins, I thank you for all you have done for our troops and their families. The Fishers started an amazing legacy with an awesome story. God Bless you and all Fisher Houses of Texas. We commend your hard work. Thank you.

(WGM and WGP present check. Applause)

MC Joyce Nicklas: Is anyone present from the Order of DeMolay? Okay, Sisters and Brothers we honor our youth – our future for a brighter tomorrow. Through ritual work, charity projects, and fun activities, these youth groups give their members the ability to build self-confidence, discover and enhance their talents and develop leadership skills. Sisters and Brothers we must unite in promoting the best interest for our youth because they will fill our ranks. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are pleased to make a special presentation at this time. I invite Sister JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls to address this assembly.

Sister JoAnn Weaver: Good morning. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, our very 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 the Rainbow for Girls and all of the Grand Assembly and their members in the Grand Assembly of Texas. I would like to thank you for your presence and support at our Sessions, our 2014 Grand Assembly Session right here in Waco just this past June. Your attendance was appreciated by all Rainbow Girls and adults. I know that Rainbow is very dear to you personally and thank you for sharing your time with us. We are aware of your very busy schedule so the special effort that you both made to be with us was greatly appreciated. To each of you present this

afternoon I would like to 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 flourish and continue to grow as these girls grow to the age of eighteen years. Many of the girls upon attaining their eighteenth birthday look forward to the opportunity of taking their next step, that of becoming a member of the Eastern Star. From the lessons and the values our young ladies are learning from our wonderful Organization, they are preparing themselves to be the hope of their future. I thank you for your example of inspiration and joy that you show the youth of today. Your continued sponsorship of our Assemblies demonstrates your belief in your Order and in Rainbow as we all work toward the peace of our country. We wish for you a most successful 132nd Session of Grand Chapter. Thank you for honoring Rainbow by the 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 of 2014-2015 Miss Allison Fraze to bring greetings on behalf of Texas Rainbow Membership. (Applause)

Miss Allison Fraze: Worthy Grand Matron Ms. Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Trey Smith, Distinguished East and Friends. Good morning everyone. I am honored to be invited to bring greetings at this year's Grand Chapter Session on behalf of Texas Grand Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Over the years as I have grown in Rainbow, I have discovered that many of the people around me whether they be from church, school, or even distant relatives are a part of this great fraternal family. And it always warms my heart when I have a Masonic connection with them. Rainbow has always been that place to me where it feels like home. Everywhere I go there's always family whether it be my Sisters in Rainbow, my Brothers in DeMolay or a guiding hand in a Masonic Organization such as the Order of the Eastern Star. This year will be very tropical for Texas Rainbow and we invite everyone to stop by our "Surfing and Torching" booth and we will be more than happy to tell you more about our wonderful Organization. One of the many ways our organizations are connected is through service and this year Texas Rainbow will once again display our service to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. All our profits from many of the items that we will be selling at our table, such as cute clown fish and mermaids, will be donated to the hospital. The hospital helps hundreds of children who have orthopedic conditions, such as scoliosis or club foot and more into service such as dyslexia. I would like to invite everyone to this year's Grand Assembly which will take place right here in Waco in June of 2015. At a recent Grand Assembly Session it was such a delight to see so many Eastern Star guests and I look forward to our organizations supporting each other for many more years to come. I always speak for all Texas Rainbow when I say I love seeing your bright and shining faces. Ms. Cheryl Albrecht and Mr. George Gwaltney I am looking forward to this year seeing you as much as possible. Good luck to both of you and God speed. Again I appreciate the opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of Texas Grand Assembly and I'm looking forward to meeting more of you this weekend. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: You can't get away so quick! The Worthy Grand Patron and I were so happy to be present at your Installation of Officers here in Waco just a few short weeks ago. We know your journey has begun and we know your year will be full of wonderful excitement and fun. How thankful we are for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Texas. These beautiful young ladies, Sisters and Brothers, are our future. It is our responsibility to be there for them and to support them. The Worthy Grand Patron and I are so pleased to present to you from the members of Texas, their donation made throughout this year and made this pres-

entation possible. Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to bring greetings?

WGP Trey Smith: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron and thank you. The Order of the Rainbow and Pledge for Girls is one of the most beautiful organizations young ladies can join. What a wonderful way to give Pledge and Rainbow girls the guidance they may need to be the very best they can be. To be a mentor is sharing the very best of one's self. I sincerely thank you Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Inspector, Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Grand Inspector...Past Grand Supreme Inspector and a member of the House of Gold, the Lord knows I want a house of gold someday... (Applause and Laughter)... and all of the other adult leaders for their dedication and countless hours of hard work. Miss Allison Frazee, your enthusiasm is inspiring and I wish you the ultimate year of service. May your every wish come true. It is my sincere hope each Rainbow girl will cross the bridge to the Order of the Eastern Star someday. We stand ready on the other side to welcome you. I am very thankful that you all are here today. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Grand Worthy Advisor, it is our pleasure to present you with this check from the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and we know you can put it to good use.

(Check presentation)

MC Joyce Nicklas: It is indeed a privilege and honor for me to introduce one who needs no introduction, Honorable Jerry Martin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. We are so pleased to have him bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Honorable Jerry Martin: Thank you so much. Good afternoon everyone. What a pleasure it is to be here today and bring you greetings on behalf of the 837 Lodges and approximately 80,000 Masons of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Those Masons and those Lodges welcome you and hosts you into their buildings and are delighted to have you. I am so proud to have been privileged to be elected by you to have been an Officer, in fact the Worthy Grand Patron of this grand organization. It is a fantastic organization that gives so much and asks so little in return. And we at the Grand Lodge are deeply appreciative of all that you do. You know I didn't think I was going to get to make it here today. You don't ever want to make your wife mad. (Laughter) You see I had a little procedure done not too long ago recently, they just drew a little fluid off of my knee but they have to put you under anesthesia, I have trouble with that word, and so when I came awake you know I looked over at Betty and I said "Hi Betty". She said "Humph"...I said "Woah." She said "What happened to cute and beautiful?" I said "What?" She said "Well a little earlier when you were kind of coming out from under all that, you fluttered your eyes and looked at me and said 'you're beautiful'. And then you fell back to sleep. A little later you fluttered your eyes again and looked at me and said 'you're cute'. And then when you finally wake up you say 'Hi Betty'. What happened to cute and beautiful?" (Laughter) So even when you're not aware of what you're doing guys, watch out. I would like to just share a little bit with you because I think it is very apropos to you also of what I sent my District Deputies out on their first visit with my message. The main part of that message was to ask the audience who is the most important person in this room? Well the answer is, well it's sure not me, it is you...you the individual members of the Order of the Eastern Star. You are the ones that make everything happen. It is you who keep your Chapters open and running every week, every month, every year, year in, year out. It is you who come to these

Grand Chapters and you vote and approve or disapprove legislation which only you ask the Officers up here to enforce. The power is with you. That leaves you with a challenge also. And that challenge I would share with you also in my motto and then I'll get out of here. My motto and I think it's apropos to this organization also is: *Masonry is a gift – Receive it, Share it, Preserve it.* Likewise, the *Order of the Eastern Star is a gift – Receive it, Share it, Preserve it.* Each of us received a very special gift when we were all initiated at that altar, a very precious gift. It put us in a fraternity of wonderful Sisters and Brothers throughout the world. What a fantastic gift. You have that gift, you need to share it. Every one of us knows someone, whether at church, at work or wherever it might be that would make a good member of the Order of the Eastern Star. You need to talk with them. When you bring in more members you are completing the third part of the motto which is *preserving*. So I ask you to keep that in mind. And by the way, I was so pleased Grand Worthy Advisor, when I went to youth weekend the De-Molay and the Rainbow Girls have every year, when I arrived they gave me a t-shirt that they were all wearing and guess what it had on the back? It had that motto and they were working that same angle also. So I ask you to apply that to Eastern Star. And if there is ever anything that the Grand Lodge of Texas can do to assist you please do not hesitate to call me. I'll give you my cell phone number. Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity. Good afternoon. (Applause)

MC Joyce Nicklas: Brother Jerry, I know that our Worthy Grand Matron would like to say a few words.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It is a pleasure Brother Jerry to bid you a most cordial and friendly welcome. The members of the Order of the Eastern Star consider it a privilege to hold membership in an Order which has the same ideals and practices, the same principles as ours. We hold our Masonic Brothers in high esteem and we pray that our fraternal good-will will continue for many years to come. Thank you. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to bring greetings?

WGP Trey Smith: Right Worshipful Sir, it is an honor and a privilege to have you with us at this Grand Chapter Session. As a Texas Mason myself I sincerely appreciate all you have done to support Eastern Star and I know that you have had a busy year and your hard work is greatly appreciated. I thank you on behalf of all the Masons of Eastern Star. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: We will now have a partial credentials report by Sister Alma York, Chairman of the Credentials Committee. Sister Alma, are you in the room? Can I have someone in the back of the room step out and see if Sister Alma York is at the registration booth.

MC Joyce Nicklas: While we are waiting for Sister Alma, I would ask for the Grand Chapter Officers and their Pages to retire to the West for the *Chain of Stars Drill*. We will have a short recess while the Arrangements Committee clears the Grand Chapter floor. (Two raps) Okay y'all while we're waiting for everything to get going I'm going to tell you a story. Are you ready? Okay, my five year old granddaughter spent the weekend with me. Her mother told her "Do not play with Granny's computer, do not play with her iPad, do not play with her iPhone." She looked at her and said "Okay, Mama." Her mama leaves. She looks at me and says, "Granny when Mama's not here you're the boss, right?" "Absolutely, I'm the boss when you're Mama's not here." "Well, if you say to me, Page you can play with my iPad well then I can play with it right?" And I said "Well, I suppose so but your Mama said no." She said

"But Mama's not here." I said "That's right Page. Go ahead and play with my iPad and what she doesn't know won't hurt her." And she looked at me with her chin quivering and said "But Granny she'll know." I said "How will she know? I'm not going to tell her." She said "But she'll see." I said "How will she see?" She said "My Mama has an eye that sees everywhere." (Laughter) So I looked at her and I said "Well I kind of heard about the eye." She said "Granny she sees. Mama sees everything." I said "Well, what do you want to do." She said "I don't think I better play with it." So I talked to my daughter that evening and I told her what happened and she said "I don't know how long it's going to last but it's working now." (Laughter) So remember all of these Mama's have eyes in the back of their heads.

Will the Arrangements Committee and the Labyrinth Committee clear the Grand Chapter room? Thank you.

Okay, Sisters and Brothers please know how very much we have appreciated all of you being with us for our informal opening. We thank you so very much for sharing this time with us, but as we are about to prepare for the business of this Grand Chapter, we would request that all who are not members of the Order would retire. Again, thank you for our interest in our Order.

Sisters and Brothers I am so very very pleased to present Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and Past Grand Matron of Texas and Brother Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and a Past Grand Patron of Texas to call this Thursday afternoon *Links of Joy Session* to order.

1:00 P.M.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: With this gavel I call this Session to Order. (One) Sisters and Brothers, the Worthy Grand Matron has accorded me, assisted by my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin, the honor of calling to order the Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening of the *132nd Golden Links of Love Session* of our Grand Chapter. We do thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, not only for this privilege, but for the opportunity to greet our membership. My Sisters and Brothers of Texas and our invited guests, you are a beautiful sight and I am very pleased to be with each of you this afternoon (I heard you Judy). (Laughter) Being at a Grand Chapter in Waco, Texas brings back many wonderful memories. They begin with the transforming of the Baylor Ferrell Event Center from a basketball arena into a Grand Chapter setting for the "Tapestry of Love and Service" session in 1999; to allowing Chuck Snow to use the Badge of his Office, the Plummer's Helper; to watching the Grand Officers of 1998-1999 perform a beautiful drill under the direction of our Grand Marshall Sister Willie Mae Shaw; and to hear a Humanitarian Report of over \$100,000 in donations for the Benevolent Aid Projects. But along with those memories, for years I received Christmas cards with the message "I was there" and yes, you stayed so that we would have a quorum to complete our elections when the computer crashed. The membership of Texas is one of the finest Eastern Star memberships in the world, and that is my "story and I am sticking to it." (Applause) That's like on Facebook. Now what happens in Texas, does not stay in Texas, it travels around the world on the Eastern Star Express. In late March of this year, a new Grand Chapter was formed in Italy and Bill and I had the honor of participating in that wonderful event with our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. I want to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Grobler, to

this 132nd Grand Chapter Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I wish for both of you safe travels, good health and a successful completion of your plans and projects and we look forward to the 48th Triennial Assembly in November 2015.

To the General Grand Chapter family and Eastern Star members of Other Jurisdictions who are visiting our Jurisdiction, I say Welcome to Texas and please come back soon.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jayne and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Trey, we are so very proud of both of you and of your many accomplishments. May you continue to follow the pathway of Service in our beautiful Order. Sister Jayne, our Eastern Star pathway began with you in Germany in a subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter and it does not end here in Waco. This is just a pit stop on the OES speedway. Brother Trey the first time I met you was at Virginia Lynn Green's Roundup and you were wearing an angel outfit complete with wings and roller skates. (Laughter) And you and Lesa have been very special to Bill and me through the years. You made my dreams come true when you were my Installation Arrangements Chairman with Lesa and your company of friends and helpers by your side until 11:58 p.m. on Halloween of 1998. Another Texas member on the Eastern Star Express is My Worthy Grand Patron of 1998-1999, the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter and one very Gallant Gentleman, Brother Henry S. Martin. Brother Henry I know you would love to greet everyone.

Right Worthy Grand Sentinel Henry S. Martin: Thank you Sister Alma. I too am honored to be allowed to open this 132nd "Golden Links of Love" Session of Grand Chapter here in Waco and especially with you, our Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter. Let me say to all of our Texas members and each of you who are our guests, welcome to Texas, Y'all. To our Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Bobbi White, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother John Grobler, it is most special to welcome you to our great state. We are looking forward to your General Grand Chapter Session in Pittsburgh next year. And to our General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, we extend a most hearty Texas welcome. And to you and our other guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, we hope you will enjoy your time here and that this will only be the first one of many visits that you make to Texas in the future. Yes, being here in Waco is very special, where not only was our "Tapestry of Love and Service" Session held in 1999, but this very convention center was also the scene of a banquet just a few years earlier when I was selected as Mr. "X". I can remember that room in the Hilton very well where I was sequestered all day so no one would be aware of who it was. And there was the time, many of you remember it, during the voting at Grand Chapter when Sister Alma walked off the stage and I was left to tell a few jokes, unexpectedly. But that was great. There are many memories swirling around today. To our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Jayne, we have known each other for a long time going back to that 1998-1999 year long ago when you were Sister Alma's and my District Deputy Grand Matron for District 3. You did a great job then and I felt very strongly that with your capabilities, you would go on to higher office. And this year as Worthy Grand Matron has demonstrated your abilities once more. The Grand Chapter of Texas appreciates your leadership this year and you have honored me by asking me to open this Thursday afternoon session with Sister Alma. And to our Worthy Grand Patron Brother Trey, again this year you have demonstrated how capable you are and how diverse your talents are. We have known each other for many years and you have helped me immensely on any number of occasions. You have been an excellent Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Chapter of Texas has benefitted from your leadership. Again, thank you for allowing

me the privilege of opening this Thursday afternoon session with Brother...uh...Sister Alma.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you Brother Henry. Our scripture reading today will be spoken by Sister Rennie Often, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PMWGM Rennie Often: Thank you very much. The scripture reading selected for today is taken from Philippians 4, verses 8 and 9. The apostle Paul was in jail in Rome and the Christians from Macedonia where he had been teaching Christ's messages, had sent him a "care package" for this comfort. In his appreciation letter to them, he took the opportunity to remind them of Christ's way for life and the reward therefore. Please listen to his words of admonition with me. Philippians 4:8-9:

Verse 8 says: "Finally, brethren, what is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Verse 9 says: "What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of Peace will be with you."

The apostle Paul's exhortation calls for the Christians to accept the joy and peace that God give to those who live in union with him still remains for all of us today.

Let us rejoice in his words.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you for those very inspirational words Sister Rennie. We are honored with a presentation of a tradition in Texas. It's of the Precision Drill of the 2013-2014 Grand Chapter Officers and their Pages. Sister Grand Marshall I invite you, show us the Drill.

(Precision Drill) (Applause)

Let's give them another hand for the beautiful drill. Thank you. Thank you Grand Marshall. (Applause) At this time we will have the preparation of our Chapter room for our Session. We'll give you a moment to be seated so that you might witness this beautiful presentation of our Chapter Room. (Three raps)

**(Altar is set up followed by the Precision Drill by the Distinguished Ushers.
Directed by Bill Wyatt and Assisted by Darrell Albrecht) (Applause)**

(One rap) If the Grand Officers will prepare to enter, will you please line-up. I invite the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Chapter room. Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is my privilege and honor to present Sister Jayne Yenger Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Trey Smith Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (One rap)

Worthy Grand Matron it is with great pleasure and extreme pride that I present to you your gavel to preside over this Session. This is a day that we have both looked forward to and wanted to share with our Sisters and Brothers. From that moment in my Gran Marquis as we began one of many trips together when I asked you to be my District Deputy for District Three to this moment in time, we have laughed together and we've cried together. But, now let us rejoice and be glad that the Lord has been our constant companion and guide and this mo-

ment is ours to share. May God bless you and Brother Trey as you preside.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members and Installed Grand Officers will now take their respective stations, thank you.

Sister Joyce Gilbert, thank you sweet friend. Thank you for the work that you have done for us this year knowing that you were always there for us meant so much. Thank you for a beautiful prelude. Sister Alma Lynn, thank you for opening this Session, "*Links of Joy*" and what a joy it has been for both of us. I look back at the last Grand Chapter Session which was held here in Waco. I was pleased that you allowed me to have a special part. And when it came time for opening this Session, "*Links of Joy*," you had to be the one. You know how I love you and I will always think of you as my true Sister. (Applause) And Brother Henry, thank you. This is special and when planning for the opening of the *Links of Joy Session*, my joy was when you agreed. Thank you. (Applause) Sister Joyce Nicklas, our chain of friendship has grown stronger thru the years. I appreciate you and always knew you were just a phone call away. Thank you sweet one. Sister Betty Benham, we commend you for your outstanding floor work. I want you to know I have a small photo taken with you many years ago. I have always cherished it as you gave me my first Grand Appointment. How excited I was. Sister Rennie, thank you for that beautiful scripture. We have prayed for peace for our Order and for our nation and to have this we must first have peace, peace in our hearts. Sister Effie Mae, thank you for that meaningful invocation. Our chain of friendship has lasted through these many years. Each link is a blessing. Sister Rosemary may God continue to bless you through your beautiful music. What a beautiful prelude. Thank you. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to bring greetings?

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Joyce Gilbert your music is a soothing reminder of my years growing up in Westbrook, Texas at my home church. I thank you for all of your love and support not just this year but always. Bless you for all you do as you continue to serve Grand Chapter. Sister Betty, your elegance as a Processional Marshal has not diminished one bit, it just keeps getting better. You represent District 2 so well. I thank you for being my longtime friend and giving me my first "Permission Slip" to work in Grand Chapter before I was a Past Patron. You gave it to me before I was legally entitled to do so! Thank you for starting my journey! Sister Rennie, you are just the best. You live and breathe Eastern Star. You represent the very best of what our Order is and should be. You are a gracious Christian lady and a humble servant to us all. Thank you for your counsel and friendship and may God bless you always. Sister Effie Mae, thank you for that beautiful prayer. I sincerely appreciate your way with words and your great sense of humor, your intelligence, your wit and especially one of my best Eastern Star memories that I have. Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack! Sister Rosemary, your music is an inspiration to my soul. You possess a gift from God. I thank you for sharing it with us and with me. I will always remember you for the "Peace Rose". I pray your life be filled with peace. Thank you. (Applause)

(Beginning of the Ritualistic Opening)

WGM Jayne Yenger: We will now have a partial credentials report by Sister Alma York, Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

Sister Alma York: The Credentials Committee is pleased to report that we have present Chap-

ter representatives 263 of the Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction. This constitutes more than 25% of the Chapters and a quorum to open this Grand Chapter Session and to transact its business.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Alma for that report.

(Ritualistic Opening Continued)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Grand Marshal you will present the flag of our Country. (Three raps)

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron I so much appreciate the invitation to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and I must share with you why it has become much more important to me today. I had the pleasure to sit with a four star General, John Campbell who's on his way to Afghanistan to coordinate activities that are to occur over there between the U.S. and Afghanistan. Barbara and I spent over an hour with he and his father. Thank you, thank you so much. Please join me with your hand over your heart. "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."

(National Anthem and O'Canada were sung)

WGM Jayne Yenger: (One rap) At this time we would normally fill vacancies. We have no vacancies to fill on Credentials. We have no vacancies to fill on By-Laws nor Chapters Under Dispensation. Our Jurisprudence Committee are all here and our Grievances and Appeals. Our next order is the filling of any other vacancies. I did have one Station, our Grand Chaplain had to leave to take her husband to an appointment in San Antonio. It was the only appointment that they had available and she regrets that she could not be here. Our Sister Betty Scott, our Fraternal Correspondent is serving as our Grand Chaplain today. Thank you Sister Betty. Also Sister Mary Ruth White a member of our Grievance and Appeals could not be here at the last minute. Brother Joe had an emergency surgery and she had to be with him in Houston. And at this time I have asked Sister Alma Lynn Bane to step in and serve on our Grievances and Appeals in her place. Thank you Sister Alma.

We regret that some of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are unable to be in attendance at this Session. Therefore, I am asking Sister Effie Mae Davis to serve on the committee to send greetings to those special ones letting them know how much the members of this Grand Chapter miss them. Sister Effie Mae, would you be willing to serve on this committee? (Yes) Thank you so much. We have had a very bad incident happen last evening. I don't know if the membership has heard but our Past Grand Matron, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon lost her father last evening and she had to return home. So I thank you very much. Please lift her up in your hearts in prayer. At this time we will have our formal introductions.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons...these are presented separately.

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron it is my honor to introduce Sister Bobbi White, Most

Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia and Brother John E. Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Washington, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Most Worthy Grand Matron we are honored with your presence as our Most Worthy Grand Matron. I am honored to have you make this Official Visit with us and I am also honored that you allowed me to use your gavel at this Session. I am so proud. We are delighted to have you with us. We have looked forward to this year and your visit for some time. Each and every member of Grand Chapter extends to you a big Texas welcome. I want to extend my personal greetings to both you and Brother John and hope that you will always enjoy your visits to Texas. That means you gotta come back now, you hear? (Laughter) Most Worthy Grand Patron, we are honored to have you with us and we extend to you the Golden Chain of Friendship. We know you have traveled far and indeed you are most welcome. Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to bring greetings?

WGP Trey Smith: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. You both come from two of the most beautiful states, West Virginia and Washington. I've enjoyed my visits there, both, many times. Sister Bobbi, Brother John, some people will always throw stones in your paths. It depends on each of you what you do with them, you must decide which you build, a wall or a bridge. Remember you are the architects of your lives. Together we all can build anything. I am very happy both of you came our way again. I thank you sincerely for being here.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride and pleasure that I present our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. You will join with me in extending Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (One rap) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East.

We are honored with a Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Rennie. We are honored to have you with us today. We always look forward to your visit. We always look forward to your guidance and counsel and know that we love you. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I present to you our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Redbird. Please join with me in extending Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (One rap). Worthy Grand Patron would you like to bring greetings?

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Rennie I realize you possess a deep love of our Order. If you didn't there would be no way you could sit through so many many meetings and eat so many, many green beans. (Laughter) Thank you for sharing your love for us and with us all these years. Our Order and our members are the better for it. I hope your stay at home will be pleasant in Texas. We're glad to have you back home. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: She will remain in the East. Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our General Grand Chapter Officers at the altar.

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Elected and Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter:

Brother Robert E. Penoyer, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania,

Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Matron of Texas,

Sister Marianne Shenefeld, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming,

Sister Paula Argus, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Utah, and

Brother Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We are honored with the presence of Elected and Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter. To all of you we are so glad you came to our Grand Chapter and we heartily welcome you. As you have travelled the road to be with us may you find joy and happiness at our Session. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you want to greet our Elected and Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you for all you do for our Order and for taking the time out to be with us today. I know you are all really busy folks, in fact you should probably be home working right now. But we are delighted you are here with us. I hope you especially enjoy your visit. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Elected and Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride and joy that I present the Elected and Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter. You will join with me and salute them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East. (One rap)

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

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee members:

Sister Terri Castay, Ambassador to New Jersey and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana,

Sister Diane Smith, Alzheimer's and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana,

Sister Wilma Thomson, Chairman Belmont Ball Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Maryland,

Brother Nelson Campbell, Cancer Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, Community Service Committee, Sister Wanda Joiner Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Mississippi,

Credentials Committee, Brother Gary Miller and a Past Grand Patron of Illinois,

Brother Bill Bane, International Headquarters and a Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia,

Membership Committee, Sister Francis Sumrall and a Past Grand Matron of Mississippi,
Necrology Committee, Sister Ellen Glass and a Past Grand Matron of Georgia,
Public Relations, Sisters Julie McMillen and a Past Grand Matron of Illinois and Vi Griffin a
Past Grand Matron of Texas,
Registration Committee, Annie Ruth Bryant and a Past Grand Matron of Arkansas,
Brother Jerry Martin, Scottish Rite Charities, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron
of Texas,
Brother Bill Wyatt, Shrine Charities and a Past Grand Patron of Texas,
Sister Joyce Nicklas, Support Our Military and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, General Grand
Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We are happy and proud that our Grand Chapter has been honored with your presence, realizing as we do how much of your time is taken up in service to our Order. We thank you for having devoted some of that special time with us and hope that through our humble efforts we have succeeded in making this Grand Chapter one that you will always remember. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you want to greet our Ambassador and Committee Members.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you for representing our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in other jurisdictions. You are special friends of ours here in Texas. You work very hard to serve General Grand Chapter at the same time serving your own Grand Chapters. So while you are here you just relax, put your feet up and enjoy our hospitality and if you need anything at all while you are here, you just knock on room 1195 and the Worthy Grand Matron will be most happy to help you out. (Laughter) Welcome to Texas and enjoy your visit. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Committee Members and Ambassador of General Grand Chapter to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is with much pride and joy that I present these Committee Members and Ambassador of General Grand Chapter. You will salute with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East. (One rap)

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

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters Cheri Pierce, Arkansas
Mezzy MacKenzie, District of Columbia
Donna Fagg, Kansas and
Brothers Jerry Harrell, Arkansas
George Wilkinson, Louisiana
George Lane, Nevada, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I'm learning to appreciate the days that hurry by, to be content and know that there are none as rich as I. I found my true vocation what I was meant to do, and hope that you accept our handclasp of fraternal greetings as we welcome you. We welcome you our special friends from other jurisdictions. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you want to greet our Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

WGP Trey Smith: Yes ma'am, thank you. There are three types of friends in life; Friends for a reason, friends for a season and friends for a lifetime and I know you are all friends for a lifetime. Welcome!

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is with much pride and joy that I welcome the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East. (One rap)

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

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters Mavis Payne, Past Grand Matron of Arkansas

Irene C. Stadick, District of Columbia

Jo Cullifer, Past Grand Matron and Grand Treasurer of Georgia

Juanita Wilkinson, Louisiana

Shirley Boone, Louisiana

Joy Beth Williams, Louisiana

Linn McNary, Louisiana

Roberta Nielsen, Mississippi

Marilyn Woods, Missouri

Bonnie Varnell, New Mexico

Margaret Clarke, Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island and Sister Margaret is also Bobbi's Forever Friend, General Grand Chapter

Margie McConnell, Oklahoma

Cheryl Martin, Oklahoma

Kathy Stegall, Oklahoma – Past Grand Matrons

Brothers Bill Rhyan, Arizona

Lewis Bryant Arkansas

Ira Payne, Arkansas

Carl Larson, Connecticut

Tommy Rollins, Georgia

Robert Hess, Kansas

Jerry Frayser, Mississippi

William Barnes, Oklahoma

David Flaxington, Rhode Island – Past Grand Patrons, Order of the Eastern Star

WGM Jayne Yenger: I take great pleasure in welcoming you to our Grand Chapter Session. Our chain links grow stronger with our out of state visitors and it's always an honor to have you in our presence. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you want to greet our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you. I extend to you a warm Texas welcome. At least it's not 101 degrees out there. So enjoy this cool weather we're having. (Laughter) It is indeed an honor to have you here in Waco to share this special time with us. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and I look forward to visiting with you again soon. Dream more, dream bigger, enjoy the journey. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is with much pride and joy that I present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (One rap) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East.

We are indeed honored with the presence of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas at the altar.

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas:

Sisters Elise Hammack

Betty Benham

Rosemary S. Berry

Yvonne Brownfield

Betty Y. Friend

Naomi Wolfe

Sharon Fentress

Doris Hester

Karen Morgenthaler

Nancy Brown

Joyce Gilbert

Bess Caldwell

Annette Curry and

Brothers Richard Ochs

H. Lee Stallings

Duane "Buddy" Baker

Jack Guy

Jerry Trees

Ray Hertenberger

K. Arthur Drescher

David Dibrell

Bill Crews, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

My special Effie Mae Davis, Texas (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Life is a garden, good friends are the flowers and life's lovely garden would be sweeter by far if all who pass through it were as sweet as you are. We appreciate the time and service that you have given to our Grand Chapter and to the Order of the Eastern Star. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you want to greet our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas.

WGP Trey Smith: To me....To me you are Texas' finest. I am here, in this place, due to you. Now I am not holding you responsible for all I do, however I have certainly been blessed to serve with each of you in some way. It was due to your trust in me that I served on many committees learning how Grand Chapter works and I thank each one of you for that wonderful experience. I want to say thank you for the love and support you extend to Texas Grand Chapter, our members, and especially to me. I respect you for what you represent and what you stand for. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is with much pride and pleasure that I welcome and present to you our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. You will please join me and salute them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (One rap) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress some of these will stay up here and others won't...I do what they tell me up here.

We are honored with the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and also some Grand Lodge Officers. You will present the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at the altar, and Grand Lodge Officers.

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce Most Worshipful Jerry L. Martin, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.and....I'm sorry.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We are honored of our Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and how proud I am that I was able to serve this year with you Brother Jerry. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will be escorted to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Grand Lodge Officers in the West. Brother Jerry I was going to present your team in the West and I'd like for you to stand here and see them presented. Now I don't know if that is proper or not but that's the way we do it this year. Thank you Brother Jerry.

WGP Trey Smith: You asked me to preside now, right? (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Yes, I'd like you to preside.

WGP Trey Smith: (One rap) There we're all seated now. (Laughter)

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Lodge Officer of Texas:

Brothers Wendall P. Miller, Grand Senior Warden
Jerry N. Kirby, Grand Junior Warden
Gary V. Mosmeyer, Grand Chaplain
Billy Ray Dickey, Grand Senior Steward
William L. "Bill" Wyatt, Grand Tiler and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, Grand Lodge of Texas
And Brother Thomas N. Turner, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Texas.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We are honored to have you at this Session. Thank you so much for being here. It's always a pleasure to have you attend our Grand Chapter. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be escorted to the East. (Applause) The Officers and members of this Grand Chapter deem it a pleasure and a great honor to have you with us at this Grand Chapter Session. We want you to know that you are most welcome and we hope to prove to you that the Officers of this Grand Chapter can perform their duties in a most impressive way. We are so proud to have each of you here with us. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to bring greetings?

WGP Trey Smith: Yes Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you all for being here. I know you are extremely busy and you serve in so many capacities that it's an honor for us to enjoy a long lasting relationship and we are very thankful to have that. Thank you so much.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers you will join with me in giving them a most sincere welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress I think maybe they will remain in the East. No? They don't want to stay up here so they will go back.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress we are honored with the presence of Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. You will present the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in back of Esther's Station.

GC: Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of presenting Sister Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron General Grand Chapter.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Delia, our Golden Links have become a chain that reach both near and far and the links form a circle within our Order. And to all Sisters and Brothers, our guiding star will be clearer. Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you want to greet this Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Delia, Cinderella never asked for a prince, all she asked for was a night off and a new dress. (Laughter) I hope you get both! I thank you for your service and for being with us today. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present Sister Delia, the Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is with much pride and joy that I present the Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron. You will extend to her a very warm welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress she will remain in the East.

We are honored with the presence of Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther's Station.

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of presenting the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters Anna Smith, Grand Marshal, Arkansas

"Connie" Constance Miller, Grand Esther, Arkansas

Tenna Culpepper, Grand Conductress, Georgia

Pam Abel, Associate Grand Matron, Kansas

Wanda Ryan, Associate Grand Conductress, Kansas

Kathy Warmack, Associate Grand Matron, Louisiana

Pierre "Rocky" Schexneider, Associate Grand Patron, Louisiana

Beverly Brown, Grand Warder, Louisiana

Pattie Zellner, Grand Lecturer, Oklahoma

Edythe Walsh, Grand Marshal, Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We are so happy that you have decided to visit our Grand Chapter. What a pleasure it is to have you in our presence. We know that you have devoted much of your time to our Order and we realize that travels are not always easy. But thank you again for visiting us and we hope that through our humble efforts we have succeeded in making this afternoon one that you will remember. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you want to greet the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions.

WGP Trey Smith: I know you are having a blast serving your own Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I hope you enjoy the moment, live for the moment and love the moment. I am very happy you are here. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is with much pride and pleasure that I present the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions. Please give them a Texas welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East.

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

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters Linda McNeal, Texas in Arkansas

Robina Rollins, Texas in Georgia

Virginia Kendall, Texas in Indiana

Florence Jacobs, Texas in Iowa

Wilma Hess, Texas in Kansas

Delores J. Woods, Texas in Louisiana

Judy Howe, Texas in Manitoba

Brother Larry McVey, Texas in Mississippi

Sisters Marcella A. Kleist, Texas in Missouri
Patricia R. White, Texas in New Mexico
Susan Corwin, Texas in Ohio
Brother Gerald Stegall, Texas in Oklahoma
Sisters Anne Proctor, Texas in Tennessee
Joanne Blake, Texas in Virginia
Brothers Gary Krause, Texas in Wisconsin
Harry Oberg III, Texas in Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star

WGM Jayne Yenger: We welcome you to this joyous day dear friends who tread the Starry Way. Your visit here adds much to our enjoyment and we will sincerely hope that you will count us among your friends. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you want to greet these Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions.

WGP Trey Smith: Your service to our Order and your Grand Jurisdiction is recognized by the appointment as the Grand Representative of your jurisdiction in Texas. I say Howdy and glad you are here. Enjoy the hospitality we are very glad to share with you. Come back again real soon. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort these Grand Representatives to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride and joy that I present the Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions. You will salute them with Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East. (One rap)

We are honored with the presence of Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions.

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to present these Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Brother Lacey Minnie, Alberta in Arkansas
Sister Stephanie Fossinger, San Paulo Brazil in Colorado
Sisters Evelyn Marquez, Bolivia in Louisiana
Kitty White, Maine in Louisiana
Sheryl Lang, Connecticut in Nevada
Wanda Hosmer, New York in New Mexico
Brothers Robert Jameson, Ontario in Oklahoma
Sidney Moore, Pennsylvania in Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star

WGM Jayne Yenger: We welcome you to Texas and we hope that you enjoy our Session. We hope that you come back and visit many times and have safe travels. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to welcome our Grand Representatives?

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you. It is indeed a pleasure to have you with us today. You proudly represent the distinguished people who spread our Eastern Star love beyond your home states. We are glad you came our way and please know that we consider each of you our friend. Welcome.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort these Grand Representatives to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is with much pride and joy that I present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions. You will salute them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (One rap) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East.

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

I think y'all are going to have to get a little closer.

WGP Trey Smith: Isn't that a nice problem to have? That's great.

WGM Jayne Yenger: A little bit closer.

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of presenting these Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Texas:

Sister Martha Ervin, Alberta
Brother Victor Christenson, San Paulo, Brazil
Sisters Virginia Baker, Colorado
Carlotta Fairchild, Connecticut
Billie Collie, Delaware
Connie Bilby, Florida
Brother Richard Sandford, Georgia
Sisters Karen Kidd, Idaho
Ginger Byrd, Illinois
Laura LaBove, Indiana
Jean James, Iowa
Dorothy Langston, Kansas
Ann Wyatt, Kentucky
Brother Raul Garcia, Louisiana
Sisters Esther O'Neal, Maine
Lou Lewis, Manitoba
Brother Joey Yenger, Maryland
Sisters Helen Dupree, Michigan
Patricia Koehn, Minnesota
Patricia Hart, Missouri
Reva "Tish" Fields, Nebraska
Lori Goldman, Nevada
Patricia Petit, New Hampshire
Margaret Wood, New Mexico
Beverly Plante, New York
Pat Liston, North Carolina
Joyce Smith, North Dakota
Vicki Smith, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
Judy Tucker, Ohio

Janie Dunsmoor, Oklahoma
Juanita Sharp, Ontario
Laverne Hadley, Oregon
Linnie Stone, Pennsylvania
Regina Garner, Quebec
Lynda Benefield, Scotland
Arline Smith, Tennessee
Nancy Estill, Utah
Joan Miller, Washington
Kathey Crews, Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It is an honor and a privilege to extend to you a warm welcome. We are always happy to have you with us and sincerely hope that the fraternal friendships we form will endure throughout our lives. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you want to greet these special Grand Representatives.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers I always enjoy reading about your experiences as you travel and represent the state. You carry Texas pride with you wherever you go. Enjoy the ride. Thank you for your service, for your dedicated work and for sharing Texas hospitality everywhere. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Grand Representatives to the East. (Three Raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride and pleasure that I present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. You will salute them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (One rap) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress I think they are going to remain in the East so y'all can go back.

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

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor of presenting these Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron:
Sisters Barbara Grobler, Personal Secretary and Grand Escort to the Most Worthy Grand Patron and
Kathleen Miller, Eastern Star Journal, Editor and Escort to General Grand Chapter Member, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I am grateful for the privilege of extending a welcome to each of you. We hope that your visit with us will be enjoyable and that you might take with you pleasant thoughts of our Grand Chapter Session. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you want to greet the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: It is a pleasure to have you at this Grand Chapter. I know that you've been here before and I certainly hope that you come back again. We enjoy your smiling faces. Sister Barbara I know particularly that you have a hard time packing everything you need.

(Laughter) No matter what, it seems like there is never enough butter is there? (Laughter) Thank you for your service and you are a special group and you've given untold years of service to the Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is with much pride and joy that I present the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron. You will give them a warm Texas welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associated Grand Conductress they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress we are honored with the presence of Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations. You will present the Adult Leaders of these Organizations in back of Esther's station.

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations:
Sisters Joanne Weaver, Supreme Deputy, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and Member of the House of Gold, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We greet you friends and open wide our doors, the gates of knowledge stand far ajar. Here and now open every day are our chain links, joined we trust will strengthen with the lapse of time. The interchange of thought...a joy sublime. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you want to greet these Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations.

WGP Trey Smith: The Order of the Rainbow for Girls is one of the most beautiful and fun organizations I have ever had the privilege of working with. Rainbow certainly holds a very special place in my heart. We stand ready to welcome each of you into our beautiful Order. We sincerely thank you both for your leadership and your dedication and hours of hard work. Manners, morals, respect, character, trust, class, integrity, love, reverence and especially service are qualities each of you instill in every Rainbow girl. Your hard work is reflected in the smiling faces of each of these young ladies. It is my hope each Rainbow girl will come to know and appreciate the mentoring and the love that you truly share with them. We thank you so much for being here with us today.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort them to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers let's show our appreciation to these Adult Leaders. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Grand Committees of Other Grand Jurisdictions in the West.

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron I am pleased to present the Grand Committee Members and Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions:
Sister Kathy Minnie, Deputy Grand Lecturer, Arkansas
Brother George McNeal, Caring Angel, Arkansas

Sisters Mary Pike Grand Mother-in-Law (no state mentioned, Arkansas)
Paula Harrell, Grand Chapter Sweetheart, Arkansas
Linda McNeal, WGM Guardian Angel, Arkansas
Brother Rand Smith, Caring Angel to the Grand Marshal, Arkansas
Sisters Paula Norwood, Personal Page to the Grand Warder, Louisiana
Polly Baker, Cancer, Louisiana
Karen Porter, ESTARL in Louisiana
Dolly Permenter, Louisiana, Distinguished Guests - Special
Christel Fisher, Special Projects of the WGM, New Mexico
Lana Jameson, District Deputy #16 and 26, Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I'm grateful for extending a sincere welcome to each of you. We hope that your visit with us will be enjoyable and that you might take back home pleasant thoughts of this Session. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be presented in the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers help me welcome these Grand Committee of Other Grand Jurisdictions. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East.

We are honored with the presence of Past Presiding Officers of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Past Presiding Officers of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International in back of Esther's station.

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron it is indeed my pleasure to introduce this last group, these Past Presiding Officers of International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International. These Past Grand Worthy Advisors are:

Sisters Mary Harvey, Texas
Kimi Shaw, Past Grand Worthy Advisor, Hawaii, Order of the Rainbow for Girls and
Pat Garcia, Past State Master Councilor, Hawaii, International Order of DeMolay.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We are so glad that you are here with us today. We greatly appreciate your past service under the Rainbow and your continued service to the Order of the Eastern Star. To the Past State Master Councilor, we appreciate your past service of respect to all Mothers and young ladies. And we know your Lodges are thankful for your service. Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to greet these Past Presiding Officers of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International.

WGP Trey Smith: Past Grand Worthy Advisors and Past State Master Councilor, I sincerely appreciate the proud tradition of service you have given to your respective organizations. I am proud you are here with us and we appreciate each of you as Sisters and Brothers. Thank you for sharing this journey with us. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Past Presiding Officers of the International Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is with much pride and joy that I present these Past Presiding Officers of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the DeMolay International. You will extend them a very warm Texas welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East.

We are honored with the presence of Distinguished Leaders of Other Fraternal Organizations. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Distinguished Leaders of Other Fraternal Organizations in the back of Esther's station.

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce this Leader...Past Leader of Other Fraternal Organizations. Sister Lynn Kearney, Grand Royal Matron of Oklahoma, Order of the Amaranth.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It is with deep sincerity that I extend a cordial welcome to you with the hope that love, happiness and good will always prevail in our midst. Worthy Grand Patron I know that you would like to greet this Presiding Officer.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Lynn, I extend fraternal greetings to you and I hope that each of your hopes and your plans will come to a satisfactory result for you and all of your hard work that you are putting into your organization. Enjoy your very successful year of service. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort these Distinguished Leaders of Other Fraternal Organizations to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is with great pride and joy that I present this Distinguished Leader of Other Fraternal Organizations. You will extend to her a very warm welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress she will remain in the East.

Let's give our Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress a hearty welcome and show our appreciation. Good job. (Applause)

We are delighted to have special greetings from our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. We welcome you to this Session and your Redbird perch awaits. It is an honor to present Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. We await your greetings.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Thank you. It is a special privilege to bring this welcome to the "139th (she meant 132nd) Golden Links Session" of the Texas Grand Chapter. I thank you for this honor to me and to Harlandale Chapter.

To you Worthy Grand Matron Jayne Yenger and Worthy Grand Patron Trey Smith you have reached the pinnacle in service to our Grand Chapter. You carried the banner of "United We Stand" throughout Texas with enthusiasm and purpose. Sisters and Brothers don't you think we ought to help them...tell them how happy we were with everything they have done for us? Let's give them a hand please. (Applause)

We rejoice in the visit of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Most Worthy Grand Patron and their entourage. You know when they go visiting they always have others coming along with them so we know it's going to be exciting. And I'm so glad that they were both here today and everybody who came with them because after all we like that in Texas, we like to have company. Thank you very much.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Rennie. Let's show her our appreciation. We are so proud. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Oh, am I finished?

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, she's not through.

WGM Jayne Yenger: She told me I was running late.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Okay, I'm through.

WGM Jayne Yenger: No, we want to hear all of your greetings.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Okay, we have planned for your visit and hope our Texas Hospitality will be to your liking so you'll return to visit us.

To our own membership of Texas, your presence, your interest in the business at hand and willingness to promulgate that which is for the good of our Order will write the final chapter of the Grand Chapter year 2014-2015. Thank you membership, for being here for this important task. In closing, always remember who we are and what we are doing are for the good of mankind. Now I'm through. (Laughter) Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Rennie. You know how much we love you. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Sister Rennie for all of your service. We love you, and we appreciate you. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Now you can see that's the way we do it in Texas. We even rush our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron off of the stage.

WGP Trey Smith: I didn't. (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Okay...Sister Marianne Shenefelt we invite your response. Thank you.

Sister Marianne Shenefelt: Thank you very much. I was kind of sorry that I didn't have this big wad of paper so I could fling out here but I just said to Sister Paula "Should I talk as fast as I can?" You wouldn't understand a word I said and then we'd be all done. (Laughter) Okay, protocol having been established, hi, big beautiful Texas. (Hi) Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Jayne and Worthy Grand Patron Trey for the honor and pleasure of giving the response to the sincere and loving welcome and the greetings from our beautiful Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie. I know that Texas is very proud to claim this exemplary Eastern Star and outstanding woman. The dictionary states "exemplary" as: *is the best of its kind*. And that certainly describes Sister Rennie. Thank you for sharing her with all of us. And a special thank you for your willingness to share your finest, another one of your finest, Brother Henry Martin. I will be forever grateful to you. Wyoming and Texas will be a dynamic duo. I really don't know if the Eastern Star world is ready for us, but we're ready for you and we're looking forward to it. It is a wonderful pleasure for all of us to be here with all of you as we attend this "*Golden Chain of Love*" Grand Chapter Session. The Golden Chain has been expanded by many many links and each Golden Link here represents a good wish for you for a successful and memorable Grand Chapter Session. We know that Texas likes Texas big and all the planning, work and effort that goes into this making a wonderful session for all us was

a big job. Thank you. We're having a really great time. You know it's extra special to be in the land of the inspiration of our Service Dog Project. That truly touches me and it's one of my favorite things and certainly we thank Sister Rennie for that of bringing that idea to us and making it such a success. You know I read the cutest story, I overheard a conversation between my sons, this lady says. Gregory and Matthew ages 2 and 4 and two of their friends. They were having a lively discussion about their pets. We had a dog named Snowy but it ate something bad and died said one of the visitors. After a moment of silence the other visitor asked sympathetically "Was it broccoli?" (Laughter) I always want you to know that this is also supposed to be Sister Helen Westmoreland standing here but I would like for you to give special thoughts for her as she is suffering, and that's the right word, a case of shingles. So if you would just give a prayer, give a thought for her that would be really great. And you know, you can do a prayer right here or go to church and do your prayer. One Sunday morning the Pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags covered on either side. The six year old had been staring at the plaque for some time so the Pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy and said quietly "Good morning Alex." "Good morning Pastor" he replied still focusing on the plaque. "Pastor what is this?" The Pastor said "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the men and women who died in service." Somberly they stood there together staring at the large plaque. Finally little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear "Which service the 9:00 or the 10:30? (Laughter) Thank you again for this honor and it's just absolutely wonderful to be here with you. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Marianne. At this time I would like to invite our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White to bring greetings.

MWGM Bobbi White: Well, Sister Jayne you better set a timer on me. You know I've been to Texas so much I just love to be here and I've got a lot to say as Most Worthy Grand Matron. You've heard me say some of it before but it bears repeating. A lot of the people are gone so you tell them what I said. We are all excited to be here with you this year for your 132nd Grand Chapter Session in Waco. And I wish for you a tremendous *Golden Links of Love Session*. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron I applaud your efforts that you have joy for the children, hope for the future and peace for our nation and above all belief in our Order. Sister Jayne, Worthy Grand Matron, you know you gotta stand when somebody addresses you, thank you for giving me all my wonderful helpers, Sisters Marlene Dibrell, Vi Griffin, Betty Benham, and Ellen Pickrell. They are ready, willing and able to do whatever is necessary whenever I need them. I know you are great friends with Sister Alma and to hear of some of your escapades is just delightful. Now I understand that you were her personal secretary when she was Associate Grand Matron and you couldn't even type.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Now they weren't supposed to tell that.

MWGM Bobbi White: So then she gave you the other, you were elected to the Grand Line, whatever, she thought that might be easier. She thought maybe you wouldn't have to type in that position. Thank you also for using my personal West Virginia flag and for allowing Brother Lee Stallings to present that. And for the "Country Roads" song, you know that's my favorite state song and it's official now because the legislature voted it in. You know when they say do something, you do it... or not. I also thank you for using one of my gavels to preside today. It is hand made from four woods native to West Virginia. Brother Trey, Worthy Grand Patron

you were the Grand Representative of West Virginia and you and Lesa came and we had such a good time and a great chance to be better acquainted. That happened before you were put in the Grand Line of Texas. And I want you to know that this has happened to several men who have been Grand Representatives of West Virginia. So I'm just saying....now I have to tell you this though I just can't get out of my head the vision of you being an angel. (Laughter) To me you're kind of like the opposite. (Laughter) Do you want to see my halo?

WGP Trey Smith: Well, yes. It takes one angel to know another.

MWGM Bobbi White: Exactly. I have to say, though, I didn't know that you were as emotional as you've been today. You brought tears to my eyes just about every time you talked. That's why I look as bad as I do, one of the reasons. Anyway, thank you Brother Trey. We appreciate you.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you. May I go back now?

MWGM Bobbi White: Yes you may. It's always special when I can return to Texas Grand Chapter and visit with good friends I have come to know and love through the many years I've been coming here. My kind of people and renewed friendships made over my Eastern Star life. I'll have to tell you one thing though, I think this penguin down here feels right at home cause we've been about to freeze up here in the East. (Laughter) I've been visiting in Texas ever since I was a little girl and believe me that was a long long time ago. We had relatives in Texas and we would always visit about every summer. Of course you know how hot that is and this was before A/C. We still have relatives around the state and who knows you may even run into some of them someday. My visits to your Grand Chapter started many years ago and I have attended your Sessions in all parts of your big state; from Dallas to San Antonio, to Beaumont, to Arlington, to Galveston, to Amarillo and sometimes even twice, and Waco and all spots in between. Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Texas, it is so good to be with you once again in your Grand Chapter and thank you for agreeing to be on the Advisory Committee for General Grand Chapter for this Triennium. It's always good to be in your presence. When I was Worthy Grand Marshal I had the great privilege of serving with Sister Rennie who at the time was the Right Worthy Grand Trustee. Even though I had known her before then we were drawn together in closer proximity. Little did I know then that I would become the next newly elected Right Worthy Grand Trustee and then follow her and Texas in the General Grand Chapter line, all of those twenty one years. As Trustees Rennie, we worked diligently for the Good of the Order with Brother Fred Clark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. It has been a blessing to Jim and me to know you, Brother Paul and your Laura Lynn those many years as we have traveled throughout our Eastern Star world and having a good time while we were doing it. However I have to tell you she's a cut throat at playing cards and she won't get stuck with any wildcards in her hand either. (Laughter) Then there's your Sister Alma Bane who currently is serving as the Right ... Sister Alma you know the drill. Now y'all started this not me! Who currently is serving at Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Her expertise and managerial skills have brought the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office into this technical day and age and she's a computer whiz to boot. However I have known Alma for many years previous to her General Grand Chapter service and watched her progress through the Grand Line in Texas. We've had a special connection for a long time. And if you missed her Homecoming Banquet last evening, you missed great entertainment. Sister... well she's not Sister I guess, but Jeanne Robertson was hilarious and everybody was

in stitches. Now Brother Henry isn't here, I'm just glad he's here at this Session. I saw them leave a little bit earlier, our Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and he's a Shriner extraordinaire also. I have always seen him performing at Imperial Shrine Sessions wherever we went. Henry, take care of yourself because you have a big job ahead of you as you progress to become the Most Worthy Grand Patron in 2018 – 2021. Would the General Grand Chapter Officers please stand? Officers? The ones who are still here, we have some that are not here. And then would the other General Grand Chapter appointments please stand too and join them. Well, a lot of them have gone too. But anyway, I know Texas is glad to have you with them for this Session and I certainly am. Thank you so much for being here. (Applause) Service is to others is our goal and our premise of Eastern Star. Our programs are geared to communicate with the public and let them know who we are and what we do for our fellow man. It's always a pleasure to recognize the good works of others and to give them another opportunity of service to our Order. The General Grand Chapter family is pleased to be with our Sisters and Brothers of Texas who are working with us in the *Hope For Tomorrow Triennium*. Brother Nelson Campbell is a member of the Cancer Committee. That is so important in everyone's life. It touches all walks of life at any age. And since there are over one hundred types of cancer, it is no respecter of people. However, great strides have been made in diagnosis, treatment and a cure to stop this dreaded disease. Brother Glen Whitaker who serves on the Heart Committee is helping people become aware of a healthy heart because after all we never know when the last heart beat of this vital organ will be. Brother Jerry Martin is serving on the Scottish Rite Charities Committee as well as being the Grand Master of Texas. They work with the Rite Care Centers to help children in speech difficulties. It is amazing and a wonderful experience when a mother hears her child's voice for the first time after being treated at one of these facilities. Brother Bill Wyatt is serving on the Shrine Charities Committee which is our main fundraiser for the past three years. If you are a Master Mason and do not belong to the Shrine, I encourage you to join this wonderful philanthropic organization. All you have to do is visit one of the Shrine Hospitals for Children and see the many ways they are helping kids to lead a normal life, from operating procedures when necessary to providing prostheses. Not just one time but as many times as it takes as long as the child grows before being released. To treating cleft palates to, managing badly burned children, to treating spina bifida, to even breaking new ground on growing new skin for replacement in conditions that warrant it. And now they are also offering their services to our returning wounded military who also have need of their expertise in helping them to resume a normal life with prostheses of other services they offer. It's a win win situation for us. As we support our Military Committee is new and so needed as we support our troops. Who give of their lives every day so that we may enjoy the freedoms in our daily lives. Sister Joyce Nicklas is a member of that new committee which again is long overdue in our support in supporting our service men and women. And Dwayne this morning told you much better than I can the very importance of that very special committee. I just can't thank everyone enough for all they do for our service men and women. Sister Vi Griffin is serving on the Public Relations Committee and they are selling this beautiful Australian Crystal jewelry I'm wearing, which includes a necklace and a bracelet, which I don't have on right now, earrings and Bobbi's Friendship ring and this will only be sold this Triennium. So it's a limited edition but they are not on sale, they are regular price. The profits from this committee go to finance a PR Committee. Campaigning to spread the word to the general public of the outstanding charitable donations and good works we do in our world. Which might help us in our efforts to gain new members and there again ties into our Membership Committee. Now Sister Vi has another member of her committee with her and its Sister Julie McMillan from Illinois and her husband Bob. They have a table out in the

lobby and they'd be more than happy to show you whatever you want or need so see them and help us get the word out to the general public cause they do not know basically who Eastern Star is. Brother Bill Bane is doing a wonderful job as our International Headquarters Administrator. And he gives great tours but you know I bet when he moves back to Texas next year, you'll be even giving tours of your new Texas home. My Deputy from Mexico is Sister Delia Whitfield. She's been visiting and helping those Chapters with instructions and problems and hopefully they will regain a new interest in Eastern Star. Sisters Betty Benham and Janice Herridge are Bobbi's Forever Friends. I have known both of these ladies for many years and I always enjoy their company and playing catch up when we get together. Brothers Lee Stallings and Art Drescher are in the Bull Ring as John's Matadors. Over the years I've had the pleasure of serving with several of your members in different capacity. This all started with Sisters Doris Easterling and Edna Duke and Brothers Duke Weaver and Murray Watson who served as General Grand Chapter Committee members when I served on the Grievances and Appeals Committee in 1982-1985. Your Sister Effie Mae Davis was a delight. Your Sister Doctor Effie Mae Davis better known as Doctor Quack, Quack was a delight as she served as Worthy Grand Adah in 1997 to 2000. And she travelled everywhere. And again in the last Triennium it was my pleasure to serve with Sister Rosemary Swetland Berry as she filled our hearts and souls with the wonderful music as our Worthy Grand Organist. All except one time. When she sat down to play at our get acquainted luncheon, she sat at the piano and lifted the lid and low and behold there was not a keyboard in site. (Laughter) What a wonderful example to be prepared and find humor in anything. You have had several distinguished members who have served the General Grand Chapter. Your Sister Mildred Haney Harris was the Most Worthy Grand Matron in 1961 to 1964 and serving with her was Sister Lallah Mae Vol-lus, her Worthy Grand Esther. Then down through the years Sisters Sally Matranga? was the Worthy Grand Organist and Molly Goodpasture was Worthy Grand Adah. You have many other Past Grands who have served General Grand Chapter in various positions. And reminiscing a little was Sister Wanda Fairchild, Mary Brown, Elsie Paladino, Alma Carter, Sharon Fentress, and Yvonne Brownfield, and Brothers Kenneth Gregory, Buddy Baker, Jerry Trees, Richard Ochs, Leland Benefield and all the other wonderful Texans who served last Triennium. It is always good to see...and she's not there...Sister Cheryl Albrecht, your Associate Grand Matron who was one of my Grand Marshals. Oh yes there she is, during your time serving in the position as Worthy Grand Marshal. I wish you the best in the coming year. I know you will do a wonderful job. We're only selling one pin this year, this Triennium and it's this eye catching Australian Crystal pin and again it sells for \$25.00 and the profits from this pin remain in your jurisdiction and go for your projects. But please remember the Shrine and their wonderful purpose. The devastation of memory loss is not new but the Committee is new on Alzheimer's. It is long overdue. Thank you again for your support and finding a way to ease the devastation of the memory loss of a loved one. This is considered the modern day cancer, if you will, of our time. It would be wonderful to be a part of finding a cure for this condition. Your contributions can make it a reality. If you don't subscribe to the Eastern Star Journal I would encourage you to sign up to receive your magazine. This became a sponsored project of General Grand Chapter in 1994. And it is filled with stories about community service and area activities around our Eastern Star world. Our new editor of the journal is Sister Kathy Meadow, Past Matron from Illinois. She is with us...there she is. The 1618 project was introduced as a means of raising funds to help repair the original elevator at the International Headquarters. As well as do additional repairs at our building in D.C. The new elevator is in place and now we're working on the roof as Alma said. We urge you to support this project buying a ribbon for \$20.00 or contributing \$100.00 or more to receive this International

Headquarters pin and a certificate. The ribbons as you can see feature the five colors of our Star Points and you can collect all of the colors. Now I have to tell you and this is one of my favorite little stories and I've told it time and time again but it just bears repeating I think. Since all of us travel so much I'm reminded of a little old friend of mine who had just gotten a divorce and he decided to live it up a little. He drove his brand new red Corvette convertible out of a dealership. Taking it down the road he pushed it up to eighty miles an hour, enjoying what little hair he had left. Wow, he thought as he flew down the interstate, pushing the pedal to the pedal even more. Finally looking in his rear view mirror he saw one of your Texas finest with lights a flashing and sirens blaring. So he pulled over to wait for the Trooper to come. The Trooper came up to the car, looked at his watch and said "Sir, its Monday. I've had a hard day, and my shift ends in thirty minutes. If you can give me a reason for your speeding that I've never heard before I'll let you go and not give you a ticket." The old gentleman didn't miss a beat and said "Three years ago my wife ran off with a Texas State Trooper and I thought you were bringing her back." (Laughter) The Trooper said "Have a good day, sir." (Laughter) Worthy Grand Matron thank you for this opportunity to visit with your membership. My time is up and I thank you for yours. And now I wish for you a happy heart, a peace to fill your mind, a hope, a faith, a dream come true of quite a special kind. Thank you and good afternoon. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Bobbi, thank you so much for those beautiful greetings. And I believe the Worthy Grand Patron has something to present to you on behalf of us at this time.
(Presentation from the WGM and WGP)

You can tell them what it is.

MWGM Bobbi White: This is a pen and pencil set made out of mesquite wood native to Texas. And it wasn't made by Trey because I asked him...but a gentleman in his Chapter made them. And they are quite lovely. I thank you so very much. (Applause) When I saw the box, I thought oh, it's jewelry...it's not jewelry. (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: We don't always give jewelry in Texas. To bring greetings on behalf of General Grand Chapter at this time is Brother John Grobler, our Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Washington. Brother John.

MWGP John Grobler: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Protocol has already been established, so I thank all of you who spoke before me. We should thank the members of the Texas Grand Chapter for your continued friendship and magnificent hospitality. It is difficult to put into words the feeling of joy Barbara and I have when we visit Texas. I have told some of you more than once if Texas ever secedes from the Union we're moving here. (Laughter) And I realize I talk a little funny with my Northern accent but you seem to accept me anyway, so thank you. I do want you all to know or remind you that today is officially "John Grobler Day" as proclaimed by your very own mayor. So thank you for that and thank all you conspirators that...well, conspired to do that. That's great. I want to extend a special thank you to Arthur and Marty Drescher for serving as Pages for Barbara and me during our visit here in Texas. These two really go beyond the call of duty in serving their role as Pages and they are special friends besides. Thank you, Arthur and Marty. Once again I wish to acknowledge and to thank Arthur and Lee Stallings for serving as two of my Matadors in this 48th Triennium. You are very special to me. Thank you, Carl Larson, Past Grand Patron of Connecticut, for presenting my Washington State flag during the flag ceremony. I carry the flag everywhere I go and in

any jurisdiction I visit and after I am all done with this Triennium, I'm going to have all the names of all the jurisdictions that I have visited embroidered on my flag. So, I'll bring it again so you can see it. You know, there's a kind of a thing that has gone on here that I think has gone on a little bit too long. Now, last night we had a really nice dinner. We had meat and we had a roll that came with it and we had iced tea and water. The only problem was that there was no butter. And unfortunately I mentioned that there was no butter for my roll, so our comedian, our stand up comedian picked up on that and she included that in her comedy act. Well, that wasn't the worst of it, so some of you from Texas included it in your comedy act this morning at breakfast. (Laughter) So right in front of my plate at breakfast, I kept getting butter...packages of butter stacked up. So if anyone needs any butter, I have it. (Laughter) Wonderful stuff that butter. Well, in considering my response this evening, I have a lot of things I could have said but...when I thought about the *Golden Links of Love* theme for your Session so I have a poem that almost fits that exactly. It's called the "Golden Links of Love" as modified from the poem by Helen Steiner Rice. It's called a "Golden Chain."

Friendship is like golden links of love,
the links are friends so dear.
And like a rare and precious jewel
It's treasured more each year.

It's clasped together firmly
With a love that's deep and true,
And it's rich with happy memories
And fond recollections, too.

Time can't destroy its beauty
For, as long as memory lives,
Years can't erase the pleasure
That the joy of friendship gives

For friendship is a priceless gift
That can't be bought or sold,
But to have an understanding friend
It's worth far more than gold.

And the Golden Links of Love
Is a strong blessed tie
Binding kindred hearts together
As the years go passing by.

Thank you for your friendship y'all bring in binding us all together in a Golden Chain of Friendship and Love. Thank you for just being good people and thank you for all you do for Eastern Star. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Brother John. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Guess what we have for you?

MWGP John Grobler: I don't know. Guys always like jewelry. Why, it's a pen and pencil set. Actually I really like this kind of thing because I'll use them. I have a set at home that's almost worn out. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this gift. It will go on my desk and I'll use it. In fact when I write you a thank you I'm going to use this. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, I also have another special gift for each of them. If you would both stand. Now as many of you know, I'm a jeweler. So jewelry is what I know more than anything else. And I know there have been some people that commented about how "dainty" our jewels are. Because a lot of jurisdictions they are not quite this large. So now that you're in Texas we had a couple of jewels made especially for you. I can't wait. (Laughter) We hope you will enjoy wearing your new jewels. We tried to make them nice and heavy. We couldn't afford gold, they're cast iron but we love you anyway. And we know you'll have fun wearing them on your flights home. (Laughter) So everyone will know where you've been. (These were huge round jewels that were blinged out with a star in the middle). So congratulations on being officially jeweled in Texas. (Applause and Laughter)

MWGP John Grobler: Thank you Trey. This is really, really, really, really, really, really...great. (Applause)

MWGM Bobbi White: Not only is it really really really great but it's really really really heavy and big. But everything's bigger in Texas, I know that. And one more thing I have to say, this is a first! (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you both. We now invite our Fraternal Correspondent, Sister Betty Scott to come to the podium. If you'll bear with us for just a few minutes, maybe we could have a song from our Grand Choir while the Labyrinth Committee clears the...oh we need to close the Bible, I'm sorry. And we need to clear the floor, Buddy, yes, okay. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. (Three raps)

(The Grand Choir sings "Whispering Hope")

I invite Brother Arthur Drescher to bring our Benediction.

PGP Art Drescher: Let us pray. Our heavenly Father we thank you for this beautiful day that began in peace and ends in harmony. As we look forward to our evening activities we ask that you watch over each of us and allow each of us back refreshed for the business session of our Grand Chapter. We ask a special blessing on the leaders of our Order. Give them the strength and wisdom to preside over our Session. We also ask a special blessing over our Military and their families as they serve to allow us our freedoms we enjoy today. In your holy name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Jayne Yenger: (One rap) If the Grand Officers would retire from the Grand Chapter floor. We are going to ask the Labyrinth Committee to clear the Grand Chapter floor. If the Grand Officers would just have a seat on the side and if you'll bear with us for a few more minutes Sisters and Brothers our Fraternal Correspondent is going to...is going to present our Grand Representatives. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this "Links of Joy" Grand Chapter Session from

Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

WGW: Brother Grand Sentinel, by order of the Worthy Grand Matron this “Links of Joy” Session is called from Labor to Rest until 8:00 for the ESTARL and Memorial Program.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I now call this “Links of Joy” Session called from Labor to Rest until 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening for the ESTARL and Memorial Program. Sister Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel.

WGW: Brother Grand Sentinel this Session is called from Labor to Rest.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I invite you to preside.

Sister Betty Scott: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee members, Distinguished members, my Sisters and Brothers one and all. In all probability when Dr. Morris founded the Order of the Eastern Star over one hundred and fifty years ago did he realize the impact the Order would have on millions of women and men in the ensuing years. Nor could he have imagined that he could have found a great Golden Link of Friendship that would span many, many years. Wishing to emphasize strength of character and benevolent work he dedicated the organization to charity, truth, and loving kindness. A small cluster of friends gathered for the first Eastern Star Chapter in the humble home of Dr. Morris in Kentucky. Not long thereafter the Golden Links of Friendship grew when the first Grand Chapter was organized. The Links continued to grow when General Grand Chapter was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana. Then the Golden Links of Friendship continued in Texas over one hundred thirty two years ago. Today the Golden Links of Friendship extends around the world, because there are Chapters established in every state and many, many countries. Feeling a need to exchange ideas between the Grand Chapters, the Worthy Grand Matron of Connecticut founded a Fraternal Correspondent Committee in 1876. Our Order is rich in heritage yesterday, today and tomorrow. We have much to learn from each other, from those that have gone before us and we have much to impart to others as we try to continue to exemplify the goals of our Order: to extend Charity, to be loving, to be kind, always extending our hands in friendship. Throughout the years the Fraternal Correspondent has played a great part in sharing the history of our Order and establishing Links of Friendship. She has had great pleasure on visiting and reporting on many states and their Grand Chapter Sessions. Today the Fraternal Correspondent visits and reports on Sessions through the eyes of the Grand Representatives, through their experiences. The Grand Representatives have continued to be a very important part of Eastern Star as they maintain and cement bonds of friendship and loving kindness. Wherever they go and wherever they share those experiences. As we heard from our Most Worthy Grand Patron, friendship is a Golden Chain, the links are dear, is like rare and precious jewels, it's treasured more each year. And the poem goes on and concludes with “And the Golden Links of Friendship are strong and blessed ties, binding kindred hearts together, as the years go by.” Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I treasure the links of friendship that bind you together with the other links of the Grand Representatives, those that have been gathered this year as I served as your Grand Fraternal Correspondent. Thank you so very very much for this honor and privilege. It is now my honor and privilege to present our Grand Representatives. Grand Marshal present our Grand Representatives for introduction in the formation of the Golden Links of Friendship.

Alabama presented by Arthur Drescher, PGP and Mrs. Marty Drescher

Alberta, Mrs. Martha A. Erwin escorted by Mr. Claude Erwin
Arizona
Arkansas
Australia
Bolivia, Mrs. Sandy McMillan
Brazil, Sao Paulo, Mr. Victor Christianson and Mrs. Linda Christianson
British Columbia and Yukon
California
Colorado, Mrs. Virginia Baker escort Charles Jackson
Connecticut, Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild, Mrs. Chris Puckett
Delaware, Mrs. Billy Collie
District of Columbia, Laura Clampitt
Florida, Mrs. Connie Bilby, escort Mrs. Sue Briwa
Georgia, Mr. Richard Sanford escort Mrs. Robina Rollins Gr. Rep of Texas in Georgia
Idaho, Mrs. Karen Kidd escorted by Mrs. Audri Rowell
Illinois, Mrs. Ginger Byrd escort Mr. Robert Byrd
Indiana, Mrs. Lura LaBove, escort Mrs. Ginny Kendall, Gr. Rep of Texas in Indiana
Iowa, Mrs. Jean James, escort Mrs. Florence Jacob, Gr. Rep of Texas in Iowa
Kansas, Mrs. Dorothy Langston escort Mrs. Wilma Hess, Gr. Rep of Texas in Kansas
Kentucky, Mrs. Ann Wyatt
Louisiana, Mr. Raul Garcia
Maine, Mrs. Esther O'Neal escort Mrs. Judy Howe, Gr. Rep of Texas in Maine
Manitoba, Mrs. Lou Lewis escort Mr. Ray Lewis
Maryland, Mr. Joey Yenger
Massachusetts
Michigan, Mrs. Helen Dupree escort Mrs. Ruth James
Minnesota, Mrs. Pat Koehn
Mississippi
Missouri, Mrs. Patricia Hart escort Mrs. Maricella Clasp
Montana
Nebraska, Mrs. Reva Fields escort Mr. Earl Fields
Nevada, Mrs. Lori Goldman escort Mrs. Christine Armstrong
New Brunswick, Mrs. Melinda Richardson
New Hampshire, Mrs. Patricia Pettit escort Mr. Larry Pettit
New Jersey
New Mexico, Mrs. Margaret Wood
New York, Mrs. Beverly Plante escort Mr. Tim Harper
North Carolina, Mrs. Pat Liston
North Dakota, Mrs. Joyce Smith escorted by Mrs. Marilyn Johnson Gr. Rep Texas in N. Dakota
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Mrs. Vickie Smith, John Turner is Gr. Rep of Texas in
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
Ohio, Mrs. Judy Tucker, Mrs. Susan Corwin, Gr. Rep of Texas in Ohio
Oklahoma, Mrs. Janie Dunsmoor
Ontario, Mrs. Juanita Sharp
Oregon, Mrs. Lavern Hadley, Stanley Miller Gr. Rep of Texas in Oregon
Pennsylvania, Mrs. Linnie Stone escort Mike Cohen
Puerto Rico
Quebec, Mrs. Regina Garner escort Paul Garner

Rhode Island

Saskatchewan, Mrs. Janie McLester escort Mr. Lonnie McLester

Scotland, Mrs. Lynda Benefield escort Laura Geyer

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee, Mrs. Arlene Smith escort Mrs. Ann Foster, Gr. Rep of Texas in Tennessee

Utah, Mrs. Nancy Jo Estill

Vermont, Mrs. Mary Alphene Gressett

Virginia, Mrs. Barbara Martin escort Mrs. Joanne Blakely

Washington, Mrs. Joan Miller escort Terry Miller

West Virginia, Mrs. Ruth West

Wisconsin, Mr. Gary Krause escort Mrs. Diane Krause, Gr. Rep to Texas in Wisconsin

Wyoming, Mrs. Kathey Crews escort Harry O'Berg, Gr. Rep of Texas in Wyoming

Worthy Grand Matron, your Grand Representatives. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron would you please join me in the Circle of Friends.

(Singing "It's a Small World") (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers let's show our Grand Representatives and our Fraternal Correspondent, Sister Betty Scott, our appreciation. Thank you Sister Betty, you know I love you. I would like to announce before everyone leaves that we will have our Humanitarian Drill when we come back from dinner so you are excused and if you will just enjoy a dinner and meet us back here this evening. If you could get here a little early, that would be wonderful. Thank you for being with us.

*******End of Formal Opening*******

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**Martha Ervin,
Grand Representative to
Alberta in Texas
Past Matron, OES**

MC Martha Ervin: Good evening everyone. Thank you. We're so happy to have you here this evening at this Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past General Grand Elected and Appointed Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors, Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, and Other Distinguished members, my Sisters and Brothers. We are pleased that you have chosen to attend the "Golden Links, Uniting for Tomorrow's Hope" Honor Banquet honoring Sister Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter. Tonight's theme combines the Unity that our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have strived for and promoted over the past year with our Most Worthy Grand Matron's wish our Fraternities future hope. Our honorees in attendance tonight represent many states as well as Texas. We are truly united for tonight. Please join me in giving our honoree and hosts a big heart Texas welcome. (Applause) Thank you all. At this time our Welcome will be given by Past Grand Patron Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker.

PGP Buddy Baker: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. If you will, go back with me to yester-year. Somewhere between 1850 and 1870 here in Waco, Texas or Six-Shooter Junction as it was well known on the cattle drives. Cowboys come up the Chisholm Trail from down south or from the southeast from the Shawnee Trail across the Brazos here in Waco. They all looked forward to washing the trail dust from their throats at the local watering holes here. They enjoyed it so much usually a fight or a shoot out resulted. Hence, Six-Shooter Junction. Well, the trail bosses all warned their hands about this but as you know, boys will be boys. A lot of them missed leaving with the herds the next morning because of jail time. A bunch more because of slow draws or poor shots remained here permanently. So while you are here, take the time and go right over here to the suspension bridge and visit all the longhorns and maybe re-live a cattle drive of your own. But let me remind you, don't kick the cow patties on a hot day or drink downstream from the herd. (Laughter) Back then, just as it is now, visitors were always welcomed in Waco. So Sister Bobbi, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Brother John, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and all the visitors... saddle up, be ready to ride, enjoy Waco. Welcome to Six-Shooter Junction. (Applause)

MC Martha Ervin: At this time our Response to the Welcome will be given by Brother Jerry Harrell, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

WGP Jerry Harrell of Arkansas: Good evening. (Good evening) Worthy Grand Matron Sister Jayne, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Trey, Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Bobbie, Most

Worthy Grand Patron Brother John, the Grand East, my Sisters and Brothers all. It is an honor and a pleasure to have this opportunity to Respond to the Welcome of Trail Boss Buddy Baker and express our thanks and gratitude on behalf of your Distinguished members and guests with you tonight at your “Golden Links, Uniting for Tomorrow” banquet. We have been treated warmly with hugs and kisses and firm handshakes as we were greeted. You are probably asking yourself “Why is a guy from Arkansas giving the Response?” Well, the truth is, I’m a Texan by birth but happens to live in Arkansas. If you were a doctor like me and you had an opportunity to live in a community that had eight golf courses, you know why I live in Arkansas. (Laughter) would like to take this opportunity of extending to each of you here tonight to visit Arkansas’ Grand Chapter “Cherish the New Born King” Session on December 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Sister Jayne, Brother Trey, it has been a pleasure to serve with you as we travel to the Grand East and I hope our friendships will last a very long time. May this the culmination of your Session be the fulfillment of all your dreams and plans. May God in His great wisdom direct all your deliberations. Again, thank you for this wonderful opportunity to give this Response for all your members and guests. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Martha Ervin: Thank you Brother Buddy and Jerry, you make us feel like we are among friends and family regardless of where we are from. At this time I would invite everyone to please stand as Shirley Moore, member of the Arrangements Committee will give our Invocation.

Sister Shirley Moore: Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Head Tables, my Sisters and Brothers please bow your heads in a moment of silent prayer for our Nations and for all our Military personnel throughout the world. Dear Lord and Father, we come to you as tenant helpless children to a loving Father and praise and thankfulness for the works of your creation and for the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We seek your forgiveness for our many sins and our shortcomings and for your aid and guidance to the path of duty. Fill our hearts with kindness for one another. Bless this meal to the nourishment of our bodies that we may continue our service to you. Amen (Amen)

MC Martha Ervin: Thank you Sister Shirley. Now, let’s all relax and enjoy our meal as well as fellowship with one another.

Please continue eating your dinner, meal or dessert, but in consideration of time and the business at hand, we are going to continue with introductions which will be given by Sarah Coursey.

Sister Sarah Coursey: Alright, first I want everybody to get quiet. (Laughter) I’ve worked too hard on these introductions for you not to listen. (Laughter) And I mean it. Listen, listen... .okay. First I’m going to introduce our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jayne Yenger and her son, Joey, he’s a Grand Representative of Maryland in Texas. Then I’m going to introduce Brother Trey Smith our Worthy Grand Patron and his wife Lesa, our Grand Esther for the Grand Chapter of Texas. Give them a hand. (Applause)

So far he (Trey) says I’m doing good. Now I’m going to introduce Sister Bobbi White our Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia and Brother John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Washington and his wife Sister Barbara, Personal Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron. (Applause) Now we have Sister Rennie Ofton, our own Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Let's give Rennie a big hand. (Applause) Okay y'all now listen to this a minute. I'm going to introduce by category and if I call your category and I don't call your name, it's because I don't have it so you get up here and you tell me, don't wait til the end of the meeting. Now, because I might mispronounce somebody's name or maybe some other kind of screw up but don't get mad at me. I'm doing the best I can. And just say it's because of her age. She's so old I don't know why they asked her to do this anyway. (Laughter)

Okay, we're going to do the General Grand Chapter Officers. I understand that Helen Westmoreland, Helen's not here is she? Okay. We're going to start with Brother Robert C. Penoyer, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania and his wife Mary, Grand Escort. Then we have Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Matron of Texas and her husband Brother Dr. Charles W. Bane, International Headquarters Administrator and a Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia. (Applause) Then we have Sister Marianne Shenefeld, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming. Brother Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife, Opal, Grand Escort, Sister Paula Argus, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Utah...they're right down here, Brother Dennis Paul Jordan, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and a Past Grand Patron of California. (Applause) I don't think we have any General Grand Chapter Appointed Officers do we, anybody? Okay. Now we are going to go on to the General Grand Chapter Committee members. Now we're starting with Sisters Terrie Castay, Ambassador of New Jersey and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana. Stand up when I call your name, oh you are! (Laughter) Okay, I gotcha. Okay... Diane Smith, Alzheimer's Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, Brother Nelson Campbell, Cancer Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife Georgia, Grand Escort, Sister Wanda Joiner, Chairman of the Community Service Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Mississippi, Brother Gary Miller, Credentials Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Illinois and his wife Kathy, Editor of the Eastern Star Journal, Sisters Wilma Thompson, Chairman Belmont Ball, Francis Sumrall, Membership Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Mississippi, Vi Griffin, Public Relations Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Julie McMillen, Public Relations and a Past Grand Matron of Illinois and her husband Bob, Escort. Now this is the hard part, listen careful. Brothers Jerry Martin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Scottish Rite Charities of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife Betty, Escort. Okay, Bill Wyatt, Shrine Charities, Past Grand Patron of Texas and Worshipful Grand Tiler of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and his wife Ann, Grand Representative to Kentucky in Texas. Now we can give them a hand. (Applause) Oh my gosh! Wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute. No, I didn't forget you I don't think. Wait a minute. Well, I did too. (Laughter) Well, okay. You're the...you're some of thedon't tell me...yeah, you told me. It's about the military, I know that. This is Joyce Nicklas...you too? What's your name? Well, maybe I've got you there. Well, anyway, I did have you and I'm sorry. I don't know if I have you two yet but you're the Grandwhatever. (Laughter) Well, okay, let's go to the...we'll skip that. We're going to the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions. Alright, get quiet y'all. Somebody's talking. (Laughter) Alright, y'all get quiet. These are the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Cheri Pierce, Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas, Donna Fagg, Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas, are they here? There they are. Gayle Porch, Acting Most Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma, she's not here, okay. Brothers Jerry Harrell, Worthy Grand Patron of Arkansas and his wife Paula, Grand Chapter Sweetheart of

Arkansas, George Lang, Worthy Grand Patron of Nevada and his wife Sheryl, Grand Representative to Kentucky in Nevada. Good. Now that's all I've got of y'all. Is there anyone else that's not here? Where are you? I didn't have you on the list. Stand up and tell me where you are. Is somebody standing? I can't hear what your name is. (Someone yells out Mezzy MacKenzie, District of Columbia) Oh, well great. We're glad you're here. Oh that's wonderful. Give them all a hand, but see I didn't have you on my list. (Applause) Yeah, you know, if you don't get the names you can't do it. Okay, now we're going to go to Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions. Sisters Mavis Payne, Past Grand Matron of Arkansas and her husband Ira, Past Grand Patron of Arkansas, Joy Beth Williams, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, Linn McNary, Jr. Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, Roberta Nielson, Past Grand Matron of Mississippi, Marilyn Woods, Past Grand Matron of Missouri, Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I know she's here. Cheryl Martin, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma, Margie McConnell, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma and her husband Warren, Committee Member, Irene Stadick, Past Grand Matron of Virginia... no, huh? of District of Columbia. If I don't get it right, I can't do it. Okay, Brothers Bill Rhyan Past Grand Patron of Arizona and Grand Choir Director of Texas and wife Joy, Arrangements, Distinguished Guests.

WGP Trey Smith: Jay. His wife's name is Jay.

Sister Sarah Coursey: Jay, see they have that wrong too. Carl Larson, Past Grand Patron of Connecticut and his wife Donna, Tommy Rollins, Past Grand Patron of Georgia and his wife Robina, Grand Representative of Texas in Georgia, Joe Earnhardt, Past Grand Patron of Florida and his wife Heather, Jerry Frayser, Past Grand Patron of Mississippi, David Flaxington Past Grand Patron of Rhode Island and his wife Sandie. Is there anybody that...okay don't just talk to them, stand up and tell me who you are.

PGM Kathy Stegall: Kathy Stegall Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma.

Sister Sarah Coursey: Very good. I'm glad you're here because I didn't have you. Anybody else? Or your husband, okay. Stand up and tell me your name.

PGM Kathy Stegall: Gerald Stegall, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma and Grand Representative to Texas in Oklahoma.

Sister Sarah Coursey: Well great, we're glad you're here. Anybody else? (Someone says something about Arkansas 1993) Oh my goodness and what's your name? (Lewis Bryant) We're glad to have you Lewis. Okay, anybody else. Okay give them a hand. (Applause) Now we're going to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Sisters Elise Hammack, Betty Benham and Betty is a special appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron Bobbi's Forever Friend, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Sharon Fentress...are y'all standing? I don't see anybody standing up. Okay, sorry...keep standing so we'll know you're there. Let's see, Doris Hester, Karen Morgenthaler, Nancy Brown, Joyce Gilbert...oh, that's where I had Joyce Nicklas right here, wrong spot, I'm sorry. (Laughter) I'm glad it's you and not some other... Bess Caldwell, Annette Curry. Then we have Brothers...Naomi Wolfe I didn't have you on my list. Where are you? You weren't on my list. They didn't give me your name. I'm sorry. I see her right there. Is there anybody else? Oh Brother...I would have spent another twenty hours on this if I had known all this stuff. (Laughter) Okay, Brothers let me get this, I've got a lot of

stuff up here that's not mine. Okay, Brothers, here we go. H. Lee Stallings, Lee is also a Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, he's a Matador and his wife Patricia, Arrangements – Distinguished Guests. Buddy Baker and his wife Judy, Humanitarian Chairman, District 3. Ed Warner and his wife Beulah, are they here? Oh, they stayed at home. I know Jerry Trees is here, I've seen him. Jerry Trees, Ray Hertenberger and his wife Vicki, Arrangements, Distinguished Guests, K. Arthur Drescher, now he's a Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, he's a Matador and his wife Marty, Arrangements, Distinguished Guests Chairman. David Dibrell, now David was a...oh, they told me what to say, wait a minute. Wait a minute, I've got to get back to.... You gotta say something else first. (Laughter) I'll do it David, don't worry about it. Listen, David Dibrell, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful...no the Grand Lodge...no, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and his wife.

WGP Trey Smith: And a Past Grand Patron.

Sister Sarah Coursey: Well I already said Past Grand Patron...(Laughter) I said that at the beginning you know. And Marlene, now Marlene is Arrangements, Distinguished Guests and but I understand she's Past Supreme Inspector and a member of the House of Gold, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Pot of Gold? Oh well...Bill Crews and his wife Kathey, Grand Representative of Wyoming in Texas. Let's give them a hand. (Applause) Now we're just going to ask that the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions to just stand and wave. Just stand and wave if you're here. We're glad you're here. (Applause) and we're also going to ask the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of Texas to stand and wave. We're glad you're here. Now, I still have up here two of the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. We have Sister Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and husband Charles, Grand Page to the Grand Sentinel. Janice Herridge, Bobbi's Forever Friend and she's Worthy Matron at Edwin J. Kiest Chapter in Dallas. Let's give them a hand. (Applause) That's all folks! (Applause and Laughter)

MC Martha Ervin: Thank you Sister Sarah. Thank you Sister Sarah you did that just right. She's been known to do introductions in unique and innovative ways so we appreciate her so very much. At this time I would ask Brother Trey to come to the podium.

WGP Trey Smith: I know what I want for Christmas now. It's my two front teeth. (Laughter) Will the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron try to come up here again, if you trust me. (I hit myself in the teeth with one of these boxes.) These are a presentation from the Grand Chapter of Texas. In recognition of your visit and we hope that you will enjoy these and I hope you can get it in your luggage. We believe in heavy gifts.

MWGM Bobbi White: Yes you do!

WGP Trey Smith: We buy by the pound. (Laughter)

MWGM Bobbi White: Can I open it?

WGP Trey Smith: It's not an Etch a Sketch. Open it.

MWGM Bobbi White: Well of course I want to open it. It doesn't take me long. Oh my goodness, isn't it lovely? And it's the flag that has been flown over the state Capital on July 4th. How about that? This is the Texas state flag that was flown over your Capital July 4th of this year...now how about that? (Applause) That's wonderful. Thank you so very much Grand Chapter of Texas. I will hand carry this home.

MWGP John Grobler: Well, thank you Texas for this wonderful Texas flag. This says it was flown over the sovereign state of Texas July 4th, 2014 in appreciation to the outstanding service to the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you. Thank you very much. This is just wonderful. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: I just want to tell you, it's not easy getting to the top of that capital to get these flags. (Applause and Laughter)

MWGM Bobbi White: Oh but you are an angel. You could just fly.

WGP Trey Smith: I'm an angel! I can fly! These are gifts on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron. Will you please stand. And we had these made especially for you by a member of Sister Jayne's Chapter and I hope you enjoy them as much as we have enjoyed you being here. We enjoy passing out gifts to you. These are like the pens, they're both alike. It's easier. We believe in cutting down trees in Texas.

MWGM Bobbi White: I tell you what I used to have a, there was an old general store actually in a very small town. You would never wrap gifts for me because you use too much paper and too much tape. Oh, lovely, beautiful. This lovely Texas pecan wood cross is very special. Thank you so much. It is so delicate. Brother Jerl Blalack that made these, are you here? Okay, well, I thank him so much for his handiwork. It certainly is gorgeous.

MWGP John Grobler: Thank you so much Trey and Jayne. This is really nice and this will have a special place in my library. Thank you very much.

WGP Trey Smith: And last but not least, we have a little bit of love. It's flat love. That's the best kind. We took up a donation and this is a paper drive not a silver drill; but we hope you enjoy it so much. And I hope it gets you somewhere down the road. That's the only thing that's not heavy.

MWGM Bobbi White: Thank you once again for this love gift. You've certainly given me a lot of love and I love you right back. (Applause)

MWGP John Grobler: I too thank you for the love gift. It's most appreciated. And I'll be back next year. (Laughter)

MWGM Bobbi White: So will I. (Laughter)

MC Martha Ervin: At this time I would like to invite Sister Lesa to the podium, please.

Grand Esther Lesa Smith: Now a little bit earlier... I'm not on the program printed but I am in the Master of Ceremonies part of the program so that's the part that counts. A little bit ear-

lier I heard the Worthy Grand Matron say we don't have time for presentations but we do, so would you join me. I'm doing this out of order. I gotta do this one first, so I've gotta do this one last cause I have to take him home. (Laughter) Worthy Grand Matron, I work for a Defense contractor and I got something done that is super, super cool. No, it's not a plane. We have several of our employees that have the opportunity to go across the pond. Now sometimes they go across the pond for fun things and sometimes they go across the pond for not fun things. One of our particular employees went across the pond and I say that...he's in Afghanistan. So I have two things for you. One of them, this is a mess of tissue, okay...so hold on to this and you kinda wanna do it at the same time so I don't know how you're going to open everything at once but you have to. (Laughter) We should have cleared the table first. But what I have is a certificate, that y'all can't see but I will read it to you. It says "This flag we proudly flown in combat for Jayne Yenger." It gives me chills too. My name wasn't on the program and my heart started beating faster and I thought why am I not even in print. "Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, 2013-2014." And you guys it was flown in an A-10 Warthog during Operation Enduring Freedom in support of the troops. "Let it be known that this flag was flown in honor of those who give the ultimate sacrifice. It displays America's unwavering resolve to defeat those who threaten us around the world." And it is signed by Pilot Nathan "Ponch" Bevis, United States Air Force Reserve and his Call Sign is Hawg64. It was flown on 25th of May, 2014, Mission #A3663, Tail #79-0119.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you so much. Isn't that gorgeous?

Grand Esther Lesa Smith: And it's engraved. Okay Mr. Smith, you get to stand up now. So here is Trey's and the certificate is the same. It was flown in an A-10 Warthog during the Operation Enduring Freedom on Memorial Day 2014. It is signed by LtCol. Bryan "Thor" Shelton, United States Air Force, Call Sign Hawg53, Dated 26th May, 2014, Mission #A3653, Tail #79-0114. And for some of you guys who have been in the military or you know about weapons, this was done on an Expenditure Flight, they dropped 1,060 30mm, 2 GBU38's and 5 White Phosphorous. So the back of your plaque says, it says of course to me but it was flown for you; "I hope this package finds you both well. Both these flags were flown in an A-10 Thunderbolt "Warthog" over the skies of Afghanistan in support of our Troops on the ground. The AFB, Missouri. My Unit, the 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, keeps 'em flying and ready for action! Any aircraft can encounter a number of things from show of force to intimidate the enemy, to actual engagement – dropping bombs, firing missiles or rockets or the infamous 30mm rounds. The aircraft that Trey's flag and the honor of flying on engaged an enemy force of approximately 60 insurgents/hostiles who meant to do grave harm to a U. S. Convoy with several American troops. The convoy continued and we took no casualties that day thanks to this A-10 and Lt. Col. Shelton's decisive action. At the bottom of the certificate you will see the Expenditures from this mission. Pretty Awesome! The bad guys thought they were going to inflict great harm that day. Aircraft 79-114 and Lt. Col. Shelton prevented that from happening and took them out of the fight. Proud to be an American! (Applause) You have a flag too.

WGP Trey Smith: Why, thank so you. Thank you very much!

Grand Esther Lesa Smith: You're welcome.

MC Martha Ervin: Well what a nice gesture, Lesa. What a nice gift. At this time we will have Sister Vi Griffin, Public Relations Committee, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, who will speak on behalf of Texas' General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

PGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Martha. Protocol having been established, Sister Sarah having provided our entertainment (Laughter) and Sister Lesa having restored decorum to the evening, I would say on behalf of the General Grand Chapter Committees who I would invite to stand with me, we're all in this together. Some of us are just in a little deeper. (Laughter) I would first thank the Most Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to serve General Grand Chapter and then to each of you here this evening for always being so supportive of the projects of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. This "Golden Links Uniting for Tomorrow's Hope" is so appropriately named this evening for each of us is a Golden Link in our Fraternal Chain. And our chain must remain strong in fraternal love and service for us to have a hope for tomorrow or the years beyond. Our united is what makes us strong and so may we be united in a common hope for Order. Not just for tomorrow but for many years to come. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Martha Ervin: Thank you, Sister Vi. Now help me welcome our friend and Brother, John E. Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Washington, Order of the Eastern Star.

MWGP John Grobler: Thank you Madam Chairman. Well, I'm just going to have to ditto everything that Sister Vi said. It's good to be here for this "Golden Links Uniting for Tomorrow's Hope" Banquet. Boy, that's a mouth full. And it is appropriate that I follow Sister Vi. We were here two years ago when I was Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Vi had her Session at that time and Sister Vi was the baby of our Triennium. So, nice to see you Sister Vi. But enough about Sister Vi. (Laughter) As you know, today was declared by the city of Waco to be Bobbi White and John Grobler Day. But there's actually somebody here that has a day way more important and it's his birthday. Bob Penoyer, our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, will you please stand. Today is Bob's birthday. (Applause) So would we all sing Happy Birthday to Bob. (Everyone sings Happy Birthday and Applause) There ya go. And I relinquish the rest of my time to you... (Laughter) The dinner was pretty good this evening. There was plenty of butter (Laughter) and we even had coffee with cream and I thank all of you who brought me more butter. Well, enough about the dinner. We're really here to honor the Most Worthy Grand Matron. It seems that a while back there were these newlyweds. They had been married about six months. He liked to play golf and she liked to stay home and knit. For the sake of the story I guess we'll just call them Jim and Bobbi. One Saturday morning Jim got out of bed early, grabbed his golf clubs and out he went to play golf. And he was out all day, played eighteen holes. When he came home Bobbi was pretty upset with him. Well she said "Did you forget something today?" and Jim said "Yeah, I forgot my new putter, darn it." She said "No, today is our anniversary." He says "Oh, no.." and she says "Well you are going to have to make it up to me." She said "Tomorrow morning there better be something parked in the driveway that goes from zero to two hundred in less than five seconds." So the next morning she went out to the driveway and there was a brand new bathroom scale. (Laughter) Funny guy that Jim. His funeral is this Saturday. (Laughter) Well actually we're here to honor the Most Worthy Grand Matron. And it's appropriate that this is given to the highest office in Eastern Star because it's a very challenging office because there are a lot of folks that pull in

many different directions. It's a challenging job because you have to pull them back and you don't always have reigns on all of them. So it's appropriate that we honor the station and the person holding the station. And it's great that you are all here tonight to do that. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Martha Ervin: Thank you Most Worthy Grand Patron. We're pleased that you and your lady, Barbara could be with us in Texas again this year. Now we will hear from our own Silver Star. Welcome Brother Trey, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you ma'am. It's good to be with you again this evening. I hope everyone enjoyed the meal and the wonderful introductions this afternoon. I think it went very very well. (Laughter) From my angle it was great. But I am so thankful that protocol was established earlier and to Sister Bobbi, I know this banquet is being held in your honor and I want you to know seriously how much we enjoy you being here. We really are proud that you're here. You represent us wherever you go, all over the world and you do such a wonderful job of it. I can't imagine the many miles that you've travelled and the many places that you've been...

MWGM Bobbi White: I could tell you.

WGP Trey Smith: I'm sure you can. But I sincerely hope that all of those places were wonderful. But I can't imagine that all of them compare to being here. (Laughter) I don't know many places that you two go that you receive jewelry and everything...it's great. (Laughter) Huge, big jewelry. But we are very appreciative and I mean it sincerely. Thank you so much. To our General Grand Chapter Committee Appointments that we have in Texas we are so proud of you. You represent us so well and we appreciate all of the service that you have extended to each one of us representing your different committees. I know it's got to be very hard work because some of you look so tired. (Laughter) I mean that in a good way, especially you Joyce. I know you're working hard, being forgotten and everything... (Laughter) We appreciate you being here, thank you. I want to make sure you're introduced again to get it right. That bothers me. (Laughter) Brother John we've enjoyed you being here as well. Yes, so stand...we enjoy your sense of humor. We enjoy you sharing things with us and we hope that when you leave you have plenty of butter to carry you on your way. (Laughter) Slide out of town. It has been great to be with you. We look forward to seeing you back in our Grand Chapter room as we have our other programs this evening. But just know that we love you and may you always live well, love much and laugh often. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Martha Ervin: Thank you Brother Trey, you will always be our shining star. It is my pleasure to now welcome to the podium our Golden Link who encouraged us throughout this year to believe in our Order, hope for the future, have love for the children and pray for our nation's peace. Welcome Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Martha. To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, I want to say that you have indeed honored us in the city of Waco at our Grand Chapter Session. We have looked forward to this for a long time. Now we have a saying in Texas that "All roads lead to Waco." And looking out here this evening I can assure you that is true. But we are so glad that your road led you to Waco and that we love you. Brother John, thank you for being

able to attend our Session. It is indeed an honor to have the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter cause you see when I first got my start in Eastern Star, I worked directly under the General Grand Chapter. Sister Bobbi, I was initiated in a small Chapter in Germany, in Peace Chapter #2 in Stuttgart and it demised a few years ago. But when I had the opportunity to serve as the Secretary of my Chapter and work with General Grand Chapter it was indeed an honor. So that is why it was so special for you to make your official visit here tonight. Thank you. And I was initiated a few years ago, a little over fifty now, and it was mentioned in your report that we had another Most Worthy Grand Matron from Texas and she was Most Worthy Grand Matron when I was initiated and of course she was from right here in Waco. And then a few years later we had Sister Rennie. So we're just kind of proud in Texas. Thank you. I know we have just about introduced just about everybody today, some of you twice. So I think the introductions went quite well, thank you Sister Sarah. (Applause) Sister Lesa, I do thank you for that special presentation as you know "Proud to be an American" has been special to me this year since Brother Paul was a career Officer. Thank you so much. That means a great deal. Know I love you. But I just want to say to our out of state visitors, looking about this room that we're glad that your road led you to Waco. We hope you enjoy our Session and we're sorry that we have long days and long nights but we just hope that you enjoy each and every moment of it. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Martha Ervin: Thank you Sister Jayne. We thank you for those words and your leadership this past year. We love you. Now for our evening's Honored Guest. Please join me in a hearty welcome to Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star. (Applause)

MWGM Bobbi White: Thank you so very much. You know it's special for me to be in Waco also and I'll tell you that in a minute, but welcome to Bobbi White Day in Waco. Now that's a first. But did you see the big Texas size jewel I received today and John also? It's really big, it's really heavy and my diamonds are already falling off though Trey. (Laughter) I'm going to have to find a jeweler somewhere. But that is what Texas is about. I was trying to wear it around my neck and I did for a while and then I had to have my hands to hold it up, it is really heavy. It is a distinct pleasure and high honor to attend such a wonderful banquet this evening in my honor. I want you to know that this is a first. The decorations and the table favors are lovely and the room is full of chatter and that's always a good sign. But this table right down there has been having way too much fun and that's exactly where I'd like to be. You know I haven't had much time to cook with all the travelling that I do but while I've been here I've asked two different ladies for their recipes for a couple of things that I have sampled and they said do you really have time to cook. Well, Jim says now the best thing I make now are reservations. (Laughter) He says when I cook at home, he said I'm reading recipes like I read science fiction. And that ain't gonna happen either! All of us are having such a good time with you in Waco and I thank you most sincerely for every courtesy extended to me during my stay. I am known also as "Delta Dawn" that means I'm leaving at O-Dark thirty in the morning to go to the Peace Garden for the weekend. So just keep us in your prayers as we move along from place to place doing what you all elected us to do. My extra special connection with Waco is that our oldest son graduated from Baylor (Applause) Oh come on you can do better than that! You're in Waco! (Louder Applause) And you know once a Baylor Bear, always a Baylor Bear. He came back to law school at West Virginia University and then went on to New York University and got his Taxmaster's Law Degree. He is now a Tax and Financial Planning Attorney in West Virginia, but it all started right here at Baylor in Waco, Texas and I'm Texas

proud! (Applause) But then there's a down side to that too because Baylor and West Virginia are in the same Big Twelve Conference. (Laughter) Tuesday evening we drove around the Baptist Campus and my how it has grown since he was here in the early eighties. It always was and still is a beautiful campus and you have every right to be proud of Baylor University. I think RG3 (Robert Griffin III) had a little bit to do with putting you on the map as well. It seems like the next item of business has been taken care of, you already have sung to Bob Penoyer. But in dealing with age I just wonder if you've ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking surely I don't look that old. (Laughter) Well I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his diploma on the wall which bore his full name and suddenly...you know how you reminisce and these visions come back to you? I remembered a tall handsome dark haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some thirty years ago. Could it be the same guy that I had a secret crush on way back then? Upon seeing him however I quickly discarded such a thought. This balding grey haired man with a deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he had examined my teeth I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School. "Yes, yes I did" he said. "I'm a Mustang" and he gleamed with pride as he said it. When did you graduate I asked? He answered "In 1975. Why do you ask?" "You were in my class." I exclaimed. He looked at me closely and then that ugly, old, bald, wrinkled faced, grey haired, decrepit man asked "What did you teach?" (Laughter) It's been great being with you and I love Texas! (Applause)

MC Martha Ervin: Most Worthy Grand Matron and Sister Bobbi, thank you for honoring Texas with your presence on this occasion. Our wishes for you is that your continued endeavors and travels will be successful and safe. Thank you again. At this time I want to remind everyone of the Secretary and Treasurers Breakfast at the Hilton in the morning at 7:00 a.m. Sisters and Brothers we have experience Fellowship, Friendship and Fraternity this evening as well as having heard words of thankfulness, hope and encouragement but we must now return to the assembly hall for the Memorial Service and the ESTARL Award Program. Thank you for complimenting us with your presence. Please rise for the Benediction which will be given by Linda Hugo a member of the Arrangements Committee.

Sister Linda Hugo: As you join hands with the person next to you, let us bow our heads in prayer. Heavenly Father we want to give you praise and honor for the many blessings you have given each of us. We pray that you continue to lead and guide our Order and the benevolent work that we do and that it would be pleasing to you. Please be with our Leaders as they guide us in this Grand Chapter Session. And we ask your blessings upon our military who are serving to preserve our freedom and our youth organizations who are the hope of our future. Watch over us and keep us safe throughout our proceedings. In Jesus' name, Amen. (Amen)

MC Martha Ervin: One moment, one moment... hold it.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers I'd like to remind you that we do have a Humanitarian Program that will be starting in a few minutes and I hope that you will join us. Also on your way out you'll notice on the right there's a beautiful quilt displayed, that we will be selling tickets for and the winner will be announced at our Rob Morris Picnic on Friday night. "Picnic on the Brazos". And also if you're coming to our picnic, we have a \$4,500. sapphire and diamond pendant that you may also buy a raffle ticket for. Thank you.

End of the “Golden Links, Uniting for Tomorrow’s Hope Banquet

132nd Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
“Golden Links of Love”
Waco Convention Center
Thursday Evening, August 7, 2014
Humanitarian Program, 8:00 p.m.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers we are about to begin our Humanitarian Drill. I would like to present to you Sister Vickie Matthews who will present the Humanitarian Program, “Peace for our Nation” Drill. Sister Vickie.

Sister Vickie Matthews: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter family, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished members, my beloved Sisters and Brothers. It is with much pride and pleasure that I present to you the Humanitarian Program for 2013-2014. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron thank you so much for your confidence in me by giving me the honor of serving the Grand Chapter in this capacity and for giving me five wonderful ladies to work with. I am pleased to introduce the five District Chairmen: Sisters Charlotte Beall, District 1; Jean Harrison, District 2; Judy Baker, District 3; Wanda Goodson, District 4; and Cathy Eidson, District 5. They have done an awesome job this year and I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to work with each of them. This year the Worthy Grand Matron chose PEACE as her theme for the Humanitarian Program with each of these letters representing one of the five projects of the program: Benevolent Aid, Education Fund, General Fund, Ladies at the TMRC and ESTARL. For the Humanitarian Drill today, we encouraged the Jr. Past Matrons, Jr. Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to bring stuffed animals to represent our dedication to helping those outside of our membership. These will be donated to the Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital in Dallas. As part of this we also encouraged them to purchase one of the penguins which were available from the Joy for the Children Committee. I now invite the Jr. Past Matrons, Jr. Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons from the Chapters to enter the Grand Chapter room to represent their Chapter’s participation in the Humanitarian Program and to present the animals they have brought. While they do this, the District Chairmen will present their reports. I invite Sister Charlotte Beall to bring her report of District 1.

Sister Charlotte Beall: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. As the year comes to a close, I reflect on my experiences over the past year. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Humanitarian Chairman for District 1 for the 2013-2014 year. My thanks to Sister Jayne Yenger and Brother Trey Smith for all your support. I have had the pleasure of making many new friends and renewing old friendships as I have traveled the District 1 Schools. The participation from the Chapters in District 1 has been outstanding and I congratulate each Chapter for their dedication and District 1 members you should be proud to know that all Chapters in our District went over and beyond their generosity toward the Humanitarian Program. I am excited to report that all 90 Chapters in District 1 have contributed 100% or more:

58 Chapters were 100%
15 Chapters were 200%
6 Chapters were 300%
2 Chapters were 400%

2 Chapters were 500% and they were Boyd Chapter 897, Section 1
 And Athens Chapter 177, Section 7
 3 Chapters were 600% and they were Winnie Chapter 160, Section 5
 Mabank Chapter 821, Section 7
 And Dal-Cliff Chapter 574, Section 4
 1 Chapter was 700% and it is Eustace Chapter 1062, Section 7 and
 3 Chapters were 1,000% and they are Richardson Chapter 921, Section 5 at 1,009%
 Ferris Chapter 508, Section 5 at 1,011% and
 Farmers Branch Chapter 687, Section 5 at 1,645% (Applause)

Total members in District 1 as of May 31, 2013 was 7,321. Total Chapters, 90.
 In our Humanitarian Program we had PEACE to spell out.

P – Benevolent Aid we had \$3,115.00
 E – Education – \$5,394.50
 A – General Fund – \$1,885.00
 C – TMRC Ladies - \$1,259.00
 E – ESTARL – \$5,122.50

Total money donated to the Humanitarian Program was \$16,776.00. (Applause)
 Thank you again District 1 for all your support this year. You are #1.

It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Jean Harrison, Humanitarian Chairman for District 2.

Sister Jean Harrison: Thank you Sister Charlotte and thank you Sister Vickie. Y'all have established protocol so I will not go through that again. Thank you. I am pleased and proud to present the following Humanitarian report for District 2. Our District has 29 Chapters with a membership of 2,717. Twenty-eight Chapters participated in *Peace for our Nation* Humanitarian Program at 100% or more. Six Chapters were 200%: Brownfield #785, Freedom #898, Hereford #312, Amarillo #787, Abilene #30 and Lubbock #76. Two Chapters, Seminole #855 and Odessa #447 attained 500%. District 2 Chapters and its members contributed \$4,212.00 to five programs this 2013-2014 Grand Chapter year as follows:

P – Benevolent Aid	\$ 431.50
E – Education	1,054.00
A – General Fund	473.50
C – TMRC Ladies	830.00
E – ESTARL	1,422.50

I want to especially thank Worthy Grand Matron Jayne Yenger and Worthy Grand Patron Trey Smith for this appointment. The opportunity to work with the Chapters of District 2 gave me a knowledge and appreciation of the membership and the loving work each one does. Their participation in and contributions to the PEACE Humanitarian Program continues to emulate the love and benevolence of our Eastern Stars in Texas. In my travels, just a mere 10,500 miles, to Schools, Fraternal Visits, our District Banquet, our Round Up, even a Mardi Gras in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and also attending at least one School in the other Districts, I found each path paved with Star love, hugs and the happiness of friends, both old and new. Thanks to each and everyone who made my year so awesome.

I now recognize Sister Judy Baker, Humanitarian Chairman, District 3. (Applause)

Sister Judy Baker: Thank you Sister Jean and thank you Worthy Grand Matron Jayne and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Trey for this wonderful appointment. Now, the Humanitarian Report for 2013-2014 for District 3:

Number of Chapters in District 3, 67, Number of members in District 3, 5,116

47 Chapters	100% or more
8 Chapters	200%
6 Chapters	300%
1 Chapter	400% and that is Hadassah #188
3 Chapters	500% Santa Anna #247, Granbury #530, Webb #11140
1 Chapter	600% Santo #270
1 Chapter	800% Mart #109

All 67 Chapters in District 3 are 100% or more.

Total Amount donated to the Program by District 3 is \$8,585.00.

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Baker

It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Wanda Goodson, Humanitarian Chairman for District 4. (Applause)

Sister Wanda Goodson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, what an honor it has been to represent District 4 in the *Peace for our Nation* Humanitarian Program. District 4 will you stand with me and be proud of your achievement. (Applause) While attending the Schools of Instruction, I challenged each Chapter to give more than 100% as we talked about *Peace for our Nation* and knowing that Peace begins from within each of us. These funds help so many deserving Sisters and Brothers in this beautiful Order. After our Program, you answered my challenge. District 4 has 101 Chapters with 9,322 members. The total collected was \$17,306.50. All Chapters were 100% at the Schools in January. Thirty five Chapters attained between 200% and 1100% after the Schools. I'd like to recognize Chapters that were 500% and more.

Franklin #311	500%
Madisonville #187	500%
Kurten #1146	500%
Huffman #1112	600%
Caldwell #976	600%
Brenham #144	600%
Zavalla #952	600%
Anahuac #649	700%
Bryan #222 and Somerville #145	1000%

And the top honor again goes to Mt. Belvieu with 1142%.

Thank you District 4 for allowing us to give this wonderful report. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for trusting me with this Special Appointment. Now it is my please to introduce Cathy Eidson, District 5, Humanitarian Chairman. (Applause)

Sister Cathy Eidson: (Moving a box to stand on) – Only because the boss said that I should. (Laughter) Thank you Sister Wanda. Worthy Matron, I want to thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve you and the members of District 5 as *Peace for our Nation* Humanitarian Chairman for Grand Chapter year 2013-2014. It has been a rewarding experience and I shall

cherish it forever. I thank the members and Chapters of District 5 for their donations, love and support. I could not have done this without them. Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for helping make this year a very memorable one and for “Standing United” with our sweet Sister Jayne. I love you both. I am proud to give the final Humanitarian Report for District 5 as follows:

Total number of Chapters in District 557
 Total members in District 54,518

Number of 100% Chapters or more36
 Number of 200% Chapters8 and they are

- Alice Chapter #61
- Pleasanton Chapter #133
- Sarah Chapter #353
- Oakville Chapter #521
- Seguin Chapter #555
- Creedmoor Chapter #607
- Cuero Chapter #618 and
- Bandera Chapter #643

Number of 300% Chapters4, they are

- Luling Chapter #155
- Gonzales Chapter #403
- Edinburg Chapter #473
- Canyon Lake Chapter #1103 and

Number of Chapters 400%2

- Hondo Chapter #404 and
- Poteet Chapter #913

Number of 500% Chapters3

- Leaky Chapter #18
- Waelder Chapter #1023
- Zapata Chapter 1106

Number of 600% Chapters2

- Yoakum Chapter #282
- Mathis Chapter #874 And

I am so proud of all the Chapters but I have to give special recognition to a Chapter that was 1,100% or more and that was Amistad Chapter #1740 (the correct Chapter # is 1115). Is anyone here from Amistad? (Applause) Floresville Chapter #271 wanted to beat everybody so Floresville Chapter #271 had 1,700%. (Applause) Total monies donated to the *Peace for our Nation* Humanitarian Program in District 5 \$10,348.02. (Applause) Okay, I now recognize our Boss..our other Boss, General Chairman Vickie Mathews. (Applause)

Sister Vickie Mathews: As you have heard, the Chapters in each of the five Districts have shown their overwhelming support for the Humanitarian Program this year. I am now proud to announce the following totals for all Districts:

Benevolent Aid	\$10,602.65
Education	17,197.65
General Fund	5,712.40
TMRC	7,202.15
ESTARL	16,536.67

The grand total contributed to the Humanitarian Program this year is \$57,251.52. We thank all of the Chapters for their generosity this year. It is because of the support of the Chapters of Texas and you, the membership, that we are able to share with those in need within our beloved Order as well as so many others who do not belong to our Order, what Eastern Star is really all about. Thank you. Respectfully submitted, Vickie Mathews, Humanitarian General Chairman. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Vickie. What a wonderful report. I am so proud of each and every District. You have done a fantastic job this year. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to bring greetings?

WGP Trey Smith: Ladies, you've outdone yourself. I know it took the membership of Texas to make this possible but each District needed a leader and you were that leader. And it's because of your love and your energy and your enthusiasm that everything and every report was so wonderful. Thank you so much for all of your hard work. We appreciate it. Sister Vickie, thank you for serving as General Chairman. You did an awesome job. (Applause)

Links of Hope Session
Thursday Evening, 8:35 p.m.

Call to Order

Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Bill Wyatt
Shrine Charities Committee, GGC
Past Grand Patron of Texas

PGM Bess Caldwell: Good evening my Sisters and Brothers. It is a special privilege for me to greet each of you along with my Worthy Grand Patron Brother Bill Wyatt. I am deeply aware of the honor that has been given to me and I want to extend a warm welcome to each of you our beloved Texas membership. I welcome you with pride and joy. It is my wish that when you return to your respective Chapters that you will feel richly blessed for being in Waco for this Grand Chapter Session. It is exciting to stand in the Grand East with my Bill once again and to look out at this magnificent membership. It brings back such wonderful memories. Sister Michelle, thank you so much for your beautiful music. I ask that the membership show how much we appreciate her. (Applause) Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members all. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, for the special honor you have accorded me this evening. It is my privilege to open this Thursday Evening Session with my Worthy Grand Patron Brother Bill Wyatt. Brother Bill, will you bring your words of greeting at this time.

PGP Bill Wyatt: Thank you Sister Bess. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity to share this Grand East with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell who I served this Grand Chapter with in 2009-2010. Sister Jayne, our friendship goes back for many years. Ann and I treasure that friendship very much. I remember several times, bus trips and a lot of good stories I could tell this membership that we shared together and thank you very much. Brother Trey, I would like to thank you for all you've done for this membership, for this Grand Chapter and we appreciate all that you will do in the future. And thank you so much for your friendship. Sister Jayne and Brother Trey, thank you for this honor tonight to be a part of your Grand Chapter and open this Thursday Evening Session, *Links of Hope*. We, the membership, thank you for your leadership and accomplishments this year. You have served our Order well and we appreciate you as you continue to serve this Grand Chapter. Thank you.

PGM Bess Caldwell: I now call this 132nd Grand Chapter of Texas Session to Order. (One rap) I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to please join Brother Bill and me in the East. (Applause) (Three raps) It is with much pleasure and pride that I present Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Trey, Worthy Grand Patron. Would you please join me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (One rap) Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much pride and pleasure that I present to you your gavel to continue your business of this Grand Chapter for this evening. Thank you for this honor.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Bess. The Grand Chapter Officers for 2013-2014 will now enter the Grand Chapter room. The Grand Officers will assume their stations. Sister Bess,

thank you for opening this *Links of Hope Session*. My hope is that there will always have a special link in our fraternal family. Brother Bill, many years ago there was a bus trip, remember? Since then you and Sister Ann have a special link in my Fraternal Chain. I thank you for opening this *Links of Hope Session*. My hope is we may always remain friends. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to thank our friends?

WGP Trey Smith: I want to say thank you to Sister Bess for opening this Session of Grand Chapter. Your friendship and Brother Al's friendship means so much to me and I love you very much and I appreciate you both. You represent District 2 so well, with grace and honor. Brother Bill, I appreciate all you have done for me and I do appreciate our long standing friendship. And I thank you very much for that incredible Precision Drill that you led today. It means a great deal to me as well as your friendship, you and Ann. Thank you.

ESTARL Presentation

Musical Prelude

Michelle Stegman
Grand Organist

General Chairman

Charlene Stimits Butchee
General Chairman

WGM Jayne Yenger: We have the pleasure of having our ESTARL chairman, Charlene Stimits Butchee to present our ESTARL Program this evening. Sister Charlene.

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Are y'all happy to be here? (Yes and applause) Well, look at the one next to you and say "You're the best looking thing I've seen all day." Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. If there are any recipients in the audience I would like to invite you to come to the stage at this time. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all. We are so pleased to have all of you with us here this evening. It is my pleasure as General Chairman of the ESTARL Committee to extend a warm welcome to each of you to this *Links of Love*, Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership service. And at this time I would like to introduce to you the other members of this Committee.

District 1 Chairman, Alys Newsom
District 2 Chairman, Susan Dormady
District 3 Chairman, Joyce Followill
District 4 Chairman, Doris Wagner and
District 5 Chairman, Nancy Storey.

These outstanding people have given many empowering hours of prayer and labor toward the culmination of this committee. My sincere appreciation and thanks for each of them for their dedication and cooperation. Please help me thank them. (Applause) To be called to God to further the word of the gospel is a tremendous responsibility. The guests seated in the East this evening have accepted this challenge in their lives and have responded to His call. It is our privilege as members of the Order of the Eastern Star to be able to assist them through this Committee and your generosity in the pursuits of higher education in this field and endeavor. We congratulate them in their career choice and pray God's blessings be ever with them. We invite our guests in the East and their families in the audience to stand as we wel-

come them. Please help me welcome them. (Applause) Okay, I would like for y'all to stand as we ask Jacob Hunter from District 5, a Recipient of District 5 to bring our Invocation. His sponsoring Chapter is Creedmoor Chapter and he is attending Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Jacob.

Jacob Hunter: Will you join me in prayer.

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Would y'all please stand?

Jacob Hunter: Gracious and holy Lord, we are all grateful for this opportunity to gather this evening. We ask that you join us and be with us this evening and we pray that this service is pleasing to you. Be with myself and each of my fellow recipients as we prepare for this upcoming school year. In your holy name we pray, Amen. (Amen)

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Y'all may be seated. Rebecca Jean Love a recipient of District 1 is attending Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary where she is pursuing a Doctorate Degree, Doctorate of Ministry Degree. We have asked her to sing for us this evening. Her sponsoring Chapter is Athens #177. She will accompanied by Monica Mahfouz, my daughter, on the piano.

(“I Bowed on my Knees and Cried Holy”) (Applause)

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Thank you Rebecca that was just beautiful. Thank you, Monica. Shelby Lynn Geyer recipient of District 3 is attending Dallas Baptist University. We have asked her to bring our Scripture reading for this evening. Her sponsoring Chapter is Handley #617. Shelby is the granddaughter of Lynda and the late Leland Benefield. Shelby?

Shelby Lynn Geyer: Hi. First I just wanted to thank y'all for the financial support and the prayers throughout my college career. The first passage that I'd like to share with you is Romans 8:38-39 “For I am sure that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” It's such a comforting feeling that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. The summer before my sophomore year of college, my grandpa got really sick. After we got the news that he wasn't going to get any better I kept questioning the Lord “Why are you taking my hero away at such a young age. Like, it's just not fair. But the answer is that Jesus loves us and He loves him too and He knew he was in so much pain, He just wanted to take him home and so my last passage is from I Thessalonians 4:15-18 “For this we declare to you by word from the Lord, we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an Archangel. And with the sound of the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord. Therefore encourage each other with these words.” (Applause)

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Thank you Shelby. Now I'm pleased to present to you the speaker for this evening Christian Messemer and this guy is ready to go. He is a recipient of District 3, he's attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he is pursuing a

Doctorate Degree. He is married to Matia for ten years and they have two children Anna, three and a half, A.J. one year old. His sponsoring Chapter is Polytechnic #420. Christian?

Christian Messemer: Good evening! (Good evening) Everybody awake? I know you had a long day so I'm only going to take about forty five minutes. (Groans..Laughter) No I'm going to try to limit it to fifteen to twenty. Everybody focus in, we're going to focus in on the word of God. Last year I was asked to read the Scripture and I was in III John verses 5-8 so I figured since I read it last year, I might as well come to elaborate on it a little this year. So here we go. If you've got the scripture with you, if you've got the scripture on your phone, fell free to take it out. III John, we're going to start with verse 1 and we're going to go through verse 8. 1"The Elder: To my beloved Gaius, I love you in the truth. 2Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and be in good health physically just as you are spiritually. 3For I was very glad when some brothers came and testified to your faithfulness to the truth – how you are walking in the truth. 4I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth." Here are the verses that are very apropos for your generosity, your giving and how this has affected our lives, the lives of those on the stage and the others who were unable to make it with us today. "5Beloved, you are showing faithfulness by whatever you do for the brothers, especially when they are strangers. 6They have testified to your love in front of the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God, 7since they set out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from pagans. 8Therefore, we ought to support such men so that we can be co-workers with the truth."

John pens this letter to his beloved, Gaius, however you'd like to pronounce that, whom he loves in the truth. If you've read the Gospel of John, the letters of John, you'll realize this word beloved is a word we see often times as we're reading through. Beloved, the one whom Jesus loved and who was beloved of Jesus. Signifying John's, I guess we could say, deep relationship, his mentee relationship to the Christ. So John was the one Jesus loved. What we see here is there is a similar relationship between John and Gaius. Right? John has now become the mentor and is pouring out his love into another. Gaius, now he, the beloved, has become the beloved, right? We don't have enough time to delve into the depths of this word truth, right? I pray that you may prosper whom I love in truth. We don't really have enough time to delve into what this word truth really means but John is using it as a synonym for the Gospel. So what is the Gospel? This is why we're here, this is what we've just heard in the musical responses that we heard and in our prayers...what is the Gospel? What is this truth with which we all hold? This truth that provides a foundation where we can all come together and worship despite our different denominations, our different backgrounds. In short the Gospel confirms who Jesus Christ is. The son of God who will return to judge the living and the dead. The Gospel explains what Jesus did. He because incarnate, lived a perfect life, was unjustly condemned, was crucified, and was resurrected. And the Gospel also sets out the ramifications for what has happened. What has occurred as a result of Christ's sacrifice. That anyone who believes and confesses the name of Christ will be saved. And this Gospel must be believed and lived out if one is to be considered a follower of Jesus Christ. So this love that John has for Gaius, is a love that has its roots and beginnings in who Jesus is, what Jesus has done for humanity, and the hope of an eternity spent with Him. As we kind of move on to verses 2-4, I want you to kind of see three things, I want you to see Prayer, Praise and Paternal Pride. So I'll kind of recap verses 2-4. "2Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and be in good health physically just as you are spiritually. 3For I was very glad when some brothers came and testified to your faithfulness to the truth – how you are walking

in the truth.” How you are walking in the Gospel. 4I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” First just look at John’s prayer for Gaius: “I pray that you prosper in every way and be in good health physically just as you are spiritually.” That’s kind of a curious prayer, isn’t it? How many would want this prayer prayed on our behalf? I want you to be as physically stout as you are spiritually. How many of us would feel a lot older than we do right now if that was the prayer? How many of us might be younger? I know when I examined my life I would be a lot older. I don’t think I’d be as vital as I am right now. You know that’s just about where the spiritual life goes, up and down, ebbing and flowing. But what John is really focusing on is the vitality. He wants us to see the vitality of Gaius’ spiritual life. He had to have had a great spiritual life, right, for this to be a prayer. Because if not it would have been a what? It would have been a curse. So you can just see the vitality of Gaius in his spiritual life. How he walked with the Lord. The reason John knows he can pray this prayer for Gaius is that he knows something about Gaius’ life that makes John confident in his spiritual vitality. Then we go into the second, look at his praise of Gaius. “3For I was very glad when some brothers came and testified to your faithfulness of the Gospel –how you are walking in the truth or in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.” John is sending a letter to Gaius, right? We should realize that people didn’t live very close to one another in those days. The missionary journey of Paul many, many miles traveled on foot. The individuals under whom John was working, there were many miles in between churches, in between cities, in between countries. So they didn’t see each other very often yet just because John and Gaius lived far away didn’t mean that the actions of Gaius were unknown to John. Brothers or members of John’s church have returned from a journey and have brought news of Gaius’ behavior to John. Whatever Gaius did for these members, we don’t really know exactly, we can kind of infer based on some of the later passages but what we do know is whatever Gaius was doing in his local community, whatever Gaius was working on there, guess what? He was demonstrating in action that he was a believer in Jesus Christ. Not just word but living it out in action. This is why John is so excited, Gaius is not only professing the name of Jesus, it’s something that we are taught to do, we profess the name of Jesus. But that’s only half the coin, right? The other half of the coin is living it out. To say I’m a follower of Jesus Christ and to act differently that’s kind of duplicitous right? Gives us a bad name as believers. Gaius wasn’t this way. He was a man that professed Christ and lived according to the Gospel of Christ. His actions matched his heart. That’s what he was going for. And this is a key understanding, not only John but think about Paul. I want to see the fruits of your life. Or maybe James, faith and works or Jesus, show me obedience, not sacrifice. So this kind of pairs up with everything John was taught when he was walking with the Lord for three years. Then look at John’s paternal pride. “4I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” Or according to the Gospel. The greatest joy that John could have is to hear that his spiritual children, those he has won to Christ, those he has mentored, those he has poured out his life in to, are walking according to the Gospel. These children acting according to the Gospel. How many parents/grandparents or maybe great-grandparents do we have here? I’m sure about everybody is going to raise their hand for one or the other, right? Now think back, for some of you that are great-grandparents I’m going to ask you to re-wind just a little bit. Think about when you were a parent. And think about your children. You’re bringing them up, you’re raising them, you’re trying to raise them under the guidance of the Lord. Bring them up to act properly both when you’re there and present but also when you’re not. And we probably all have a story like this: a kid goes away to camp, a kid goes to spend the night over at a friend’s house or whatever the case may be and you’re apart from them. You’re wondering how they are behaving. And they come home, right? And a mom who’s

there or a dad who's was there, comes up to you and they want to brag on your child. We've all had that paternal moment haven't we? And it gets us really excited, but why does it get us excited? You know, why do we rejoice over something like that? Why do we get excited? Why? Well number one it demonstrates that something we said, something we've tried to teach our children, guess what, it stuck. And that's a beautiful thing, right? That's what we're after. We want our rewards to stick in the hearts and the minds of our children. But more than that it talks about the character. Not only is my child going to act a certain way when they're around me cause they know there will be ramifications for acting differently, right? Everybody's got a spank spoon or something like it, right? But we see the inner workings of their character. Their character being formed and the way they behave is not just about saying when mom or dad are nearby but this is someone who's going to act this particular way even when I'm not watching. And that's where true character is built. And this is why John is so excited. Because now he knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that not only has the Gospel stuck from a word standpoint, the Gospel is stuck from a heart standpoint. And the Gospel is being lived out by Gaius and it is affected and impacting other believers. So what has he done to get this admonition? Why is John so excited? We learned about this a little bit more in verses 5-8. He's taking care of Christian missionaries with funds from his own pocket. So 5-8 "Beloved, you are showing faithfulness by whatever you do for the brothers especially when they are strangers." And I think this is apropos for us especially today. Again we see the connection between proper belief and proper action. It should come as no surprise to you that the ancient world was hostile to Christianity. You think it's hostile today, guess what? It wasn't anything like today back then...much, much worse. For travelling missionaries it was especially dangerous as there were not churches on every corner, right? We've kind of gotten used to that, I mean there's a Baptist church about on every corner. There's about seven in every city. That's why you have 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th...Here down south we have the token Lutheran church, the token Catholic churches you know, etc. etc. There's churches everywhere. You know we can always find places to go and to be amongst Brothers and Sisters who believe in the Gospel. We know Jesus Christ and what he's done for us so we can have that relationship. It wasn't the same back then. Instead there were small groups of believers scattered across the continent, worshipping in their homes. When missionaries traveled they needed protection, they needed food, they might have even needed money just to get by, right? So it's not only what but how. Gaius takes care of these missionaries. That really hits home with John. He demonstrates his belief in Christ by his actions from two different groups. Traveling missionary Brothers that he knows, right? And those, it says down here, especially when they are strangers, those who he doesn't know. And I don't know about you but it's real easy for me to give and to love on people that I know, right? There's a need at my church, there's a need in my Sunday School class, it's really easy to come alongside people and take care of them. How difficult is it to just open up my wallet not just for a dollar or fifty cents that we do around Christmas time when we've got the Salvation Army out there, but I mean substantially investing in other people's lives when we don't even know them. Right? Very, very difficult. So what allowed Gaius to do this? What gave him the wherewithal to open up his funds whether it's food or shelter or money, we don't really know what that case may be, I mean what he was giving but if somebody showed up on my doorstep and they are a travelling missionary it's probably they need all of it, right? They need food, they need shelter, they need clothing, they need money. They might need a whole bunch of other stuff. But what allowed him to open up his heart, open up his door and open up his wallet? Their common love and devotion to Jesus Christ. The Gospel breaks down every barrier between believers. And in such a small community, guess what, word gets around quick. "6They

have testified to your love” the verse says “in front of the church.” These missionaries went out from the church, John’s church, and eventually, guess what? Missionaries go back home. So here they are going back home to John’s church and guess what, they give a report. Just like some of the reports you’ve seen here. What has happened over the time I was gone? What has happened...what was God doing, here or here or here? And guess what? Gaius’ name is associated with that. We went to this town, we didn’t know where we were going to sleep, where we were going to eat, then we heard about this guy named Gaius. We knocked on his door; he didn’t know us from Adam we said “We’re followers of Jesus Christ.” The door is opened, the food is prepared, the bed is given, the funds are given and we’re safe. And you can picture this in a local church because my guess is that you guys have had people go out on missions and come back and they tell stories, right? They tell stories about the Gospel, they tell stories about what God has done and all the sudden Gaius is part of the story. And you can probably see John, he’s elated, right? This guy I’ve poured my entire life into, right? This guy I have got a great relationship with, I call him Beloved, my dear friend. Man, he’s impacting my local church by taking care of my people. And based on their report you get the feeling that Gaius, well he spared no expense. They testified to your love for the church. Not your littleness, not your stinginess, not your scrooges, but your love, that abundant love. Your selfless generosity. That’s what they were praising. And kind of what got it done on their mission, Gaius was named and his generosity recounted. He became part of their story, right? Yet Gaius is encouraged not to stop there. “You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God.” The end of verse 6. “⁷since they set out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from pagans.” So Gaius has done this amazing thing. He’s taken care of missionaries, they’ve come in, he’s given them food, he’s given them clothing, he’s given them shelter but at the same time, guess what? There’s no get out of jail free time for the next time a missionary knocks on his door. Because missionaries are always coming and missionaries are always going and there’s always a need. But not only do we have that we also have a particular way that they need to be taken care of, in a manner worthy of God, a new standard has been set. And while we can’t unpack this tonight I guess the two questions I give to you right now is Worthy of God; How would you take care of Christ Jesus tonight if he showed up on your doorstep and asked for your help? My guess is that he’d be sleeping in your bed, after you put on a fresh new pair of sheets, right? You’d do his laundry. My guess is whatever’s in your checkbook, you’re gladly giving. You probably go out to the store to prepare a three course meal or you go buy take out, whichever one you want. Well you know this is worthy of God, right? Another option is how do you need to take care of your Brothers and Sisters so those who don’t understand the Gospel. Who don’t understand what Jesus Christ means to us who are believers. What can you do so that they see and they take notice? And they wonder what in the world is different about you. But you open up your wallet, your time, your talents, everything you’ve got in sacrificial giving. So both are relevant here. In other words what we want to do is send those in service to the King off as you would the King himself. So these missionaries went out in order to spread the name of Jesus. These missionaries give the Gospel freely to unbelievers. The Gospel is not something we peddle for money, right, it is why there’s an offering taken up for churches. This is why there is an offering taken up when we send out missionaries. We’re not peddling the Gospel, the Gospel is given to us freely, right? Nobody here paid for the Gospel. It was a free gift. And we’re to do what with that gift? We’re are to continue to give it. And the church is the vehicle. Fellow believers in the vehicle which those funds are received and through which they will be disseminated. But it takes funds to provide for those who preach, those who teach, and those who go. And that is the church, little “c”, everybody who is a believer. That’s your job. That’s

my job too. And the third reason that I love is why we give to missions, why we give to missionaries. Why we give to future preachers of the Gospel, this is the most beautiful part of all. ⁴⁸“Therefore, we ought to support such men (and women) so that we can be coworkers with them in the Gospel.” In giving to missionaries, we become do-laborers with them in the Gospel. We participate in the ministries that these missionaries develop or us. We become part of their successes, we become part of their failures, we feel their joy and we feel their pain. We become bonded to one another. So as I kind of leave off what I always try to do is give an application. How does something that was written two thousand years ago to a particular group of people for a particular time, how in the world does that relate to you today? First, I just want to express my particular situation with Polytechnic # 420. They served as my Gaius. I was looking for a way to fund my theological education. I came across the Eastern Star Scholarship and reached out to Polytechnic. They didn’t know me from Adam. Both of my grandparents were Masons and Eastern Star, they’re both passed away. I had no connection to anybody. And I get a call, come on in we’d love to meet you. And we ate dinner together. And they met my wife and they met my daughter and they said “We’ll sponsor you”. That’s no guarantee for a scholarship but that gets you in the door, right? And the scholarship came and my funds were received and books and tuition were paid for. That’s a pretty amazing story right? Second, your scholarship program is a program that is not created to receive accolades; I don’t see it on a website touting how much money you gave this year. I don’t see it on a billboard you guys trying to use it to bring in new individuals who want to be part of Eastern Star. You do it out of love for Jesus Christ. Yet when I have spoken to others about my journey, about trying to raise money for school, the generosity of the others that helped me in my seminary walk, Eastern Star and the women of Polytechnic #420 are often mentioned and they are mentioned with great affection. And for you I’m thankful. Finally, your scholarship has entwined our lives. You are a part of my educational pursuits, my future calling as a minister of the Gospel, and a teacher as well my future contributions, and listen to this; my future contributions not only to the community, but to the country and to the world. Because if I am impacting in Jesus Christ there is a multiplication effect. As I share the Gospel and people come to the Gospel, they become disciples and they share the Gospel and they become disciples and there is the multiplier effect. And you’re part of that. You’re entwined with my mission. You are entwined with everything that I do for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Not just me but the twenty-two other recipients this year. However many were last year or the year before that or before that, can you see what your generosity does? You see how it multiplies the Gospel exponentially. This is what you do. But yet at the same time, I pat you on the back and I say thank you but I’m going to go a little bit of John on you and I’m going to spur you on and I’m going to encourage you all at the same time. I want to lay out a challenge that you continue to make the scholarship program a priority in your personal and Chapter financial planning. You can see from the students on this stage, right? And the names read aloud that your financial sacrifice pays eternal dividends. And that’s worth a little sacrifice today. Let’s pray. Father God, I thank you for this day to open up your word. I thank you for this group that has just opened up their time, their wallets, their generosity to us students. Lord God we ask you to just, we praise you for the sacrifice of those who have given. Lord God I pray for the ministries represented and what you are going to do. And I thank you for the multiplier effect. All of these individuals coming together pooling their resources, taking care of us so that we may go forth with your word, for your Gospel. Oh God, prepare the fields even now for their Gospel to go forth. It’s in your son’s name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Thank you Christian and may God bless his Word. Okay, at

this time will the Pages and their Assistants please take their positions. This year as in years past we have had many more applicants than we had monies to disburse. So at this time we'd like to give you an opportunity to further extend our hand to assist these fine young people by giving a love offering. While this offering is being taken we'll be honored with music by Monica Mahfouz member of Evadale Chapter #1111. Our Offertory prayer will be given by Shaenelle Nicole Johnston a recipient of District 5. She is attending Rice University where she is pursuing a Master of Divinity. Her sponsoring Chapter is Violet Chapter #158. Will you please bow your heads for the blessing of this offering.

Ms. Shaenelle Nicole Johnston: Thank you. Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, we are so grateful to be together and to be in your presence. God, I pray Lord you just continue to bless this Chapter, God. Continue to bless this movement. Continue to bless these people. Lord, I am so grateful for this scholarship that I received. And I'm so grateful Lord for the blessings that my fellow recipients are receiving as well. Continue to guide and direct our steps, continue to speak to us and use us of our different Universities and in our different ministries. And God I ask that you bless this offering. Lord, let it continue to impact the lives of so many and let the givers be encouraged and blessed. In your name. Amen. (Amen)

**(ESTARL Love Offering taken while Monica Mahfouz played the piano)
(Applause)**

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Thank you Monica. Okay, now as we present our certificates this evening to our recipients we will ask that the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron join us to greet our recipients. At this time I recognize District 1 Chairman, Alys Newsom.

Sister Alys Newsom: Thank you Sister Charlene. It is with pleasure that I present the recipients of District 1. I'm going to announce first those who are not here and then the ones that are here.

Dustin Benac sponsored by Plano #703,
attending Duke University, Duke Divinity School
Kevin Portwood sponsored by Richardson #921,
attending Duke University, Duke Divinity School
Barry Stanford sponsored by Whitewright #939,
attending Brite Divinity School
Roman Walley, III sponsored by DalCliff #574,
attending Dallas Theological Seminary
Jermaine Mulley, sponsored by Dallas #1,
attending SMU, Perkins School of Theology
Melissa Turkett, sponsored by Lancaster #943,
attending SMU, Perkins School of Theology
Stephanie Staton, sponsored by Richardson #921,
attending SMU Perkins School of Theology
Owen McKnight, sponsored by Nash #320,
attending SMU Perkins School of Theology

And it is with great pleasure that I present a certificate to Rebecca Love, sponsored by Athens #177, she will be attending Austin Theological Seminary. (Applause)

I now recognize my friend, my co-worker, my Sister Susan Dormandy, District 2 Chairman.

Sister Susan Dormandy: Thank you Sister Alys. It is with pleasure that I announce these District 2 recipients who were unable to attend this magnificent performance tonight.

Mr. Regan Lynch sponsored by Norman Read #1010,
attending Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary and

Mr. Jonathan Sullivan, sponsored by A. E. Shirley #986,
attending Logsdon Theological Seminary

I recognize Sister Joyce Followill from District 3.

Sister Joyce Followill: Thank you Sister Susan. It is my pleasure to recognize these recipients from District 3. I will recognize the ones who were unable to attend first.

Joy Woodard Dister, sponsored by Grapevine #326.

She will be attending SMU, Perkins School of Theology

Taylor Cruse, sponsored by Webb #1140,

she will be attending Logdon Theological Seminary, Harden-Simmons University.

Now I will introduce the ones who are attending tonight.

Shelby Lynn Geyer, sponsored by Handley #617

She'll be attending Dallas Baptist University

Christian Messsemer, sponsored by Polytechnic #420

He'll be attending Southwestern Theological Seminary

Olivia Lee Ramsey, sponsored by Weatherford #21

She'll be attending Dallas Baptist University

I recognize now with pleasure Sister Doris Wagner, District 4.

Sister Doris Wagner: Thank you Sister Joyce Followill. It is with pleasure that I recognize the recipients from District 4. We had several that were supposed to be here tonight but things happen and they could not make it.

Jeffery Garner, his sponsoring Chapter is LaMarque #979.

He'll be attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Eulis Hill, LaMarque #979.

SMU, Perkins School of Theology

Chad Lawson, Newbern #1135,

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Ariel Myers, Timpson #1144,

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

I recognize Sister Nancy Storey, District 5.

Sister Nancy Storey: Thank you Sister Doris. It is with pleasure that I present these recipients from District 5.

Shaenille Johnston, sponsored by Violet Chapter #158.

She will be attending Global University, Springfield, Missouri.

Jacob Hunter, sponsored by Creedmoor #607.

Attending Austin Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas.

Mark Camarillo, sponsoring Chapter Pleasanton #133.

He'll be attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

MC Charlene Stimits Butchee: Thank you so much for your cooperation, our Chairmen. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron for your assistance in presenting the certificates this evening. Due to varied commitments many of our recipients could not attend this service this evening, however, they too will receive a certificate. Now, our response from the recipients will be given by Mark Camarillo a recipient of District 5. He is attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he is pursuing a Master of Divinity. His sponsoring Chapter is Pleasanton Chapter #133. Mark?

Mark Camarillo: Thank you. So, Charlene, I don't know if you know this but, and I want to thank Christian for giving the message that he gave but, you have two Southern Baptist Preachers coming up to speak so I don't know if that worries any of you guys...so. (Laughter) Genesis through Revelations, we're going to do three verses apiece so one hundred ninety eight verses, who's ready? (Laughter) I'm glad you laughed, I was joking. On behalf of all the recipients we would like to thank the Eastern Star Organization for aiding us and helping us to continue our education in order to gain more religious training so we can serve the Lord, our God. And we want you to know that there are so many things that go with going into full time ministry. I know myself when I told my family about it and I told my wife's family about it they all thought "Are you crazy?" John Chapter 21, verses 15-17 we see Jesus sitting down with Peter and the disciples and they're all enjoying some fish together and Jesus has already died and conquered sin, he's been resurrected and he says "Simon Peter, son of John, do you love me?" Peter says "Yes Lord. I love you." He says "Then feed my sheep." He says "Simon Peter do you love me?" a second time and Peter says "Yes, Lord. I love you." He says "Take care of my lambs." And a third time he tells him "Simon Peter, son of John, do you love me?" He says "Lord how can you ask me a third time", I'm paraphrasing, "Lord how can you ask me a third time? You know that I love you." He says "Take care of my sheep." You see all of us are called go and give the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We're all called to do that. But not everyone is called to take care of the sheep and we all know that sheep sometimes bite. (Laughter) You laugh because maybe you've bitten a preacher or two. (Laughter) We want you to know that the Lord shows most of us that going into full time social work for the Lord means we probably won't have a ton of money over our lifetime. And so we want you to know that it's a wonderful blessing from the Lord that we are able to not have to worry so much about money and having the money to take care of our education because the Lord is using you to do that. And so, once again, on behalf of all of the recipients, we thank the Eastern Star Organization. Thank you, Charlene. (Applause)

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Thank you, Mark. I would like for Mark to come back to the mike and let him pronounce his last name for y'all. He told me it was okay if I called him Camarilla, but pronounce it.

Mark Camarillo: Camarillo (with a Spanish accent).

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Thank you Mark. As we bring this service to a close, we truly feel that we have felt the spirit of *Links of Love* and have been ministered to by word, music and prayer. And as we go forth from this place let us go with love in our hearts and zeal to increase our efforts to continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I would say to the recipients "trust in the Lord with all thy heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.” At this time I call Sister Lesa Smith, our Grand Esther to bring our Benediction, *The Lord’s Prayer*, she signs.

**(Lesa Smith sings the Lord’s Prayer, A Cappella, while signing the words)
(Applause)**

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Charlene. That was a beautiful, beautiful program. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to say a few greetings?

WGP Trey Smith: I think the ESTARL Program that we have in Eastern Star that we have been supporting for many years is one of the best parts of Eastern Star. What better way for us to be able to share what we believe in and to share our bounty with others that may go forth unto the world and share the light of the Lord and share the light of Eastern Star in a positive way. I congratulate each recipient and I certainly do appreciate all the hard work this committee has done. Thank you so much. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: And thank each one of you for helping with our ESTARL Program and thank you for your support. We now have the pleasure of our Memorial program by our Grand Chaplain Pro-tem, Sister Betty Scott, our Fraternal Correspondent. Sister Betty.

BROKEN CHAIN MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Sister Betty Scott: If our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons that are participating in the Memorial will be seated over on this side where the Grand Chaplains Pages are, I would greatly appreciate it. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, my Sisters and Brothers all. It is my pleasure to present the Broken Chain Memorial Program tonight.

“*Amazing Grace*” will now be sung by our Grand Choir under the direction of Bill Rhyan, Grand Choir Director and a Past Grand Patron of Arizona, accompanied by Mary Alberts.

(Choir sings *Amazing Grace*)

Sister Betty Scott: Our Invocation will now be given by Brother Bill Crews, Past Grand Patron.

PGP Bill Crews: Let us all bow in prayer please. Heavenly Father we come into your presence with heavy hearts, remembering those who once dwelt among us and have gone to a heavenly home above to be with you forever. We know someday we will join them in that great reunion day. We thank you for the opportunity of having them touch our lives during our earthy journey. We ask your blessings on each family represented here and a special blessing upon our great Order at this Session. Each level of our Order has been touched this year and we are eagerly awaiting the time that we can reunite in that heavenly home, that house not made with hands. Bless each one attending this *Broken Chain Memorial*. All these things we ask in your holy name. Amen. (Amen)

Sister Betty Scott: It is my pleasure to present the report of the Grand Chaplain, Sister Jo Ann Snow: "Tonight we have gathered to pay our loving respect to our Sisters and Brothers that have gone to that eternal home above. Memorials were sent to the family of Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron and to the family of Sisters Janelle Trees and Lula Wilson. An expression of sympathy was mailed to Oklahoma in the loss of their Worthy Grand Matron. Memorial letters with expressions of sympathy from the Grand Chapter of Texas were mailed to thirty three other Grand Jurisdictions in the loss of twenty seven Past Grand Matrons and forty four Past Grand Patrons. One hundred eighty eight Get Well, Thinking of You, and Sympathy cards were mailed to our members in Texas. This year our own Subordinate Chapters lost a total of 1,087 members to the angels above. It has been my pleasure and privilege to represent the Grand Chapter of Texas as Grand Chaplain. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for this privilege and honor. This has certainly been a rewarding experience." And of course it is signed by the Grand Chaplain.

When our Worthy Grand Matron became a candidate for Grand Examiner of District 3, she selected the *Golden Chain* as an emblem to use the rest of her Eastern Star life. She selected the chain to only have four links. The first link represented her paternal family, her father who was a fifty year Mason and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. The second link represents her maternal family, her mother who was a seventy five year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. The third link represents the fraternal family, the membership, her Sisters and Brothers. And the fourth is the Eternal family who she knows will join her again in our Father's house. Tonight the four links will represent our General Grand Chapter, Grand Chapter, Subordinate Chapters and our Military.

We pause for a few minutes this evening to bring tribute to our General Grand Chapter Family. Brother Ray W. McRoberts, who served our General Grand Chapter as Most Worthy Grand Patron in 1985-1988. Brother McRoberts left this earth on August 2, 2013 in Hideaway, Texas. Brother Ray quoted these words from his grandson's graduation program when he was installed a Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Only as high as we 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 dream can we be.

Mrs. Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron of Texas escorted by Mr. Henry Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Patron of Texas will place the floral tribute on the first link of the chain in memory of our General Grand Chapter members.

(Lighted links are in front of the stage and red roses are placed in the first link)

The Grand Chapter of Texas has been saddened by the loss of our oldest Past Grand Matron. Sister Lallah Mae Vollus served our Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Matron in 1945-1946. She passed away on June 21, 2014. She presided over the *Sharing Session* which was the sixty fourth session in Houston.

Leave all our cares and sing a new song.
Hide all our tears and walk with the throng
Wake with our theme of sharing each day
That we might have joy each step of the way.

Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt, General Grand

Chapter Scottish Rite Charities, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas will present the floral tribute on the second link of the chain in memory of our Past Grand Matron.

(Red roses placed in the second link)

This past year the Grand Chapter of Texas has lost 1,087 of their member to death. They have moved into the house not made with hands.

A silent thought, a secret tear
Keeps your memory every dear
God took you home, it was his will
But in our hearts, you live still.

Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Nelson Campbell, General Grand Chapter Cancer Committee, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas will present the floral tribute on the third link of the chain in memory of our Subordinate Chapter Members.

(Red roses placed in the third link)

We will now pay tribute to the United States Military men and women in uniform who have served our country and have given their lives in a foreign land in order for us to have freedom in our country. Whether it be a father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, how proud we are of them. Without the brave efforts of all the armed forces and their families, this nation along with our allies around the world would not stand so boldly, shine so brightly and live so freely.

Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, General Grand Chapter Support our Military and a Past Grand Matron of Texas escorted by Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron of Texas will place the floral tribute on the last link of the *Golden Chain*.

(Red roses placed on the fourth and last link of the chain)

Sister Betty Scott: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" will now be given by our Grand Choir.

(The song, Eternal Father Strong to Save was sung by Grand Choir)

Sister Betty Scott: Psalm 104: 30-31 "He guided them to their haven, Let them give thanks to the Lord." Our dedication this program is dedicated to Joseph Dale Yenger, father-in-law of our Worthy Grand Matron and Paul William Yenger, husband of our Worthy Grand Matron. Joseph Dale is a MIA from the Korean War, and Brother Paul was a retired Veteran of the U. S. Army. Both father and son fought for our Country so that we might have our freedom.

The small table in the southeast has been prepared a symbol to remember our service personnel that have lost their lives in action or could be held prisoner of war. The table is set for one, the table is round, which shows the everlasting concern for the men still missing. The tablecloth is white symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call. The single red rose displayed reminds us of the families and loved ones that keep faith awaiting their return. You can see a lemon on the bread plate. This lemon is to remind us of their bitter fate. There is also salt on the bread plate that is a symbol of the family's tears as they wait. The glass is inverted...a symbol telling us they cannot drink with us today. The black

napkin reminds us of the sorrow of captivity. And last, the chair is empty. They are not with us today.

The Grand Officers will now present their drill. (Three raps)

(Taps is played by Bill Rhyan, Grand Choir Director and a Past Grand Patron of Arizona)

Sister Betty Scott: (One rap)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Grand Conductress you will open the holy Bible. (Three raps) Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Chaplain you will assume your positions for draping the altar.

Sister Betty Scott: Dear Heavenly Father, giver of all good gifts, healer of broken hearts, we ask thy comforting love now as we come to this altar to pay a last tribute to our beloved members. Thank you for giving us the consolation to know that death is not the end and that after the Spirit has discarded the garments used on earth the glorified robes of eternity will be given to our beloved. Thank you that we too shall wear such garments when we have laid down our mortal bodies. Give us hope and assurance that we shall meet them again where there is no parting, no suffering or sorrow. Grant that our hearts will be quieted by thy gentle peace, strengthened by thy care and rested in the comfort of thy Holy Spirit. Bless us, keep us, and thine be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Conductress you will close the holy Bible. We will now have the Benediction by Brother David Dibrell.

PGP David Dibrell: Join your hearts with mine as we go to the Lord in prayer. Most gracious heavenly Father, author of light and life, we come to you with heavy hearts for those we have lost and hopeful hearts that they now dwell with you. We are thankful for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us and for the many fond memories of those departed. Although the chain is broken, we will forever remember those who walk this way with us. Go with us now as we leave this service and grant us faith in your eternal love and hope that knows no limit. In thy holy name we pray, Amen. (Amen)

WGM Jayne Yenger: (One rap)

(Grand Choir sings “Old Rugged Cross”)

WGM Jayne Yenger: (Two raps) The Grand Officers will retire from the Grand Chapter Room. Sisters and Brothers we will see you in the morning at 8:00. Have a good evening.

End of Memorial Program

132nd Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
“Links of Peace” Session
Waco Convention Center
Friday Morning Session, August 8, 2014

Musical Prelude

Daniel Caldwell

8:00 a.m. Call to Order

Nancy Brown
Past Grand Matron

Nelson Campbell
Past Grand Patron

PGM Nancy Brown: Good morning Sisters and Brothers and welcome to the Friday morning “Links of Peace” Session of the 132nd Grand Chapter of Texas. Our Worthy Grand Matron has given me the privilege of serving in the East this morning with my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Nelson Campbell from the year of 2005-2006 and Nelson is also this year on the Cancer Committee of General Grand Chapter. Sisters and Brothers please join me in expressing our thanks to Daniel Caldwell who has been providing our music this morning. We’ve enjoyed it so much. (Applause) There is always excitement and anticipation as we realize that we are about to begin the business of Grand Chapter. In the New Testament we read Paul’s letters giving instructions to new Christians and to the new churches. Some of the advice he gave could apply to us today as we begin the work of Grand Chapter. In Colossians 3:14 we read “Put our love which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” In Ephesians 4:3 “Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.” And in Philippians 2:2 “Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord with one mind.” Worthy Grand Matron, our friendship goes back a long ways to Sister Alma Lynn Bane’s year. You were the District Deputy Grand Matron and I was the Grand Examiner. Being with you has always been a joy. Your enthusiasm for Eastern Star is evidenced by your love and devotion to the Order. Many this year are inspired by your kindness and your gentleness. Worthy Grand Patron, our friendship goes back even farther to Wanda Fairchild’s year when you served as Co-Chairman of the Arrangements Committee with my husband Gayle as the Chairman. I feel like I have seen you grow up in Eastern Star and as a Christian gentleman. You’ve been a strong leader this year and a strong support of the Worthy Grand Matron and I’m proud to call you my Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Nelson I’m sure that you would like to bring greetings at this time.

PGP Nelson Campbell: Thank you Sister Nancy. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members all. It is indeed a privilege and pleasure for me to have the opportunity again to join my Worthy Grand matron, Sister Nancy Brown in the Grand East. I congratulate you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on an outstanding year of service. We are proud of both of you and we know this Grand Chapter Session will be excellent in every respect. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me the privilege of sharing with my Worthy Grand Matron in calling to order this Friday morning *Links of Peace* Session of Grand Chapter. Thank you.

PGM Nancy Brown: Thank you Brother Nelson for those words of welcome. At this time the Officers will enter the Chapter room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause) (Three raps)

Sisters and Brothers it is my great privilege and honor to present to you Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

(Grand Honors given)

(One rap) Worthy Grand Matron it is my great privilege also to present you your gavel. We know that you are going to enjoy this day, that you're going to preside and that God's grace is going to be with you during this time. Thank you so much.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Nancy Brown for opening the *Links of Peace* Session. When I think of Peace for our Nation, I am reminded of our husbands and the service they gave to our country and the love they had for the Order of the Eastern Star. Brother Nelson, thank you for opening this Session. We go back a ways. I will always appreciate the help that you have given me down through the years, especially when I served on the Board of Directors, and your patience and understanding. Remember you even had an extra chair for me. Now I guess I should explain why I took up two chairs. Well, I did have knee surgery and Brother Nelson was there for me. Thank you again. Worthy Grand Patron I'm sure you have greetings for these two this morning.

WGP Trey Smith: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, but I sure am glad you explained why you took up two chairs. (Laughter) Sister Nancy as I have been preparing for Grand Chapter I was reminded of our preparations of a certain banquet in which a certain lady was going to speak... do you remember? Wow, what a time. It was just a blessing to everyone's heart and you are the one that allowed me to have the very first Rob Morris Celebration at Grand Chapter. We had 1,123 people in attendance. Thank you for opening this session for us. I love you. Brother Nelson, thank you for being a great cheerleader. You do a great job keeping the team playing the game. You should wear black and white stripes to be our referee and you should try out for the Cowboys. They really need the help. (Laughter) Thank you for opening this session for us. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers let's show our appreciation to these two dedicated members. (Applause) The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Grand Chapter. (One rap) Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call the *Links of Peace* Session from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

(Opening and proving of the *Links of Peace* Session)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Our invocation will be given by Karen Morgenthaler Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Sisters and Brothers will you take the hand of those next to you? Our heavenly Father we thank you for this day, fellowship and love. Be with us Father in our deliberations. May peace and harmony reign in our Session. Father, be with our servicemen

and their families. Be with the families who have lost loved ones. Be with the leaders of our country and the leaders of the world that we may have peace. These things we ask in thy holy name. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Our Scripture reading will be given by Sister Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron. Sister Doris.

PGM Doris Hester: Good morning. (Good morning) Surely you can do better than that, can't you? Let's try that again. Good morning. (Good morning) Alright. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the opportunity to be a part of opening your ceremony this morning. You will be focusing on our Ritual, Constitution and Code of Laws and the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

Let's hope we all take to heart these Scriptures I've selected for the membership today. They are taken from the Book of Ephesians, Chapter 4. ²³And to be renewed in the spirit of your mind; ²⁴And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. ²⁵Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. ³¹Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger and clamor and evil speaking, be put away from you with all malice: ³²And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." And 1 Peter. I've added this to it. "And above all things have fervent love for one another. For love will cover a multitude of sins." Sisters and Brothers this is the day the Lord hath made...Let us be glad and rejoice in it.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Doris. I now declare this *Links of Peace* Session called from Rest to Labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GW: (With Raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, this *Links of Peace* Session has been called from Rest to Labor. Worthy Grand Matron your order has been obeyed.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It is well. I would ask those who will be presenting reports this morning to be seated in the East. As a reminder, would all those presenting reports to this Grand Chapter Session please be sure the Grand Secretary or her Pages have two copies of your report. As we may not have time to call for all Committee reports, if anyone wants to see any of the reports, Sister Marlene, our Grand Secretary, or her Pages would be delighted to let you look at the reports. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, we will proceed with the business of this Grand Chapter and if at any time you do not understand what you are voting on, please let us know and we will do our best to explain it more clearly so that you understand the issues. Our Parliamentarian is Sister Willie Mae Shaw. This is your Grand Chapter and your business. We want to conduct it the way that would be better and easier for you. Willie Mae Shaw, I invite you to speak.

PGM Willie Mae Shaw: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. I call your attention to the Grand Chapter Session Book pages 47, 48 and 49 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 those 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 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 members 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. Bottled water and small snacks are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.

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

WGM Jayne Yenger: Blue cards are for voting delegates and gold cards are for Chapter Representatives. All in favor of moving adoption of this report please raise you're blue cards. Opposed? (One rap) Sister Willie Mae Shaw, you're report is adopted. Thank you so much. Sisters and Brothers, I know Grand Chapter is a family reunion and I know you like to visit and greet people but please remember when there is any discussion on the floor to try to visit in a real quiet manner. And this will help for everyone to be able to listen and to understand what is being brought before you. Remember that Constitutional amendments require delegate approval and Chapter representative approval. We cannot conduct our business unless we have 25% of the Chapter Representatives present. So please stay with us. Our Timekeeper this morning will be Sister Kenlyn Lawrence. We will now have a partial report of the Credentials Committee. Sister Alma? Is Sister Alma York in the room? While she is making her way to the East, I want to let you know that we will have microphones in the North and in the South on the West end of the room. These will be designated, on the South side will be anyone speaking for, on the North side will be anyone speaking against. Remember no other microphones are to be used on the floor. We will not recognize you unless you are in the North or the South, or the West or the East. We will not use any other microphones on the floor. I'm sorry Worthy Grand Patron, thank you. (He told her West or East) Somebody's got to keep me straight. And we have designated if it is for or against, you will speak for in the South and against in the West... North, I'm sorry. Now you know in the Bible they speak “there is no East or West”.

WGP Trey Smith: But this is Texas.

WGM Jayne Yenger: But this is Texas. (Laughter) Sister Alma we're ready for your report.

Sister Alma York: The Credentials Committee is pleased to report that we have present Chapter representatives of 280 of the Subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction. This constitutes more than the required 25% of the Chapters and a quorum to open this Grand Chapter Session and to conduct its business.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Alma for that partial report. I have explained the mi-

crophones and of course you are welcome to use the microphone in the East. After you are recognized to speak, please give your name, title and Chapter. Thank you. Now that we have our rules of parliamentary procedure defined and we have a quorum we are ready to being our business of Grand Chapter. I recognize Brother Buddy Baker to bring his report of the Chapter U.D. Brother Buddy.

PGP Buddy Baker: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and we want to thank you as the Committee, myself, Sister Naomi Wolfe and Ray Hertenberger for you extending us the privilege of serving on this Committee. And after thousands of miles travelled, many hours of laborest meetings, late night fast food dinners we are honored to give you this report, and it is: Worthy Grand Matron, we got nothing. (Laughter) And due to the fact that there was no Chapters Under Dispensation, I move the adoption of this report. (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Brother Buddy Baker. I knew I could count on you. Sisters and Brothers you have heard the report of Chapters U.D. Is there a second? You did move the adoption of your report? Is there a second?

WGP Trey Smith: I second the motion.

WGM Jayne Yenger: All those in favor of accepting this report. Please raise your blue cards. Those opposed? Motion carried. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside for the reading of the Worthy Grand Matron report. (Laughter....the WGM hands the WGP a very very small gavel, applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron may I try it out?

WGM Jayne Yenger: You may.

WGP Trey Smith: (Three raps and they are very loud) (Laughter) It works, I'll take that. Very funny.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Welcome to Waco, our 132nd Grand Chapter Session. We have looked forward to having our Session here in the heart of Texas for a long time. We are delighted that each of you chose to be with us. When choosing where our Session would be held, we felt that Waco was a wonderful choice especially since they say "all roads lead to Waco". Our joy is in the fact that your road led you to us, and our hope is that you enjoy your stay here. You will find my report in the Advanced Report. Since writing, the Worthy Grand Patron and I attended Grand Assembly for the Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Waco. We were delighted to bring greetings from the Grand Chapter of Texas at their Opening Session. I was proud when our Worthy Grand Patron received his Grand Cross of Color. We also attend the Ceremonial Opening of the DeMolay Conclave held in Austin. We brought greetings from the Grand Chapter of Texas, invited them to our Session in Waco and enjoyed our visit with them. I approved several more sets of By-Laws and rejected one for lack of information. I also sent out one Special Dispensation. I had to send one of my Deputy Grand Matrons to visit a Chapter in her section due to the Worthy Matron Elect not being able to be installed. The Chapter wanted to select new officers. The Deputy Grand Matron explained that they could not go forward with this. They also wanted to use Special Dispensation that had already been issued previously for late installation. The issue in question has been resolved. I presided or helped

with six Open Installations, attended the Board of Directors Farewell Dinner and Board meeting in Arlington. Attended two Lodge Installations and two more Fraternal Visits. I have serviced the van, had the oil changed and transmission checked, tires rotated and all seems to be in good condition, Sister Associate Grand Matron. The windshield has been replaced and up to date Inspections. A new Toll Tag has been ordered and is being sent to the State Office and to date it has 40,442 miles. Now I want you to check that because my son Joey took it yesterday, had it detailed and filled up with gas. I hope that he didn't go too far to take care of this matter. (Laughter) Thank you, Joey.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Yes ma'am. I will check that. I know how these children are. (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, it's been a wonderful year. Your Worthy Grand Patron and I have traveled the state over and over again. Visited the Chapters and the best part of all was getting to know the members, each one of you. What a wonderful journey. We can only say thank you. I move the adoption of this report to be referred to the proper committee. Thank you.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers you have heard the supplementary report of the Worthy Grand Matron. All those in favor of accepting this report and referring it to the proper Committee please raise your blue card. Those opposed? Motion carried. Worthy Grand Matron I return the (small) gavel to you. (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to give your supplementary report.

WGM Trey Smith: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. You will find the bulk of my report in the Advanced Annual reports but it is my pleasure to present this supplementary report. I was honored to attend the Grand Assembly Session in Waco, Texas of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Cheryl Haston presided as Grand Worthy Advisor and did a remarkable job. She is from Arlington Assembly #96. I am so proud of her and all of the young ladies who inspire us with their poise, enthusiasm, and constant energy. To be young again! I accepted an invitation from Mrs. Weaver to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas on Saturday evening. Well, it was one of the most moving events I was fortunate to attend this year. I tried my very best to convey to the girls, these young ladies represent our future and have so much to look forward to in their lives. I shared how happy and blessed we would be to have them in our Order. I was also excited to attend the ceremonial opening of DeMolay International Conclave which was held in Austin, Texas. State Master Counselor Joey McAtier was introduced and welcomed us all at the opening. It was very interesting to see all of the Chapters present their banners. The Worthy Grand Matron and I were asked to speak on behalf of Grand Chapter. We were warmly welcomed and enjoyed the evening immensely. There was also a representative from the Nicklas Foundation there and shared how the foundation worked and we gave her appreciation from the Conclave and from ourselves for their support. It was a lot of fun to hear the young men talk about their sporting events and how excited they were to have basketball added. It is great to see men step up to mentor these young men and help make them be better men in the future and teach them the important values that more men need today. I also enjoyed attending nine installations and participating in six. It was also fun to attend the last party of TMRC, the Patriotic Party. Those residents really had a blast playing bingo. And as usual I was the bingo jinx that brought the bingo bug to the dismay of several ladies who did not win because I was sitting at their table.

Sorry ladies. I was honored to attend the Grand Appointment Dinner hosted by Handley Chapter #617. There were 23 in attendance at the dinner and Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona was there also. I was honored as well with Grand Esther by Arlington Chapter #249 with a BBQ dinner. It was very well attended with more than sixty five friends and members in attendance including David Dibrell, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Patron and Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector, House of Gold, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Grand Examiner of District 2 as well as other members from Districts, 1, 2, 3 and 5. We greatly appreciate everyone's attendance and especially the Chapter's hard work which Lesa and I sincerely appreciated. I also was able to attend the West Texas Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association meeting in Abilene, Texas and I do appreciate their support. It was a wonderful meeting. I again would like to say thank you for this honor of serving this Grand Chapter this year and I move that this report to be referred to the proper Committee.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers you have heard the supplementary report of the Worthy Grand Patron. All those in favor of accepting this report and referring it to the proper committee please raise your blue cards. Those opposed? Motion carried. I invite our Grand Secretary to give her supplementary report.

GS Marlene Scholari: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, 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. It is an honor to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. The membership has been great. 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. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jayne Yenger and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Trey Smith, it has been an honor and a joy serving with you both this past year. I hope that all your expectations have been met for this year. To Sister Lorrie, Grand Treasurer, this was our 4th year to work together. You as Grand Treasurer and I as Grand Secretary we have met many challenges that we have overcome. I look forward to another wonderful year. To the Board of Directors, it has been a good year. It has been wonderful serving with all of you this year. I look forward to another year and God speed! I want to thank my staff who is working in the back, diligently, for all their hard work this year. Lynn Kearney, a special thanks to you for all your volunteer work and dedication in helping us to do our Grand Chapter Annual Reports. This year you have also worked hard to serve on the Board of Directors, as an appointed position. Thank you again for your service. Alys Newsom, thank you for all your help these past few weeks. The volunteer work that you have done for me at the Grand Chapter office is very much appreciated. I would like to thank those who have served as my Pages. Please know how much I appreciate and love all of you. Thanks again. To my husband, Joe, thank you for all your support, love and patience. I love you dearly.

In the printed Advance Report starting on page 18, you will see that we had an increase of 1,221 members and a decrease of 2,679. That making our membership total 27,356. The Actual number of members, after subtracting the plural membership is 25,851. The Grand Chapter has a total of 334 Chapters as of June 1, 2014.

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

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers you have heard the supplementary report of the Grand Secretary. All those in favor of accepting this report and referring it to the proper Committee please raise your blue cards. Those opposed? Motion carried. I invite our Grand Treasurer to give her Supplementary Report. Sister Lorrie, our Grand Treasurer.

GT Lorrie Owens: Sisters and Brothers, my original report is on pages 32-40 in the Advanced Annual Report. The Supplemental Report is a little different than you normally would get and it covers June 24 through August 7th of this year. In this report I will attempt to give you some clarification regarding the financial status of the Eastern Star Home and the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star by answering some of your questions and explaining some areas. In the audit report furnished by our Independent Auditor, Ratliff and Associates, P.C. and printed in the August Bulletin the two entities are shown consolidated per law and separately as requested by the elected Board of Directors to show the membership the revenue/income and the expenses/costs related to each of these two entities. I will refer to this audit report and the Advance Annual Report in your packet and on the website that was listed in July. I do hope you have both documents handy and brought them with you to this session. So if you will find them now and take a look I'll try to help and explain some of the things that you have asked about. Our Grand Chapter fiscal year for the current year goes from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. Which means this Grand Chapter is part of this year but we are not finished until August 31st. We are not on a calendar year. As in normal annual reports issued by corporations, the amounts in my report are in dollars with no cents. Now the larger the corporation gets it goes up and sometimes it's listed in hundreds, thousands and on up so this is perfectly for our size. The actual amounts reported in the Advance Annual Report for the current year (the Grand Chapter year for Jayne Yenger and Trey Smith) go from September 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 and not May 31, 2014 as thought by some members. When Grand Chapter changed its fiscal year from October to August during the 2004-2005 year, Karen Morgenthaler was Worthy Grand Matron and Jerry Martin was Worthy Grand Patron. In both instances our Grand Chapter year still had five months remaining to complete the year. The final report for the entire current year will appear in the proceedings distributed at next year's Grand Chapter just as the entire report for the year Annette Curry was Worthy Grand Matron and Bill Crews was Worthy Grand Patron is distributed at this Grand Chapter. Both Revenue and Expenses show nothing in some areas because the income and expenses occur later than March in the year, particularly Grand Chapter Session. Of one particular concern that you had asked about is our Per Capita amount. Our Per Capita is collected in the month of June when each Subordinate Chapter files its annual report. These funds are collected in the current year, but are not available until the next Grand Chapter which in this instance will be when Cheryl Albrecht is Worthy Grand Matron and George Gwaltney is Worthy Grand Patron. The Per Capita collected in June of 2013 for 28,814 members during Annette Curry's year was available for this current year for Jayne Yenger and Trey Smith. Currently, the Per Capita is distributed \$3.00 to the General Fund (of which \$1.00 will be sent to General Grand Chapter), \$5.00 to the Eastern Star Home of Texas 501(c)(3) Trust Fund and \$1.00 to the Benevolent Aid Fund. All of the Per Capita amount is deposited in the General Fund and later a check is written to the Eastern Star Home of Texas for their portion. This year that amount was \$144,070. The Per Capita for the General Fund and Benevolent Aid are invested until needed.

Reports list interest as revenue. Actually, our revenue comes from dividends, distributions, original interest discounts (sometimes referred to as OID's) and interest. When the accounts

were originally set up, most of our investments were in Certificates of Deposit (CDs) when interest rates were very high. If you pay attention to the current available investments, interest rates are at all time lows. Per our Constitution, the Board of Directors shall supervise the investment of all funds of the Grand Chapter of Texas. The Constitution lists five funds, but is not limited to those five areas. The Board of Directors shall manage the Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund 501(c)(3) Trust Fund and the Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund, which will be located in your Grand Chapter statistics.

Now I call your attention to my report on page 39. This is the Eastern Star Home of Texas Trust Fund 501(c)(3) is strictly for the care of our ladies, which happen to be twelve right now, in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. A monthly account of expenses and income is reported each month in the Official Bulletin. We have been operating in the red for several years. In simple terms, our expenses there have been more than our income. The income to this fund relies on gifts/donations, wills/devises and designated funds. Sometimes there are restrictions on money received in this fund such as the principal may not be spent. On page 18 in the August Official Bulletin \$310,964 is restricted and cannot be used to pay expenses. As of June 30, 2014, three months longer than amount listed only \$710,524 is in this OES Eastern Star Home of Texas Trust Fund is left. July and August expenses will have occurred for the current year and further reduce this amount. The Per Capita collected in June of 2014 will be added in September 2014.

The Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund 501(c)(8) consists of bequests, devises and donations made specifically for the said fund. These donations can consist of stocks, bonds, securities, liens on real or personal property and interest in both real and personal property. The principal shall not be spent. Any income from investments of this fund shall be used to satisfy the financial requirements of the Eastern Star Home of Texas. If there is any remaining amount, with the approval of the Board of Directors, the amount can be used to help financial needs in the General Fund, the Benevolent Fund and the Educational Fund. If not needed for these three funds, it shall be added permanently to the principal of the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund. This distribution to other funds or addition to the principal has not occurred in many years. In September of 2014 the income from this fund will be available to the Eastern Star Home of Texas Trust Fund.

On page 18 in the August Official Bulletin it lists \$9,360,648 is restricted and cannot be used to pay any expenses. Added to the restricted amount in the Eastern Star Home of Texas Trust Fund there is a total amount of \$9,671,612 that cannot be used. When you see that large amount you say "oh, good, we have lots of money." Not true. We can't use it for other purposes. The Grand Chapter Endowment Fund Sub-Account relates to the sale of the OES Home and the principal cannot be spent. The income from investments of the principal is placed in the General Fund to supplement Benevolent projects, including but not limited to , our own members, Chapters in financial need, local benevolence, worthwhile community needs and educational purposes, office expenses, archiving existing records and automating current records.

The Endowed Membership Trust Fund consists of \$500 for each endowed member. This principal cannot be spent. In April of each year, income is distributed to those subordinate Chapters having endowed members. For instance, this year each participating Chapter received a check for the number of endowed members as of May 31, 2013. But this is also a totally re-

stricted fund.

Educational Funds can only be used for educational purposes with certain restrictions.

The Helen M. Bramlett \$8,500 income is used for ESTARL scholarships only. The Fanny V. Ward \$35,000 and the Grand Chapter Education \$65,000 only, income is used for regular scholarships. The Mary C. Kennington scholarship fund provides both regular and ESTARL scholarships with the restriction that the \$500,000 principal cannot be used.

The General Fund in addition to the Per Capita (only \$2.00 after sending \$1.00 to General Grand Chapter) receives income from profits of sale of supplies, special dispensations, Grand Demits, penalties and other funds not otherwise directed or designated. Usually the designated funds come from the Special Projects that the Worthy Grand Matron has each year. Expenses benefitting Subordinate Chapters include free Official Bulletins and Directories, postage for mailing said two items, insurance, filing tax forms, museum and record storage, trust fees for investments, rent and related costs for Grand Chapter office and annual Grand Chapter Session fees.

This is a lot of information for you to review and digest. I hope that the above explanation gives this membership a clearer picture of our true financial status and what can or cannot be done with the funds we have accumulated. It is our obligation to take care of our ladies at TMRC as we promised them when they entered the old Eastern Star Home or the TMRC facility. An informed membership can make intelligent and relevant decisions for the good of our Order, I do specify – Good of the Order. If you have questions on specific items relating to what I have presented or my report in the Advance Annual Report , please come up and see me after this.

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

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers you have heard the supplementary report of the Grand Treasurer. All those in favor...is there a second?

WGP Trey Smith: You don't need a second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: All those in favor of accepting this report and referring it to the proper Committee, please raise your blue cards. Those opposed? Motion carried. Is there a question in the back of the room? I invite Jerry Trees Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee to bring his report. Brother Jerry. Excuse me just a minute. I have a note here and just forgot it. Sister Sherry Thompson is General Chairman of our Rob Morris Picnic which will be held tonight and she would like to speak on this. Thank you Sister Sherry.

Sister Sherry Thompson: I just wanted to go over a few things with you. The banquet is tonight at 6:30. It's across the hall in the Brazos Ballroom. We're going to open the doors at 5:45. It's casual, casual dress. You need to bring your ticket with you, your banquet ticket, you need that ticket to get a plate when you go through the line. The serving lines will be outside because we had so many people, we have 760 people in the banquet room so the serving

lines will be outside. There is supposed to be four lines going up each side. Just bring your banquet ticket to hand off to the person at the end of the line. We have our ticket sales outside, we have seven items. They're really nice. There are items from each Section, each District, I'm sorry. And the ticket prizes are like \$2.00 a ticket, you get three for \$5.00 and so on down the line. Everything is out there for you to view. The sales will stop at 6:30 whenever we go into the banquet. And we are also going to have one live auction item. It's a sapphire and diamond necklace that is appraised at about \$3,700. So bring your checkbooks with you. And if you're not going to be there, you don't have to be present to win. If you are not going to be at the banquet tonight, because I know they had to cut off the ticket sales because we ran out of space then on the back of your tickets you just sign your name and your phone number and if we draw you we'll call you and let you know that you won. So we look forward...it's going to be casual, very casual, we're not going by strict protocol so just get ready.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Sherry. And I want you to know Sisters and Brothers, I have seen that pendant necklace and you might be working with the Worthy Grand Matron on that one....(Laughter) Now Brother Jerry we invite you to bring the report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

PGP Jerry Trees: Good morning. (Good Morning!) Thank you Worthy (Grand) Matron. It is a pleasure to introduce the members of the Jurisprudence Committee for this year. We have Brother David Dibrell from District 1, we have Sister Betty Benham from District 2, Sister Sharon Fentress from District 3, Rosemary S. Berry from District 4, and myself from District 5. This is the preliminary report of Jurisprudence Committee. We, your Jurisprudence Committee, in compliance with the provisions of our Code of Laws governing Grand Chapter relating to the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee recommend the distribution of the matters in the Advance Annual Report, including the Supplemental Reports of Grand Chapter to the following Committees for consideration. One, to the members of this Committee, all matters contained within said reports. To the Board of Directors, the report of the Grand Secretary and the report of the Grand Treasurer. To the By-Laws Committee, the Amendments to the By-Laws as contained in the Reports of the Worthy Grand Matron. Code of By-Law of U.D. Chapters as submitted by the Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation in accordance with the Code of Laws. To the Committee of Grievance and Appeals, any disciplinary matters contained in the Worthy Grand Matrons Report, including her Supplementary Report. To the Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation that portion of the Worthy Grand Patron's Report on new Chapters Instituted. And to the Jurisprudence Committee, all matters contained in the reports specially assigned to the Jurisprudence Chapter Committee by Chapter 10, Article 152e of the Code of Laws for the government of Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron this completes the preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Committee and I move the adoption of this report.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion on the floor and a second to adopt the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. (WGP Trey Smith seconded) Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed? Motion carries. (One rap) We have some reports from last evening that must be adopted. Thank you Brother Jerry. I invite Sister Betty Scott, Fraternal Correspondent to present her report. Sister Betty.

Sister Betty Scott: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members one and all, through the reports of our Grand Representatives, this Fraternal Correspondent has

been given a better concept of the high aims and magnificent achievements of our Order throughout the world. Most of the reports that I have received from the Grand Representatives have been very detailed and in some cases there would not have enough space in the Official Bulletin to publish all of the details related in the reports I received. And so I quote the following which so fitly described my situation:

“I spent a lot of time
In culling out the finest sheaves
And had those all arranged in space;
So then with pruning knife and hook
I set to work to think
How could I have culled them further
To save time, space and ink.”

During the 2013-2014 Grand Chapter year sixteen reports of the Fraternal Correspondents were published in the Official Bulletin. Forty-four letters were mailed to the newly commissioned Grand Representatives. Each letter included an outline for the Grand Representative Reports and a copy of Suggested Responsibilities.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I have found great pleasure in my service as Fraternal Correspondent and I would be remiss if I did not express again my gratitude to you for the lovely appointment. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as Fraternal Correspondent and I thank you for this honor. I would also like to thank our Grand Representatives for their assistance and contributions and the staff of the Grand Secretary's Office for their assistance. I would like to express my appreciation to Sister Susan Hall, Grand Marshal, Sister Michelle Stegman, Grand Organist and Sister Susie Roger, Grand Soloist, for their assistance and participation in the Golden Link of Friendship Drill of the Grand Representatives. My friends one and all, always remember: Friendship is a Golden Chain that links us together eternally.

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

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brother we have a motion on the floor to adopt the report of the Fraternal Correspondent as presented last evening. Do I have a second?

WGP Trey Smith: I second the motion.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Fraternal Correspondent. Is there any discussion? All in favor please raise your blue card. All opposed? Motion carried. (One rap) Sister Betty I knew when I chose you as the Fraternal Correspondent that it would be a position that you would not only enjoy but others would enjoy working with you. We thank you and the Grand Representatives for all that you have given this year. You gave a great report and I enjoyed reading your reports each month in the Official Bulletin. I now invite Sister Vickie Matthew to bring her Humanitarian Report. Sister Vickie.

Sister Vickie Matthews: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Humanitarian Report as was presented last evening.

WGM Jayne Yenger: That was quick. Is there a second?

WGP Trey Smith: I second the motion.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We have a motion and a second to accept the report of the Humanitarian Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. Opposed? Motion carried. (One rap) Sister Vickie I remember well the first time I asked you to be my Humanitarian Chairman. For someone who was very doubtful, you came through with flying colors. What a great job you did. And to your District Chairmen, I just say congratulations; you have done your job well. And to the members of this Grand Chapter, we thank you for your support. Thank you. (Applause) I now invite Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee to bring her ESTARL report. Oh, I think if the District 1 Chairman is willing to bring the report, I would invite her to come forward.

Sister Alys Newsom, District 1, Chairman: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers, on behalf of the ESTARL Committee I move the adoption of the report as presented last evening.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers we have a motion on the floor to adopt the report of the ESTARL Committee as presented last evening. Do we have a second?

WGP Trey Smith: I second the motion.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded to adopt the report. All in favor please raise your blue cards. I'm not going to say opposed yet cause here comes Sister Charlene and she might just have a dollar figure to report.

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Okay, I don't know what all you said.

WGM Jayne Yenger: She just moved for the adoption of the report. We did not have a dollar figure.

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Let me give you a dollar figure.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We would love that.

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. 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 never forget. (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: You don't have to go into details.

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Oh my goodness. And I know the District Chairmen, Alys Newsom, Susan, Joyce, Doris and Nancy all share in my expression of appreciation. Okay, as part of the Humanitarian Program to date we have received this year \$15,408.17. Funds carried over from last year \$4,411.26. The Mary Kennington Fund was \$886.86. The Helen Bramlett Fund was \$116.88. The total was \$20,923.17. In addition to these funds our Worthy Grand Matron allocated \$2,076.83 from her undesignated funds. Sisters and Brothers in so doing we were able to grant twenty three \$1,000 scholarships to very deserving men and women. This Sisters and Brothers is what our Order is all about. Now from the generosity of

our members last evening we received \$3,000. I think that was great. Thank you so much. (Applause) Attached to the report is a list of the recipients by District, Charlene Stimits Butchee, ESTARL General Chairman, 2013-2014. Worthy Grand Matron I move for the adoption of this report.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion on the floor to adopt the report of the ESTARL Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise the blue card. Opposed? Motion carried. Sister Charlene, thank you for that wonderful report.

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Charlene to you and each of your District Chairmen, we thank you for the work that you have done. And to all the Chapters that have contributed to make these scholarships possible. You have given your time and effort and we thank you. I know that Sister JoAnn Snow could not be here last evening but I now invite Sister JoAnn Snow to bring her Grand Chaplain report. Sister JoAnn Snow.

Sister JoAnn Snow: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I understand my report was given very beautifully last night by Sister Betty Scott and I move this report be adopted.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers we have a motion on the floor to adopt the report of the Grand Chaplain as presented last evening. Do we have a second?

WGP Trey Smith: Second

WGM Jayne Yenger: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Grand Chaplain. Is there any discussion? All in favor please raise your blue card. Opposed? Motion carried. (One rap) Sister JoAnn we thank you. Sister JoAnn, I'm sorry that you couldn't be here to see that beautiful Memorial Program. It was beautiful and we thank you and we wish you the best for you and Chuck. Thank you. At this time I would like to ask our Grand Choir to give us a song. Thank you Brother Bill.

(Choir sings "Family of God")

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Brother Bill. That was beautiful. Sisters and Brothers we are going to be having some reports and I would again remind you if you have to visit or communicate with the one next to you or those in the back of the room, if you would try to be very quiet so that everyone can hear from the East. Also try not to be standing up and blocking the view from those behind you. Thank you. Worthy Grand Patron?

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Oh, did you have something, I thought you had something to say. I would now like to call for the report of our Grievances and Appeals. This will be our Unfinished Business from last year. So we will be trying to get the Unfinished Business taken care of first before we go into any other reports or business. And I invite Sister Joyce.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Good morning. This is the report of the Grievances and Appeals Com-

mittee. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers. I would like to introduce first those members appointed to serve on this Committee with me this year. Sister Vi Griffin, Past Grand Matron, District 4, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Past Grand Matron, District 3, and I am Joyce Gilbert, Past Grand Matron, District 1. To refer down to the bottom of my page, Sister Alma Lynn Bane was appointed yesterday to fill the position for Sister Mary Ruth White who of course is unable to be with us today.

The duties of this Committee are set forth in the Code of Laws, page 106, Article 152-f. At the Grand Chapter Session in 2013, the Grievances and Appeals Committee of 2012-2013 could not resolve the grievances and referred to the Grievances and Appeals Committee for 2013-2014. The documentation received from the Grievances and Appeals Committee and the Worthy Grand Matron... (pause) The documentation received from the Grievances and Appeals Committee state the grievances were; the Board Members removal was invalid.

After careful consideration of all documents received from Grievances and Appeals and the 2012-2013 Worthy Grand Matron, and after thorough research and discover, we find the decision of the 2012-2013 Worthy Grand Matron, which was substantiated by a majority of both the Corporate Board and the 2012-2013 Jurisprudence Committee to be within the parameters of her duties and should be sustained by this Grand Chapter, Respectfully submitted, Joyce Gilbert, PGM, Chairman and it is also signed by Vi Griffin, PGM and Alma Lynn Bane, PGM.

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

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers you have heard the report of our Grievances and Appeals Committee. And it has been moved that it be accepted. All in favor raise your blue cards. Is there any questions?

Sister Elizabeth Wise: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Elizabeth Wise, Past Matron of Buna Chapter No. 968 and Center Chapter No. 348.

I have been a member of the Eastern Star for 38 years, and I have offered my life in service on many responsible positions; however, my last job was to serve our membership on the Board of Directors, and I committed 5 years of my life to do so. On May, 17, 2013, after a three hour meeting with the Corporate Board, Jurisprudence, and the Parliamentarian, I was removed from this Board, but was never given any law that I had broken or any reason for the removal. I was never told of the called meeting or what it was all about, so that I could prepare my documentation to present on my behalf. I then tried to reconcile my differences through the Grievance and Appeals Committee. To date, I feel I still have not been justly heard.

As a member of this order, I took an obligation to not speak evil of a sister or brother, or perform any act of injustice or unkindness toward them. I also promised to cherish and defend the reputation of my sisters and brothers, and I do not believe I have been treated with dignity and respect.

As a Christian, I believe that the Spirit of Jesus lives within me, and the Bible teaches me to reconcile any differences with another person. In Matthew 18:15-20, we are admonished that if we are wronged, we are to go to that person and try to reconcile the issue. I do not believe the issue was fairly handled or justified, and I truly believe that I was wronged by those mem-

bers, and I wanted the membership to know what truly happened to me.

I covet the prayers of the membership as I try to reach peace with my grievance and those involved. I pray for comfort and peace for them as well as myself in this heartbreaking situation in my life.

Thank you for hearing my concern.

(Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Are there any other questions or any other discussion? All in favor of accepting this report, please raise your blue cards. All opposed? Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you Sister Joyce and your Committee.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Joyce and your Committee. I think we'll ask the Grand Choir for another song.

(Grand Choir sings "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands")

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers I would now ask the Worthy Grand Patron to bring a report on the issue from Grand Chapter last year on the bill that we were presented for \$801,000, Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. First of all I want to say how much I do appreciate the overwhelming support that the Worthy Grand Matron and I have received from our Corporate Board and from our Board of Directors. This has been a very difficult time for us and for the Grand Chapter of Texas, to receive a bill like this. I would also ask that Brother Bill Wyatt and Sister Diane Davidson to please stand with us. As you can see, members of Texas, how we stand together, united, in this cause that we have. A substantial bill was presented at the last Grand Chapter Session held in Arlington, Texas from the TMRC Board of Directors in the amount of \$801,362.71. The bill stated it was for the finish out of the first floor offices space that we were to lease. We immediately met with the Board of Directors of TMRC on August 22, 2013 which was the first and soonest meeting the Worthy Grand Matron and I could attend after Grand Chapter.

Upon attending the meeting of TMRC Board of Directors and hearing a tape and receiving a transcript of the meeting of March 2010, it became clear that then Chairman of our Board of Directors, Diane Davidson and then Worthy Grand Patron Bill Wyatt's comments quoted in the letter that was read in Arlington was taken out of context from a complete paragraph of other statements. I want you to know this and I want you to hear this. It is very important to me that that be brought out in their behalf.

There have been numerous meetings with TMRC Board of Directors to discuss this bill. These meetings included our entire Eastern Star Board of Directors attending the November 21, 2013 meeting with TMRC. The Corporate Board and the Board of Directors have worked together in a joint, united effort to resolve this situation. However, on February 26, 2014 the

Worthy Grand Matron received a demand letter for the entire balance of \$801,362.71 to be paid in 30 days.

Immediately in agreement with the Corporate Board, the Worthy Grand Matron responded to this letter requesting a complete and itemized bill of the building materials used in the finish out of the floor in question. To date, as of right now, this moment, we have not received an itemized bill or any response to that letter.

We were served with a citation on March 13, 2014 from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, upon receipt the Corporate Board agreed to contact our insurance carrier and obtain legal counsel. On March 31st legal counsel was retained and a response to the citation was filed in court. Copies of the March 13, 2014 citation and our response was filed with the court and has been forwarded to our insurance company for review.

The Corporate Board has worked diligently with the Board of Directors in support of hiring this attorney, our counsel, and it was a unanimous decision to do so. We as the Corporate Board and the Board of Directors, on advice of counsel due to this being an ongoing lawsuit cannot answer any questions due to the nature of the matter that has been filed against us and our countersuit filed against TMRC. However, we appreciate your support, we covet your prayers, we still have faith that we can work something out for the situation. But we do look forward to the situation being resolved. Respectfully submitted, Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron for this report. Sisters and Brothers you have heard the report...

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron we need a motion. I make a motion that this report be accepted.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion that this report be accepted. Is there a second?

AGP George Gwaltney: I second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we accept this report. Is there any discussion? There being none, Sisters and Brothers, those in favor of accepting this report please raise your blue cards. Those opposed? Motion carried. (One rap) I would like to thank not only the Worthy Grand Patron but the Corporate Board, the Board of Directors, Sister Diane and Brother Bill. Thank you for working with us and thank you the membership. (Applause) There being no further unfinished business to carry over to this Grand Chapter, I consider the Unfinished Business taken care of (One rap) and we will continue with our reports. I will call on the Board of Directors, our Chairman Brother Ron Zipp for his report.

Brother Ron Zipp: Thank you very much Worthy Grand Matron. I would like at this point in time to ask the Board of Directors to please stand and ask Brother Trey and yourself to visit together. Will all of the Board of Directors please stand? On behalf of the Board of Directors we would like to present the love gift to Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron as well as Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron because it's so hard to catch them at a particular location with

all of our Board Members. So everybody's running every which way but loose so we decided to do it like this before we start our reports because we know everybody wants to hear these reports. (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I thought he was going to take it back there for a minute and I was going to go shopping.

Brother Ron Zipp: Now we'd like to have our reports and we're so thankful to have such a wonderful Board. (Jean Hobbs was not there because of a case of bursitis)

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 2013-2014: Sisters Gerry Sturtz, Vice-Chairman District 4; Becky Austin, Secretary-Treasurer District 1; Brother Ray Hargis, member, District 1; Sisters Audri Rowell, member, District 2; Deborah Land, member, District 2; Jean Hobbs, member, District 3; Lynn Kearney, member, District 3, Mickie Campbell, member, District 4; and Brother David Ouellette, member, District 5.

It is impossible for me to convey my thanks and appreciation to these Board members who have worked so hard and diligent during this past year. This has been a very cohesive Board and has worked as a team to overcome the challenges that have faced them. I want to thank each 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.

Past Grand Matron, Vi Griffin was appointed recording secretary by the Worthy Grand Matron in March of this year. Thank you Sister Vi for your dedication and hard work that you so willingly gave to this Board of Directors.

At Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, we held our first Executive meeting welcoming our new members, Ray Hargis, Deborah Land and Lynn Kearney. Also, at this meeting the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer were elected for the 2013-2014 Grand Chapter year.

During this year's Board of Directors service, we reviewed Benevolent Aid requests, assisted in the scholarship program, approved finances for the Associate Grand Matron's Special Projects and supervised all the financial affairs of Grand Chapter. Due to Legislation for plural membership being passed at the last Grand Chapter Session, the Board realized that the current Grand Chapter Database was not adequate. This will be reported on later by Brother Ray Hargis. On March 11, 2014 the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas filed a lawsuit against the Grand Chapter of Texas (GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS vs. GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, CAUSE NO. 153-270951-14 IN THE DISTRICT COURT, 153RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, TARRANT COUNTY TEXAS). The Corporate Board has taken charge of this lawsuit, thus the Board of Directors has nothing to report. The Board of Directors, by majority vote, approved the Attorney Fee Contract of the law firm of Brackett & Ellis, P.C., which was selected by the Corporate Board. The amount of \$5,000.00 was paid as an initial retainer fee.

This year our bankers, J.P. Morgan, met with us on a quarterly basis at our scheduled Board meetings to give us an in depth report of our investments. Our Auditors, Ratliff & Associates

made a report on the 2012-2013 Grand Chapter year at the April 12, 2014 Board meeting. Through March 31, 2013, we have distributed \$29,000.00 in Benevolent Aid to our sisters and brothers in need. This is only made possible by your generosity and sound investments. Thanks to each 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 \$65,300.00 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 greatly appreciated.

Thank you 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 a pleasure to have you attend and to know that you have an interest in the financial affairs of Grand Chapter.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jayne Yenger and Brother Trey Smith, 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 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 the Board of Directors, I appreciate your confidence in electing me to serve as your Chairman for the 2013-2014 Grand Chapter year.

To my family, thank you for your love, understanding and prayers for me during the past five years. I am grateful and appreciate you scheduling family events to accommodate my schedule.

Finally, thank you, the great membership of Texas, for electing me to serve you in this capacity. I will cherish my five years of service to this Grand Chapter and you the membership.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers it has been moved that we adopt the report. Is there a second?

WGP Trey Smith: I second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It's been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Board of Directors. All in favor please raise your blue cards. All opposed? Motion carries. (One rap)

Brother Ron Zipp: It is my pleasure at this time to introduce Mrs. Mickie Campbell who will bring the Board of Directors Report #2.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Thank you, Brother Ron Zipp.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, My Sisters and Brothers:

My name is Mickie Campbell, Board of Directors, District 4. I will be presenting Report #2, Proposed General Fund Budget.

CODE OF LAWS, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 82(e) Page 72, states:

Quote:

“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.”

Unquote.

Sisters and Brothers, the Proposed General Fund Budget was posted on the Official Grand Chapter Website on July 25, 2014 and has been printed in the Advanced Annual Report on pages 43 through 46.

This Proposed General Fund Budget is from September 1st, 2013 and ends March 31st, 2014 for the purpose of preparing the documents to be presented to you at this Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report #2.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Is there a second?

WGP Trey Smith: I second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers you’ve heard the Report #2 from the Board of Directors. It has been moved and seconded that we accept this report. Is there any discussion? I recognize the microphone with the Sister in the South.

Sister Karen Kidd: I just have questions, can I . . .

Sister Mickie Campbell: State your name please.

Sister Karen Kidd: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Karen Kidd, Past and Present Worthy Matron of Abilene Chapter #30. I just have some questions. I’m not for or against it, so which microphone do you want me to be?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Do you want to come to the East?

Sister Karen Kidd: Okay.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I would like to clarify again the microphone in the South is “For”. The microphone in the North is “Against”. So while she’s coming to the East I will recognize the

Sister at the microphone in the North.

Sister Sue Saunders: My name is Sue Saunders, I am Past Matron of Port Neches Chapter #677 and Jr. Past Matron of Spurger Chapter #315. And I too have questions for information. I'm not against it and I'm not for it until I know what the answers to the questions I have are.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Okay, okay. If you will wait there just a minute.

Sister Karen Kidd: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Karen Kidd Past and Present Worthy Matron of Abilene Chapter #30. I have a few questions concerning the budget. First in the budget is it the new printer that costs \$195,000?

Sister Mickie Campbell: We didn't buy the printer. It's a leased printer.

Sister Karen Kidd: Okay, leased. Five years ago when I was on the Board, the Grand Secretary, Sister Nell Drenner assured us that all printing would be in-house so the Board approved the purchase or lease to be in the budget and the membership voted yes to that budget. The contract was for five years. Now we are trying to save money and the Grand Secretary gets a majority vote, a majority vote for a new one. In the Article 11, Section 3d, the Constitution states that "in an emergency by majority vote of the Board of Directors, they may make appropriations not to exceed \$10,000." Why is it that we must have a new printer before the membership could review the budget and vote on that kind of money? I would also like to know who is trained to use this machine. Last year the Board was not even allowed to use any thing in the office and yet I saw a District 1 member use that machine at the last Board meeting. How many Bulletins are mailed out to the membership? Also, we are paying \$50 a month for someone to pick up the Bulletins and then paying someone else \$600 a month to stamp, sort and mail these Bulletins. That is almost \$8,000 a year. Why can't we save this money and do this in-house like the Grand Secretary five years ago assured the Board that we would do? I think that there are several areas with not just this one, that the Grand Chapter can save money in this budget. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Mickie?

Sister Mickie Campbell: There are some places on there and some of them may not pertain to each other so Sister Karen, is there a way I could have a copy of that because you're asking so many questions, I don't know, we'd have to start all over again.

Sister Karen Kidd: The reason I asked so many questions is because I was afraid if I just asked one I'd be cut off. (Laughter)

Sister Mickie Campbell: I wouldn't do that...alright let's start with the first one, the printer. Okay, we had two printers, we now have one. We leased the printer, \$1,250 a month. It replaced two older printers. This is a more updated, more sophisticated. \$1,250 a month for one printer and it has to be leased. It's a computer type printer and they become obsolete after a couple of years. You know with the new technology, something new comes out. Okay, let's talk about the printing in-house. The only thing that is printed outside is the yearbooks, the annual proceedings which are bound on the end and the calendars because they are just too small. Printing in house, you'll find that on page, line item number 83. We have the Worthy Grand Matron envelopes and letterheads, Worthy Grand Patron's, same, Grand Chaplain, the

same. That's the line item. Line item 82, this is printed in house. Bulletins, directories, music, Deputy books, all Grand Line Officer letterheads and envelopes, Constitution, Revisions to the Constitution, Historical Highlights, A and B Certificates, registration cards, voter, non-voter, out of state, business cards, regret cards, annual reports (not receiving on line), In Memoriam, Chapter packets, secret work, and approximately fifteen other forms and documents not receiving them on line. Contingency Fund is still there, we haven't spent it. It is on line, I know it's here...line item 80. Contingency Fund is there, haven't spent it. Haven't spent it in years. Has nothing to do with the copy machine. Who's trained on the machine? Grand Secretary and her employees. Who else is able to work it? Perhaps somebody that comes in. One of the girls perhaps like Lynn Kearney who works in the office. She does membership database but I'm sure that Marlene has somebody else that comes in to help her out. I don't know of any particular District 1 member in particular that uses it. I was in the Board meeting so I'm sure Karen saw something that I didn't see. Excuse me one minute, I'm trying to decipher something. Well, there are a number of Bulletins that have to be sorted each month, stamped, labels put on. I don't know about this figure here and I'm not so sure that the girls in the office would have time to do the Bulletin mailings. Sister Marlene?

GS Marlene Scholari: I would like to address the issue about the services that takes care of printing our addresses with the barcode for the postage system, sorting the mail for bulk services and the pickup of that Bulletin at our office. That fee is \$375 a month and that included them taking it to the Post Office for us, sorted, ready for bulk mail. If you've never had to deal with bulk mail, every zip code has to be sorted and bundled in a separate package and we do not have the time in our office to set and sort for bulk mail. So that is why we do that outside and we only pay \$50 to have it picked up.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Thank you Sister Marlene. Thank you very much.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Are you finished with that Sister Mickie? If you want to wait there just a second. Do we still have a question in the North?

Sister Sue Saunders: Yes, I do.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Sue Saunders: Do I have to say my name and everything again?

WGM Jayne Yenger: No

Sister Sue Saunders: My question is about the amount we are paying for the audits. Line item 45 says that we've budgeted \$15,500 for the audit. Now I am looking at the one that was online, I pulled this offline and it was the second one after the first one. There was one online then another one came out so I'm looking at the last one that I got. I pulled it offline before I came up to Grand Chapter.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Are you talking about line item number 45?

Sister Sue Saunders: Yes.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Okay...

Sister Sue Saunders: It says we paid \$15,500 for an audit and it cost us \$25,000....

Sister Mickie Campbell: You're looking at last year's figure. That's what it cost us last year. We're budgeted \$25,000 this year.

Sister Sue Saunders: But that's not the only audit we had done.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Yes ma'am. The Ladies did their own audit. That was a different audit.

Sister Sue Saunders: Okay. Then my question is who is doing the auditing?

Sister Mickie Campbell: Ratliff and Associates.

Sister Sue Saunders: Alright, did we bid this item?

Sister Mickie Campbell: We did.

Sister Sue Saunders: I work for....

Sister Mickie Campbell: I don't understand what you're saying, did we bid this item?

Sister Sue Saunders: Did you put out for bids to have auditors...

Sister Mickie Campbell: When we hired Ratliff and Associates we did. We went out for three different auditors. The company that we had used for many many years was out of Weatherford and the gentleman was retiring so we went out for auditors who work for non-profit Organizations as their primary clients. Not IBM orstrictly non-profit.

Sister Sue Saunders: I work for Tyler County. I'm the Administrative Assistant to the Tyler County Judge. I visited with our County Auditor. We have over \$19,000,000 in our Funds that we deal with and we don't pay but \$13,000 a year for an Audit. I guess what I'm wondering is why the exorbitant cost if we are a non-profit and they deal with mostly non-profit. I feel like we could find a better, more bang for our buck.

Sister Mickie Campbell: We have so many different accounts.

Sister Sue Saunders: And we have very many in Tyler County.

Sister Mickie Campbell: I'm sure you do. I'm sure you do. It has been the same, our audit Caldwell's year was \$25,000, Nicklas year was \$21,000, White \$22,000, Griffin \$19,000, Curry \$21,000, Yenger is a little higher this year because there are some new regulations from the IRS that we had to file. Some new forms that we had to do. Normally it is running around \$20ish, \$21...But I went back and tracked down the last eight years, it's a little higher this month but we don't control what the IRS says we have to file so that's why it's a little higher.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I'm sorry, the Sister in the North, the time is up.

Sister Sue Saunders: Thank you.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Do we have any other questions? I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Tonya Foster: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Tonya Foster, Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747 and Tenaha #185. First I would like to say, thank you Worthy Grand Matron and to the Board for allowing this budget to be placed on the web so we had time to look at it and study it. Now I hope all of you have done like I have and you've studied and you've prayed about it. And I'm very concerned that we have a deficit budget in our General Fund as well as our Ladies Fund. When you look at those budgets, they're \$525,000 in a deficit. That's a half a million dollars. That's scary. You know, we the membership, we all own 1% of this company. And Mickie you read right out of the Constitution that I was going to read and I appreciate you doing that. And it says, and I would like to quote that "They shall report this budget to the Grand Chapter with such recommendations, as they deem necessary for the best interest of Grand Chapter." So I'm wondering maybe, is there any way that the Board could maybe bring us a better recommendation with some cuts in this budget? I know we are looking at raising Per Capita and we're doing a lot of things and it seems to be on the memberships back and maybe our Chapters back. I'm a little concerned that salaries have raised \$10,000 and when we look at this budget. I see a lot of areas that we could cut this budget. And I looked at it and I could cut nearly \$40,000 out of it. So, is there any way that the Board could reconsider this budget and bring us a budget that shows some cuts before they ask the membership to endure part of this cost?

Sister Mickie Campbell: Sister Tonya, thank you very much and we will certainly take that under consideration and I too have some items to be discussed with that particular...what you're talking about.

Sister Tonya Foster: Thank you for your consideration.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Thank you. Okay, as far as the salary being higher we hired Jane Pyle. Sister Marlene was trying to be Grand Secretary and do everything that she had to do and be the bookkeeper at the same time. We had to have somebody else in the office. It was just necessary so we welcomed Jane Pyle to the staff and that's why the salaries are a little higher this year.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in theone moment please. I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Diane Wilson: My name is Diane Wilson. I'm a Past Matron of Lewisville #935. I have just a question about the printing. If we took the things that we are currently printing, such as the annual proceedings and the calendars and that kind of thing and put them on line as well as the Bulletin for the members to log in with their membership number or unique identifier so that it is secure and not just to the general public at large, would that not save us money on printing and mailing and what would it do to our bulk mail permit? We would still have to mail out to those items that Chapters who do not have a way to log into them or for

members not to be able to get them and print them on their own. We would still have some mailing cost and printing cost but could we not save the majority of it by placing it online?

Sister Mickie Campbell: It will probably turn out to be that way one of these days where you cannot receive anything unless it's online. It may come to that. Thank you very much.

Sister Diane Wilson: Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Is there any other discussion? It has been moved and seconded to accept the report. All in favor signify by raising your blue cards. Opposed? Worthy Grand Patron can you help me with this? Cards down. I'd like to call for that vote again. For, please raise your blue cards. Opposed. Motion passed. (One rap) Thank you Sister Mickie.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to present Sister Gerry Sturtz, who will present Report #3.

Sister Gerry Sturtz: Good morning. Can you all hear me okay? Okay, how's that?

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers;

This report will cover 2 topics:

1. Ladies Retirement Fund 501(c)(3)
2. Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC)

The Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund (often referred to as the Ladies Retirement Fund) is a 501(c)(3) fund, a designated fund which can only be used for the care of the ladies.

The income is derived from several sources, which are detailed in the proposed budget on Pages 47 and 48 of your Advanced Annual Report. The four main sources on income remain a portion of the per capita (which is currently \$5.00 per member), the Interest from the OES Grand Chapter Endowment Fund, and Interest from the 501(c)(3) and the Ladies' pensions.

The care of our ladies continues to be one of the main concern of the Board of Directors.

Per Grand Treasurer, Lorrie Owens

Beginning Balance as of 9/1/2013	1,066,862.73
Balance as of 6/30/2014	709,542.86
A difference of	357,319.87

A breakdown of the Revenues and Disbursements from 9/1/13 to 6/30/14 can be found on page 37 of the Advanced Annual Report.

As you can see on your Advanced Annual Report, the Budgeted amounts for 2014-2015 are Income of \$576,605, while the Expenses of \$945,480 creating a shortfall of \$368.875

Texas Masonic Retirement Center

This report is on our Ladies residing at TMRC from September 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014.

Grand Chapter currently has 12 residents, 5 in Independent Living and 7 in the Clinic.

An interesting fact that we found is that in 2001 daily cost for Independent Living was \$39.46 and daily cost for Clinic was \$113.18.

Today, we are paying for each lady who resides in the Independent living \$75.28, while the lady residing in the Clinic is charged a rate of \$239.79.

These are the daily charges for only one lady for one month.

By multiplying these rates on a 30 day monthly average, the cost for:

Independent Living Resident, we are paying \$2,258.40 per month per lady.

Clinic residents, we are paying \$7,193.70 per month per lady.

Yearly Charges for one lady multiplied by 365 days:

Independent Living Resident, we are paying \$27,477.20
and Clinic Resident, we are paying \$86,523.35

Additionally, we are mandated by law to give an allowance of \$70.00 per month to each lady.

The Board would like to thank the membership for your continued support of our Ladies and invite you to visit them as much as possible.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to give this report on our Ladies.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of Report #3.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Report #3 has been moved for adoption. Is there a second?

WGM Trey Smith: I second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We have a motion and a second to adopt Report #3. Is there any discussion? If not, please signify by raising your blue cards. Opposed? Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you Sister Gerry.

Sister Gerry Sturtz: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to present Sister Deborah Land who will present Report #4.

Sister Deborah Land: Thank you Sister Gerry. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. I am here in place of Sister Jean Hobbs who was unable to be with us this year as our Chairman has already reported to you. So I will

read the report she has prepared in advance.

REPORT NO. 4 OF THE BAORD OF DIRECTORS

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brother:

The independent accounting firm of RATLIFF AND ASSOCIATES, P.C., completed their audit of the books of Grand Chapter on March 24, 2014, for the Grand Chapter Fiscal Year ending August 31, 2013, in compliance with Chapter 5A, Article 82(b) of the Constitution and Code of Laws.

This C.P.A. Firm conducted the audit in accordance with general auditing standards. These standards require that they plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

In their written opinion of March 24, 2104, the financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, and The Eastern Star Home of Texas as of August 31, 2013, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The audit report will be printed in its entirety in the proceedings of August 2014, 132nd Annual Session of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally,
Jean Hobbs, Board of Directors, District 3

Worthy Grand Matron I move adoption of Report #4.

WGP Trey Smith: Second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt Report #3. (should be #4) Is there any discussion?

PGP Richard Ochs: Yes ma'am.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the North.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Richard Ochs, Past Patron of Kingsland Chapter and that's KINGSLAND (spelled out) because it was wrong last year everywhere, and Amarillo Chapter. And my question is relative to the Auditors in a sense that the letter that was in the August Bulletin and I think this can be answered real quickly, was addressed to the Administrative Board. I have assumed, and that does things once in a while to me, that it was the Corporate Board that they were talking about. I do not need a final response right now but somebody please let me know at some point. Somebody let...

Sister Deborah Land: Brother Richard, that was to be addressed to the Board of Directors. They just missed it.

PGP Richard Ochs: Okay, that answers my question and thank you very kindly.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers it has been moved and seconded that we accept the Report of #3 (should be #4). Those in favor please raise your blue cards. Those opposed. Motion carried. (One rap) I'm sorry that was #4. Did you not say #3?

Sister Deborah Land: No ma'am, I said #4.

WGM Jayne Yenger: That was Report #4. It's accepted, Report #4.

Sister Deborah Land: I now call on Sister Lynn Kearney for Report #5 for the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors Report Number 5 Endowed Membership

Sister Lynn Kearney: Good morning, I'm Lynn Kearney, District 3.

Thank you, Sister Deborah.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Pataron, Distinguished Members, my sisters and brothers all.

In compliance with Article 204(e). pages 148-151 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Directors, present the report on the Endowed Memberships, for the period from September 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014.

Two Hundred Five (205) memberships were purchased from September 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014 for a total dollar amount of \$102,500.00.

In accordance with Article 204(e), Page 149, distribution of earnings cannot be made until May 31st of the first year after purchase of the Endowed Membership.

The distribution of earnings to chapters for Endowed Memberships this past year resulted in \$19.91 each.

As of May 31, 2014 a grand total of 5,956 Endowed Memberships have been purchased for a total dollar amount of \$2,978,000. There is an increase of 78 endowed memberships purchased by members this past year.

Worthy Grand Matron I move adoption of this report.

WGP Trey Smith: Second

WGM Jayne Yenger: I have a motion and a second to adopt Report #5. If not, Sisters and Brothers those in favor or accepting Report #5, please raise your blue cards. Opposed? Motion Carried. (One rap) Thank you Sister Lynn.

Sister Lynn Kearney: Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce Brother Ray Hargis who will present Report #6.

Grand Chapter Database Conversion Report #6

Brother Ray Hargis: Good morning. (Good morning)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers;

This is a special report to inform the membership of the Grand Chapter Membership Database conversion.

During the 2013 Grand Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the membership passed a resolution to allow for plural membership in Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Texas. This changed the wording in the Code of Laws, Chapter 4 Article 204 Section D on page 146 to read “plural membership” thus allowing any member in good standing to apply for and become a member in more than one chapter.

A study of the current database revealed the membership database is inadequate to add plural members. The database is written in Chapter identification and not member identification.

To solve this issue, the BOD asked me to contact the software vendor that wrote and manages the database for the Grand Lodge of Texas. Communications were established with a company named Grand Lodge Membership Management System (GLMMS). During the October 2013 meeting, I requested and received permission to meet with a representative of GLMMS, Mr. Wendell Bell.

Mr. Bell submitted a Maintenance and Support Agreement and agreed the database could be converted to the software provided by GLMMS and the database converted for a figure around \$10,000. This exact amount for their services cannot be established as a firm dollar amount due to unknown issues and time that might occur during the conversion work, but we were assured it is very close. During this meeting the BOD accepted the proposal and allowed GLMMS to proceed with the conversion.

I and our Grand Secretary, Sister Marlene Scholari, worked with GLMMS establishing remote communications for GLMMS to gain to the GC database for the purpose of uploading the Grand Chapter data to their company server and proceed with the conversion.

During the May meeting of the BOD, I reported a demo database had been installed on the Grand Chapter server. This gives the Grand Secretary and her office staff the opportunity to start learning about the program. GLMMS is currently working on a final version to be downloaded to the OES server as soon as it is ready. No date for the completion of this phase has been provided.

The management team from GLMMS has worked very close with the Grand Secretary and I to keep us informed with timely progress reports. GLMMS was also working to make the conversion as user friendly and simple as possible with minimum impact to the current working system.

This is a very powerful program designed especially for the Grand Chapter of Texas. GLMMS has developed the software for the use by Grand Lodges across the US and has refined the software with many programs to assist in managing the membership database. This includes comprehensive features that assist the Grand Secretary's office in the management of their business. They are making changes from a Masonic Interface to an OES interface.

Including:

- Time saving extensive reporting and exporting tools
- Tracking Chapter Officer Information at both the Chapter and Grand Chapter Level
- Generate and process annual returns
- Automatically calculate Chapter and Member status
- Generating Dues Cards on an Ad Hoc and Annual basis. (this is printing the dues cards provided by GGC with the member name and ID). The dues cards from General Grand Chapter will not change in any manner, only the member's name and ID will be printed in the proper location on the dues cards. A bar code containing the member's information such as ID and (the rest of this statement is missing from the document.)
- Chapter Secretary website that allows the remote ability to view and change Chapter member records.
- Ongoing maintenance program

Additional work included: GLMMS recommends that the GC Windows 7 Server have an additional hard drive and memory added to increase the amount of file space and to ensure the machine will run with efficiency. GLMMS also recommended that we install Windows Server 2012 OS and also allow one of their extra licenses to be used which saves us a lot of money.

If I could pause for a moment and insert right here, the person I'm working with, Mr. Ashley Buss, is English and has a sense of humor you wouldn't believe. And he informed me that they were changing from a masculine database to a female database (Laughter) and from what I've observed so far, with pink. (Laughter) So I thought I would let you know that.

On July 26 and 27, Ashley Buss from GLMMS was in the Grand Chapter Office to make the necessary changes and install the database. During this time the Grand Chapter Server was relocated to an area for better air flow. The Server was then upgraded to Microsoft Server version 2012, configured and the new Database installed. All client PC's were provisioned to work in the Grand Chapter domain for efficiency and security.

The next step is to configure the remote access to the Secretary's Interface which will be done remotely by GLMMS.

This has been a yearlong project and it is still not fully complete. I would like to thank the members of the Board of Directors for their patience and understanding during this conversion process, also the Grand Secretary, Sister Marlene Scholari and her staff for their assistance and hard work to assure we will have one of the finest membership Databases.

Ray Hargis,
Board of Directors District 1
Grand Chapter of Texas, OES

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No.6.

WGP Trey Smith: I second that.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers it has been moved and seconded to accept Report #6. Is there any discussion? If not all those in favor a accepting Report #6 please raise your blue cards. Opposed same. Motion carried. (One rap) Brother Ray, thank you. I have been privileged to see the new system. I'm excited and I might even go back as Secretary of my Chapter. (Laughter) Cause I won't have to do all that typing Sister Alma. (Laughter) Thank you.

Brother Ray Hargis: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Becky Austin who will present Report #7.

Sister Becky Austin: Thank you Brother Ray Hargis. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

In compliance with Chapter 5, Section A., Article 82, Paragraph), Sub-Article F., on page 79 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Directors wish to present this report on the Benevolent Aid Fund for the period of September 1, 2013 through Aug. 31, 2014. This is not a year-end final report of the Benevolent Aid Fund with regards to the fact that the Grand Chapter Fiscal year runs through August 31, 2014; and therefore still has the remainder of this month in which additional requests for aid may be received. This is a year-to-date partial report as of August 1, 2014.

Beginning Balance for September 1, 2013		\$ 7,345.82
Income Received:		
Benevolent Aid Per Capita	28,814.00	
Humanitarian Donations	7,818.15	
Prior Year Fund Balance	60,000.00	
<u>Donations & Gifts Received</u>	<u>141.00</u>	
Total Income Received		\$ 96,773.15
Expenditures:		
Long Term Aid	30,500.00	
Temporary Aid	8,820.00	
<u>Emergency Aid</u>	<u>10,500.00</u>	
Total Benevolent Aid Expended		\$ 49,820.00
Balance As of August 1, 2014		\$46,953.15

The Benevolent Aid Fund currently extends Long Term Aid to six (6) members of our Order representing five (5) subordinate chapters. The current fiscal year began with only four (4) members on Long Term Aid, then beginning in November through February grew to seven (7) members. The passing of one (1) of these membrs brought the total to the current number of six (6). Throughout the past 11 months Temporary Benevolent Aid was extended to six (6) members, and Emergency Aid was extended to ten (10) members.

The Benevolent Aid Budget for the 2104-2015 Grand Chapter Fiscal Year is projected as follows:

Income:

Benevolent Aid Per Capita	\$ 28,000.00	
Humanitarian Donations	8,000.00	
<u>Prior Year Fund Balance</u>	<u>28,800.00</u>	
Total Income		\$64,800.00

Expenditures:

Long Term Aid	\$ 30,000.00	
Temporary Aid	8,000.00	
<u>Emergency Aid</u>	<u>19,000.00</u>	
Total Expenditures		\$ 57,000.00

Net Income <Loss> \$ 7,800.00

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

WGP Trey Smith: Second

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt Report #7. Is there any discussion? Sisters and Brothers you've heard Report #7. All in favor please raise your blue cards. Opposed? Motion carried. (One rap)

Sister Becky Austin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and membership, it is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Deborah Land who will present Report #8.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Becky.

Sister Deborah Land: Good morning again. Thank you Sister Becky I appreciate that.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all; it is my pleasure to provide the following Report on the Contingency Funds of the Grand Chapter referencing Article Number 11, Section 3(b). As of August 6, 2014 the Contingency Fund has a balance of \$10,000.00. No funds or expenditures were allocated from this fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Land, Board of Directors, District 2.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 8.

WGP Trey Smith: Second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we accept Report #8. Is there any discussion? If not Sisters and Brothers, to accept Report #8 please raise your blue cards. Opposed? Motion carried. (One rap)

Sister Deborah Land: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It is my pleasure to introduce Brother David Ouellette for Report #9.

Brother David Ouellette: Thank you Sister Deborah Land.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

I am David Ouellette, Chairman of Deeds, Titles and Properties and would like to introduce the members of my committee – Sister Lynn Kearney and Sister Deborah Land.

I am pleased to bring this report to you on the assets of Grand Chapter. There is an asset database maintained in the Grand Secretar's office which contains the assets being tracked by this committee. Items tracked include Stocks and Bonds, Property, Mineral Rights, Insurance policies, Estates (Wills and Trust Funds). There are 261 items in various stages of review and recommendations to be made for action to be taken by the Board of Directors. From September 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, we have received an income of \$31,912.70 from our thirteen Oil and Gas Holdings. Our other assets have not generated any income and we have not received any new assets during this same time period.

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

Brother David Ouellette: Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

WGP Trey Smith: I second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt Report #9. Is there any discussion? Sisters and Brothers if you are in favor of accepting Report #9, please raise your blue cards. Opposed? Motion carries. (One rap) Thank you Brother David.

Brother David Ouellette: Thank you. It is my pleasure to present Sister Audri Rowell who will give Report #10.

Sister Audri Rowell: And I have the final report. Thank you Brother David. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers; it is my pleasure to give the following partial report of the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects as of July 31, 2014:

Committees are as follows:

Believe in Our Order	Mardi Gras
Chain Link/Membership Visitation	Masonic Links
Days to Remember/Calendar	Picnic on the Brazos/Rob Morris (which will help contribute to this after this evening)
Dress Pins	Proficiency
Golden Links/Helping our Headquarters	Providing Comfort
Golden Notes/Music	Reach for the Stars
Guiding Stars/Ritual Competition	Reunion
Happy Holidays/TMRC	Rob Morris Jewel
Historical Highlights	
Hope for the Future/Youth	

In the Know/Bulletin
Joy for the Children/Scottish Rite
Keep In Touch

Sentimental Journey
TMRC/Family Day

Total Sales \$125,266.55
Less Total Cost \$ -43,689.27

Total Net Sales of Projects as of 7/31/14 \$ 81,577.20

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report #10

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects
September 2013 - July 2014

ITEM	SALES	COST	NET	Less 25% General Fund	Disburse	Profit Balance
4090.36 Sun Catchers	\$ 580.00	\$ 453.44	\$ 126.56	\$ 31.64	\$ -	\$ 94.92
4090.37 Travel Books 2013-2014	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 9,559.21	\$ (8,009.21)		\$ -	
4090.38 2013-2014 Calendars	\$ 6,485.00	\$ 2,357.29	\$ 4,127.71	\$ 1,031.93	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,595.78
4090.39 Dress Pin Bronze	\$ 7,450.00	\$ 1,598.40	\$ 5,851.60	\$ 1,462.90	\$ -	\$ 4,388.70
4090.40 Dress Pin Silver	\$ 5,175.00	\$ 1,040.34	\$ 4,134.66	\$ 1,033.67	\$ -	\$ 3,101.00
4090.41 Dress Pin Gold	\$ 13,750.00	\$ 798.18	\$ 12,951.82	\$ 3,237.96	\$ -	\$ 9,713.87
4090.42 WGM Music#1	\$ 3,345.00	\$ 33.50	\$ 3,311.50	\$ 827.88	\$ -	\$ 2,483.63
4090.43 WGM Music #2	\$ 260.00	\$ 33.50	\$ 226.50	\$ 56.63	\$ -	\$ 169.88
4090.44 WGP Music	\$ 225.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 37.50	\$ -	\$ 112.50
4090.45 Purse Holders-Happy Holidays TMRC	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,980.00	\$ (2,180.00)		\$ -	
4090.50 Fans-Hope for the Future	\$ 3,410.00	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 117.50	\$ -	\$ 352.50
4090.51 Stuffed Peguins-Joy for the Children	\$ 8,456.00	\$ 3,150.46	\$ 5,305.54	\$ 1,326.39	\$ -	\$ 3,979.16
4090.52 Tote Bags-Picnic on the Brazos	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 4,243.96	\$ (3,183.96)		\$ -	
4090.53 Rob Morris Auctions Schools	\$ 37,903.10	\$ -	\$ 37,903.10	\$ 9,475.78	\$ 900.00	\$ 27,527.33
4090.54 Rob Morris Auction Grand Chapter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4090.55 Proficiency Stickers- Education	\$ 1,558.45	\$ 257.04	\$ 1,301.41	\$ 325.35	\$ 976.04	\$ 0.02
4090.56 Lapel Pin-Proud to be American	\$ 4,075.00	\$ 1,131.29	\$ 2,943.71	\$ 735.93	\$ -	\$ 2,207.79
4090.57 Sun Catchers-Proud be American	\$ 935.00	\$ 904.16	\$ 30.84	\$ 7.71	\$ -	\$ 23.13
4090.58 Year Book-	\$ 26,087.00	\$ 12,133.50	\$ 13,953.50	\$ 3,488.38	\$ -	\$ 10,465.13
4090.59 Name Badges	\$ 2,162.00	\$ -	\$ 2,162.00	\$ 540.50	\$ -	\$ 1,621.50
Totals	\$ 125,266.55	\$ 43,689.27	\$ 81,577.28	\$ 23,737.61	\$ 2,376.04	\$ 68,836.81
Total as of August 1, 2014	54.952%					\$ 68,836.81

Loss on Travel Books, Purse Holders, and Tote Bags were adjusted in Net Total

WGP Trey Smith: | second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded to accept the Report #10. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor of accepting this report, please raise your blue cards. Opposed? Motion carries. (One rap) Thank you Sister Audri. Would you like to have a photo opportunity with your Board of Directors? It might be your last chance Brother Ron. Sisters and Brothers while they're making their way back up here, I want to thank each of you for contributing and supporting our projects this past year. It has made your Worthy Grand Patron and I very happy and we could not have done this without your

help. Thank you so much. Thank you Board of Directors. I would now call on our By-Laws Chairman, Sister Donna Hill Pope to bring her report.

Sister Donna Hill Pope: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members:

It is a pleasure to introduce the other members of this committee: Patricia Blank and Sandra Mikesell.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter this year. It has been a challenging and rewarding learning experience. We received forty-five (45) Chapter requests for amendments. Four (4) Chapters submitted more than one request, noted in parenthesis after each chapter number, including resubmissions.

One hundred nine (109) amendments were approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and forwarded to the chapters. Three (3) requests were not approved. One (1) was returned for correction and has not been resubmitted to date. Two (2) chapter requests were received too late to submit, having been received after July 20, 2014.

Of the one hundred nine (109) approved amendments, seventeen (17) were related to changes in the date, time, or place of the meeting; twenty four (24) were related to changes in the dues for membership or affiliation including changes to accommodate plural memberships; thirty two (32) were related to the financial affairs of the chapter; and thirty six (36) were related to other matters. A complete list of the Chapters submitting amendments is included and is listed in numerical order.

Copies of this Report will be included in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Secretaries of the Chapters for their cooperation and courtesy during the year.

CHAPTERS REQUESTING BY-LAWS CHANGES 2013-2014

<u>CHAPTER NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER NUMBER</u>
San Angelo	10 (2)
Weatherford	21
Abilene	30
Texas	35
Leander	73
Lubbock	76
Violet	158
Trinity	186
Santa Ana	247
Spurger	315
Kingsville	325 (2)
Grapevine	326
Coleman	360

Johnson City	376
Lufkin	392
Palestine	305
Belton	589
Longview	610
League City	621 (2)
Everman	624
Brookshire	652
Port Neches	677
Pasadena	711
Alamo Heights	734
Andral Vann	741 (2)
Harlandale	750
Hillsboro	769
Cockrell Hill Delta Flora	794
Goose Creek	798
Crescent	820
Tomball	838
Schertz	911
Melrose	920
Mary Martha	981
A.E. Shirley	986
Friendship	1008
Bellaire	1021
Pearland	1065
Oak Forest	1080
Lonnie L. Blake	1116
Crowley	1125
Klein	1141
TMRC Daylight	1145

DISAPPROVED

Adah	49
Brookshire	652
Schertz	911

RETURNED FOR CORRECTION

Coleman	360
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RECEIVED AFTER CLOSING DATE

Johnson City	376
Cockrell Hill Delta Flora	794

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

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Hill Pope, By-Laws Chairman

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved that we adopt this report. Is there a second?

PGM Sharon Fentress: I second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of my By-Laws Chairman and Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor signify by raising your blue cards. Opposed? Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you, Sister Donna for your work this year. I now call for the report of the Education Committee. Sister Delphia.

Sister Delphia Von Heeder: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

Report of the Educational Fund Committee 2014

I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing me to serve as the General Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee. The members of our committee are:

District 1 Treaca Huston
District 2 Tana Meadows
District 3 Michelle Holmes
District 4 I was their representative
District 5 Joann Drescher

Our committee met at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in March to evaluate the 40 scholarship applications. The decision was challenging due to the outstanding students that applied. Because of the contributions to the Humanitarian Program and through the generous support of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we were able to give 18 \$1,000 scholarships. Although all of our scholarship recipients have Masonic family members, many were members of the Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay. The 2014 Educational Fund Scholarship recipients are:

Victoria Robertson	Bailey Bohlken
Jessica Timmons	Justin Gartman
Jordan Gartman	Shauna Dykowski
Ryan Cox	Landon Fox
Taylor Luke	Nicholas Norton
Rachel Jones	Catherine Hightower
Landon Dorner	Kristin Bale
Wyatt Evans	Chris Mahfouz
Shelby Atkinson	Emily Goodman

It is my hope that you will support Sister Cheryl and Brother George's Education Committee this coming year as our Grand Chapter supports young students in achieving their dreams.

Respectfully Submitted, Delphi Von Heeder, General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the 2014 Educational Fund Committee report.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and is there a second?

PGM Sharon Fentress: I second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of our Educational Committee. Is there discussion? I recognize the Brother in the North.

PGP Richard Ochs: Richard Ochs, Past Patron of Amarillo Chapter, Panhandle Chapter. I've got a question for the Chairman please ma'am. Is the Educational Fund Group considering anybody other than the ESTARL?

Sister Delphia Von Heeder: Yes.

PGP Richard Ochs: Are you?

Sister Delphia Von Heeder: Yes, anything other than ESTARL falls under the Educational Fund.

PGP Richard Ochs: Excuse me?

Sister Delphia Von Heeder: Yes, anything other than ESTARL falls under the Educational Fund Committee.

PGP Richard Ochs: Thank you very kindly.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Are there any other questions? If not all in favor of accepting the report of the Educational Committee, please raise your blue cards. Opposed? Motion carries. (One rap) Sister Delphia you want to come forward for a photo opportunity with your Committee? I now call on Sister Bess Caldwell to bring the report of Purposes and Policies.

PGM Bess Caldwell:

PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Good morning, afternoon my Sisters and Brothers

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers

It is with pleasure that I present the five members of this wonderful committee.

Mr. Ed Warner, District 1
Mrs. Nancy Brown, District 3
Mr. Nelson Campbell, District 4
Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, District 5
and I am Bess Caldwell from District 2.

It is also my joy to present the other members of this Committee

Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron
Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Associate Grand Matron

Mr. George Gwaltney, Associate Grand Patron
Mrs. Marlene Scholari, Grand Secretary
Mrs. Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer
Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Grand Conductress
Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Associate Grand Conductress
Mr. Ron Zipp, Chairman of the Board of Directors
Mrs. Gerry Sturtz, Vice Chairman

On February 8, 2014, this Committee consisting of 4 of the 5 Appointees, all of the Corporate Board, and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors met in Brownwood, Texas to hear proposed Program for the Grad Chapter year of 2014-2015.

The Associate Grand Matron distributed copies of her projects for the coming year and each was discussed.

The Purposes and Policies Committee appointed has voted unanimously to recommend to Grand Chapter the approval of the following:

Humanitarian Program entitled "A Friend Loveth at all Times" which includes:

- ESTARL
- Benevolent Aid
- Education
- Youth Groups

COMMITTEES REQUIRING FUNDING:

- Calendar Committee
- Children Committee
- Dress Pin
- Endowed Membership Committee
- Membership Visitation Committee
- Military Committee
- Music Committee
- Proficiency Committee
- Ritualistic Excellence Committee
- Rob Morris Committee
- TMRC Committee
- TMRC Family Day Committee
- Year Book Committee (To be determined after the revenue is determined)
- Youth Committee

COMMITTEES NOT REQUIRING FUNDING:

- Historical Highlights Committee
- Bulletin Committee
- Masonic

It was evident that many thoughts went into these plans. The Purposes and Policies Committee approved all of the plans and we now present them to you, our membership for your approval.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee.

WGP Trey Smith: Second

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we approve the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee. Is there any discussion? If not please raise your blue cards for those in favor. Opposed same. Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you Sister Bess. Would you like to have a photo with your Members? Is Doris Davis here? I now call for the report of the OES Endowment.

Sister Doris Davis: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, all of our Distinguished East and as I like to call us the “Fabulous Fraternal Family”. The 2013-2014 Endowment Fund Chairmanship was given to me, Doris Davis of Zavalla Chapter, District 5, Section 7. This is a partial report as funds are directed to the Office of the Grand Secretary and as you’ve heard the collection of the donations will continue until August 31st, 2014. Our District Chairmen made numerous presentations choosing printed information that was developed by some devoted members of District 4. With this beautiful flyer we were able to try our heartfelt best to generate interest in donating to the Home Endowment Fund which was mentioned by Sister Gerry Sturtz. As you can know from the report the funds do not even begin to meet the needs of the expenses. The collections or the donations that were made in District 5 and District 4 were directed to the office of the Secretary. Sincere thanks to the District Chairmen, District 1 Patricia Kettle, District 2 Sue Barnes, District 3 Malika Brown, District 4 Melissa Adams and District 5 Linda Rowland. Thank you so much, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this privilege of this Committee. I move the adoption of this Partial Report.

WGP Trey Smith: Second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the partial report of the Endowment Committee. Is there any discussion? Those in favor please signify by raising your blue cards. Those opposed? Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you Sister Doris. Do you have any of your Committee here that you would like a picture?

Sister Doris Davis: Well, if they are present, please come but I did not hear that any of them would be in attendance today. They were coming later.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Okay, we’ll wait until tomorrow for your photo opportunity.

Sister Doris Davis: Okay, thank you so much.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. I would now call on Sister Greta Bane Spradling for her International Temple Report. I’m sorry, International Headquarters. You know I’m from the old school. I’m sorry. Sister Greta.

Sister Greta Bane Spradling: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers and Masonic Family. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as International Headquarters. The International Headquarters is very near and dear to my heart. It is a beautiful, beautiful architectural wonder. My primary responsibility this year has been to promote

the International Headquarters because it belongs to each and every Eastern Star member here and throughout the United States and our Chapters and other Jurisdictions overseas. It is a beautiful building. Thank you for the opportunity. I was able to attend a number of Eastern Star meetings and provide a program to discuss and give the history and reflect on the beauty of the building. Lewisville Chapter, I apologize to you. I had lost my voice and did not understand... would not be able to give sign language. (Laughter) If you attended the banquet Wednesday evening, you'll understand what I mean by sign language. But Lewisville and any other Chapter even though this term will end tomorrow afternoon, I'm always available and would love to come visit and share what I know about the Headquarters with you. I was told that it was not a working Committee but I don't understand those words and so I worked very hard with the Chairman of Golden Links and that's Tracy Maynard. And I would like to say the Ribbon Campaign that's being talked about, the 1618 Project I am very proud to announce that in the state of Texas over this year we have raised over \$6,000 for renovations for the International Headquarters. Thank you everyone. (Applause) We have a goal and I think that each and every one of you can help us reach our goal this weekend and you can still come by and see us and help support the renovation project. The elevator has been renovated and is working and those of you that need the elevator when you visit, it's there for you. We are now working towards payments on the roof and it's not one of our Texas homes roof, this is over a \$400,000 renovation project and we can each help contribute in some small way. Very quickly I'd like to say the International Headquarters is a cherished treasure to be shared with every single Eastern Star and It is also your home. I encourage every member to visit Washington, D.C. to not only visit the International Headquarters but also to attend the other Masonic museums that are in D.C. The Belmont mansion was given to us and it's something to be very proud of. Thank you. I respectfully submit this report, Greta Bane Spradling, International Headquarters.

International Headquarters 1618 ProjectTexas - Golden Links

District 1	date submitted	Other	
Spradling	4-Oct-13		100
D.1, Section 5 & 6	12/1/2013		40
Plano 703	1/14/2014		100
Omaha 997	1/14/2014		125
Alys Newsom	1/14/2014		25
Sue Shoemaker	1/14/2014		20
Pittsburg 381	1/14/2014		20
Daingerfield 906	1/14/2014		50
Virginia Wolfrum	1/14/2014		50
Templar 374	2/7/2014		100
Dallas 1	2/7/2014		100
Lee Stark, Grazier 881	3/9/2014		20
DeGrazier 881	3/9/2014		20
Gilmer 355	3/9/2014		100
Sarah Coursey	3/9/2014		100
John L. Degrazier 881	4/14/2014		100
Loyal 648	4/14/2014		45.11
Boyd 897	4/14/2014		33.32
Nash 320	4/14/2014		30
Roy Stanley 1086	4/14/2014		100
Jewell Horne	4/14/2014		20
Kay Kurosley & Karen W	4/14/2014		120
Edwin J. Kiest 959	4/14/2014		100
Mary Ann Ivy	6/17/2014		20
CKRLHill Delta Flora 794	6/17/2014		100
Karen Weser	6/17/2014		120
Kay Kurosky	6/17/2014		120
Winnsboro 967	6/17/2014		100
Bonnie Varnell	6/17/2014		20
Boyd 897	6/17/2014		59.55
Jacksonville 377	6/17/2014		20
June Hanna	6/17/2014		40
Linda Drennan	6/17/2014		60
Gate City 77	6/17/2014		50
Kathjo Kuenzle	6/17/2014		20
Plano 703	6/17/2014		3.5
Boyd 897	6/17/2014		41.3
			100 higher than Traci Maynard
	TOTAL		\$2,152.78

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District 2	date submitted	Amount
AE Shirley 986	3/9/2014	50
Dumas 653	3/9/2014	22.2
Faith 713	3/9/2014	40
Freedom 898	6/17/2014	25
Lubbock 76	6/17/2014	255
Lubbock 76	6/17/2014	250
	TOTAL	642.2

District 3	date submitted	Amount
Blum 931	1/14/2014	21
Wedgewood 756	1/14/2014	500
Whitney 930	1/14/2014	23
Covington 1007	1/14/2014	32
North Fort Worth 684	1/14/2014	20
Alvarado 656	3/9/2014	100
D3,S1 Golden Links Club	4/14/2014	500
TOTAL		\$1,196.00

International Headquarters 1618 ProjectTexas - Golden Links

District 5	date submitted	Amount
San Angelo 10	6/17/2014	50
Adah 49	6/17/2014	50
Lytte 335	6/17/2014	16
Oakville 521	6/17/2014	32
Jourdanton 581	6/17/2014	16.1
Luling 155	6/17/2014	20
Floresville 271	6/17/2014	45.25
Hondo 404	6/17/2014	72
Rockport 479	6/17/2014	20
Seguin 555	6/17/2014	27.02
Bexar 616	6/17/2014	25
Boerne 200	6/17/2014	20
Creedmoor 607	6/17/2014	59.5
Schwerz 911	6/17/2014	56
Alice 61	6/17/2014	16
Waelder 1023	6/17/2014	20
Medina 988	6/17/2014	100
Poteet 913	6/17/2014	22
Wimodausis 141	6/17/2014	50.67
Pleasanton 133	6/17/2014	25
Texas 35	6/17/2014	55.11
Canyon 1103	6/17/2014	100
Blanco 934	6/17/2014	50
Patricia Hammond	6/17/2014	20
Leakey 18	6/17/2014	74.3
Prospect Hill 817	6/17/2014	45
Sarah 353	6/17/2014	25
New Braunfels 771	6/17/2014	50
Brownwood 116	6/17/2014	71
TOTAL		\$1,232.95

District 4	date submitted	Amount
TOTAL		0

District 1	2152.78
District 2	642.2
District 3	1196
District 4	0
District 5	1232.95
Total	\$5,223.93

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Greta for that wonderful report. Thank you for all the help you have given this year. Did you move the adoption of your report?

Sister Greta Bane Spradling: I move the adoption of this report.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Is there a second?

WGP Trey Smith: Second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers you've heard the report of our International Headquarters. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of accepting this report, please raise your blue cards. Opposed? Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you Sister Greta. Is there any member of your Committee here that you would like... I know you are a Committee of one but I know you had some extra help this year. Is there anyone present that you would like to have...

Sister Greta Bane Spradling: Is Tracy Maynard in the room?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Would you like to wait and do that tomorrow?

Sister Greta Bane Spradling: Yes ma'am.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you so much. Sisters and Brothers, you have been great this morning and we're moving right along. I do have announcements I would like to make. In case you haven't discovered and this is probably mainly for the Sisters, we have some vendors that are located downstairs and I imagine most of you have already discovered that. But they are open, I have not had a chance to visit them yet but I understand there is some wonderful shopping opportunities. All you have to do is take the escalator down and they will be most happy to assist you so please stop by and support our vendors. Also I would like to announce that tomorrow there will be ala carte food service in the lobby. There are no special luncheons so if you do need something to eat tomorrow they will be open from 8:00 to 3:00. Now that's on Saturday. Worthy Grand Patron do you have anything?

WGP Trey Smith: Yes Worthy Grand Matron I also need to see anyone that will be nominated for any office before the election on Saturday to come to the East at some point to visit with one of my Pages or myself to get some information from you. I would greatly appreciate that. Also there seems to be a lot of ladies who are very excited because they are blowing off earrings just left and right. They've found them and they've all been turned in to the Grand Secretary's Office, table up here. There is also some credentials and bags and different things that have been turned in to Lost and Found. So if you've lost anything or blown off an earring, go see them.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I think maybe our Grand Choir may have a song for us now.

(Grand Choir sings "Are You Lonesome Tonight")

(Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Brother Bill. That kinda sounded like my generation. Beautiful, thank you. Are you prepared? Would you like to do one more?

(Grand Choir sings “This Little Light of Mine”)

(Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you so much. Let’s show them our appreciation. (Applause) I now call for the Titles, Deeds and Properties Report. Sister Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron there is no report to be given regarding the Committee of Titles, Deeds and Properties. This is in no way the fault of the Committee members. Because of several major illnesses within my family, we were not able to meet. Sisters and Brothers I will say this regarding the Shrine Hospital in Houston. They have done a tremendous job on my grandson. One year ago he had major surgery. He had to have two rods and four bars put into his chest cavity. He is still under their care and will be under their care for two more years then he will go back into surgery and have these bars and rods removed and hope that his chest cavity will not collapse. So it is a very difficult time with him and then as to Tom, Tom is doing great as of today... I hope, but for five months, he had major back surgery and was in recuperation and then had to have another surgery on Easter Sunday. It has not been an easy year. But we are doing great and I apologize to this Grand Chapter that this Committee was not able to meet. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Karen. You want to move the adoption of your report? There is no report. I guess we don’t have to accept it. Thank you.

WGP Trey Smith: Then I don’t second it.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron did you have something else? Sisters and Brothers, we appreciate your cooperation this morning. I do have one more announcement and that is that we will have one more position open on the Board of Directors for the election tomorrow. After our Grievances and Appeals Report we do have one year left for District 3. So if there is anyone that would like to run or have their name put in nomination for that particular office, they may do so tomorrow morning. So that position will be open. So I do appreciate all the cooperation this morning. Don’t forget to visit the vendors and we will call this Session....

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron? I just want to remind you that when you go out the Grand Chapter doors be sure and go over and look at the items that we are selling tickets for, for the drawing tonight for the Picnic on the Brazos. There is going to be some special entertainment. Now I will tell you this, it has driven the Worthy Grand Matron absolutely nuts because she does not know what the entertainment is. And she knows me and it’s driven her more than nuts because she just doesn’t know what the entertainment will be. But please go out and look at those items and I know that you are going to enjoy tonight. The Committee has worked very hard on the event and we look forward to seeing you all there tonight.

WGM Jayne Yenger: So there you have it. See how he treats me. (Laughter) I would now like to ask Sister Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron of Texas, we would like to ask you for our Benediction.

PGM Betty Friend: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this special privilege. Shall we pray?

Heavenly Father, thank you for the freedom and privilege we have of belonging to an organization as loving and as meaningful as the Order of the Eastern Star. As we adjourn for lunch, bless the meal each member receives. May it nourish our body and our brain power in order for us to make intelligent decisions as we return to consider our legislation. You know each heart present Lord, help us exhibit proper attitudes and report to allow our Order to prosper and grow. All these things we ask in your precious name, Amen. (Amen)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Betty. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this *Links of Peace* Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Grand Warder: (With raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, by Order of the Worthy Grand Matron, we are calling the Friday morning *Links of Peace* Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and you are directed to permit no interruptions. Can we close the doors, please.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers if you can wait just a couple more minutes.

Grand Sentinel: Sister Grand Warder, there will be no interruptions.

Grand Warder: The doors are secure and there will be no interruptions, Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Grand Conductress you will attend at the altar. (Three raps)

(Grand Conductress closes the holy Bible)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I now call this Friday morning *Links of Peace* Session called from Labor to Rest until 1:00 p.m. at which time we will continue the business session. If you have purchased tickets, please join us for our Line Officers luncheons. Sister Grand Warder you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

Grand Warder: (No raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, this *Links of Peace* Session has been called from Labor to Rest until 1:00 p.m.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we deeply appreciate your attention. Please be back with us this afternoon as we continue the business of Grand Chapter.

End of Morning Links of Peace Session

132nd Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
“Belief in our Order” Session
Waco Convention Center
Friday Afternoon Session, August 8, 2014

Musical Prelude

Beverly Plante

Call to Order

Joyce Gilbert
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Arthur Drescher
Matador, General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Texas

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Good afternoon. It is time for us to start our Session so if we can quiet down just a little bit and find our place in the Chapter room. As you can see, I am not Mary Ruth White but all I lack is the red hair and then I could be. But anyway the Worthy Grand Matron has so honored me with the privilege of opening up this Session. Please be in prayer for Sister Mary Ruth and Joe. I'm not sure, I haven't talked to her this morning but yesterday he was still in the hospital and they were trying to make some decisions on what to do next. So be in prayer for them. It is an honor, indeed, for me to be here in this place and to open this afternoon Session of Grand Chapter. Together with Brother K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. we call to order this *Belief in our Order* Session of the 132nd Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. That's hard to say after you've had a fried pie. Arthur?

PGP Arthur Drescher: We would like to thank Sister Beverly Plante for the beautiful music that set the mood for our afternoon ceremony. Let us join together in expressing to her our appreciation for her beautiful renditions. (Applause)

PGM Joyce Gilbert: I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is my privilege to present Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given). (One rap) The Grand Officers will take their respective stations.

Worthy Grand Matron through your very kind invitation to open this Session with Brother K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., I have a great privilege and honor to me and I thank you for that. These next words that I'm going to read are from Mary Ruth and it says: "For this privilege and courtesy we are grateful and we thank you. Our paths of service to our Order have crossed many times. You are a steadfast and true friend and your kindness to others and gentle ways have endeared you to the membership. We have many important decisions to be made this afternoon and I wish for you a successful session."

Worthy Grand Patron you have served our Grand Chapter for many years and in many different ways of service. You have brought honor and distinction to all the titles you have held. You

traveled many miles and attended almost every function with your Worthy Grand Matron this year. You have been a Brother, a gentleman and friend to all you are becoming acquainted with. We love you and we wish for you nothing but more achievements as your life goes on because we know your dedication and your efforts will continue. It is a delight to call you and Lesa my friends,” and I want to say that for me too. “This week of Grand Chapter brings to completion many hours of your hard work and all of your plans,” and so far they are going wonderful, that’s from me. Brother Arthur, would you like to say something?

PGP Arthur Drescher: Thank you Sister Joyce Gilbert. I also would like to express my appreciation to Sister Jayne Yenger and Brother Trey Smith for the privilege of assisting in opening this *Belief in our Order* Session of the 2014 Grand Chapter of Texas here in Waco, Texas and to have the privilege of serving in the East. Sister Jayne, our friendship goes back to our days working together on the Board of Directors. We did not always agree 100% on things, but we always found common ground (I am sure glad my cell phone has unlimited minutes). We both believe in our Order and our goal was to always do what was best for the Order. There was never a doubt in my mind that someday you would be Worthy Grand Matron, I just didn’t know I would get there first. As you have continued your journey to the Grand East, it is obvious, more than ever, you *Believe in Our Order* and your goal has always been to do what is best for the Order.

Brother Trey, I still remember the Spring Fling when I was a candidate for the Board of Directors. Under the pecan tree in front of the Grand Chapter office you “grilled” me for what seemed like hours on what my thoughts were on the different issues facing the Board of Directors. You also told me your opinions on how I should think. (Laughter) That wasn’t in here. You asked many good questions which gave me food for thought. What you may not have realized, your questions along with some of your thoughts, which you conveyed to me, helped me when as a Board Member those issues did arise. Your zeal for the Order leaves no doubt of your *Belief in Our Order*.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron during this *Belief in our Order* Session may we remember that the Order of the Eastern Star exists today because of the interest and the dedication of our members and their belief in the purposes upon which it was founded. Your motto this year was United We Stand and through your leadership we have stood united, believing in our beautiful Order. In the closing hours of your term of office, may you look back with pride and satisfaction upon the harvest of your labors. Worthy Grand Matron, I know that the members will support you with their love as you preside this afternoon and it is with respect and love of a long time and personal friend and Sister that I place in your capable hands your gavel as you proceed with the business of this Grand Chapter.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Joyce Gilbert for opening this *Belief in our Order* Session. And for the good time we shared many many years ago. There was a lot of functions along the way and I am hoping that you’re still getting some good use out of those beautiful earrings. Thank you Brother Art. We have shared good times. You were such a help to me when I served on the Board of Directors with you. Together we were a team and you usually bought lunch. Maybe I’ll get to that hockey game yet. I still want to see those Penguins play. Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to bring greetings.

WGP Trey Smith: Brother Arthur and Sister Joyce thank you so much for opening this Session

for us. Sister Joyce, I appreciate so much who you are and what you stand for. You are a true Christian lady and you are so supportive in a genuine way. It means the world to me and I appreciate that always. Brother Art, what can I say? I did grill you under the pecan tree because we had some things we needed to discuss. But we were able to discuss those things and share our different ideas on those topics and still be friends. And I thank you for knowing where you stood as you knew where I stood. Together we still stood together. Thank you. I appreciate you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this *Belief in our Order* Session from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Grand Warder: (No raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this *Belief in our Order* from Rest to Labor and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Grand Sentinel: Sister Grand Warder, there will be no interruptions.

Grand Warder: The doors are secure and there will be no interruptions Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain if all present are entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter.

(The GC, AGC and their pages help prove the Grand Chapter)

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron all present are members and entitled to be seated in the Grand Chapter.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress you will attend at the altar. (Three raps) Our invocation will be given by Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Naomi Wolfe: Thank you Sister Jayne for this honor. Sisters and Brothers please join with me as we thank our Heavenly Father for the time afforded us to refresh our bodies and our minds and for our safe return to this *Belief in Our Order* Session. Please join hands. Father we pray for guidance in the matters being brought before this Grand Chapter and we ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart your supreme wisdom upon our activities, instill in us the desire to excel in our work, help us in our deliberations and guide each of us to make decisions that will benefit our membership and that the affairs of our Grand Chapter may reach a successful conclusion. And at day's end, may we leave this place recognizing you are the God of all wisdom and you are willing to lead us forward. This we pray in our Lord Jesus name. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Jayne Yenger: (One rap) We are pleased to have Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron to bring us our scripture reading for this afternoon.

PGM Yvonne Brownfield: The scripture reading is Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you saith the Lord, thoughts of Peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Yvonne. I now declare this *Belief in Our Order* Session called from Rest to Labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

Grand Warder: (With raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, this *Belief in Our Order* Session has been called from Rest to Labor. Grand Matron your order has been obeyed.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It is well. Again I ask those who are scheduled to bring reports this afternoon to be seated in the East. I also would like to remind you to try to be a little quieter. There were some in the back of the room that could not hear this morning. So let's be kind and I know we have the Grand Secretary's staff back there, so if you could be a little quiet when you approach their table we would appreciate it as we continue with our reports and the business of this Grand Chapter. At this time we will continue with our reports.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron can I make one announcement?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Yes, Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, if you have pre-ordered a Yearbook, they are at the table at the back of the room right under the banner where it says "132nd" and they are right where the sign is being waved by Tom back there. And I would really appreciate you picking those up. So they'll be ready to help you. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Is Ethel Powell in the East? At this time I would like to ask Sister Ethel Powell to come forward and give her report of the Museum Committee.

Sister Ethel Powell: Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for selecting me to this position.

Thank you to those serving on the Museum Committee with me:

District 1: Jack Beall

District 2: Karen Kidd

District 3: Arlene Wills

District 4: Jennifer Batchelor

District 5: Mary Boulden

Last year at Grand Chapter there was a concern about the condition of the antiques and precious items that are stored at the U-Haul facility in Grand Prairie, units 851 and 857. As I anticipated going to the units to check out the condition of the contents, I was prepared to be hot and have to stay all day. As it turned out, the units were air-conditioned to 80 degrees and items were stored in a way that we were able to go further into them than projected. I was extremely surprised after last year's report and discussion.

Members of my committee were notified of the date, time and address by email. One person was called. The inspection took place on Sunday, July 13 at 9 a.m. Members of the committee present were Jack Beall and I. Others on the committee were unable to be there due to the distance and other commitments. A Board member was present, Ray Hargis, District One. Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron and his wife Lesa, Grand Esther, were present.

All boxes were packed in heavy packing paper and items inside were found to be in excellent condition. Some of the silverware needed polishing but nothing of concern. Furniture of various kinds was examined carefully. All items were found to be in great shape. A dress box was opened and the dresses inside were carefully examined. Dresses were labeled, covered and found to be in perfect condition. Several boxes of crystal, pictures and silverware were opened and examined. In opening one box of pictures and documents, our Worthy Patron discovered a document that was signed by both Robert McCoy, Father of our ritual, and Rob Morris, Founder of our Order. Truly a treasure found amongst the pictures. The five of us agreed it should not be left in the storage unit. It was placed inside a file cabinet to be sure it was safe and protected until a decision was made by the board about what to do with it. It was not removed from the storage unit.

Pictures were taken of furniture, crystal, pictures and dresses to show you the condition of items in storage. When we were finished, all boxes were re-sealed exactly the way we found them. The pictures taken inside the units are with the report given to the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethel Powell, Museum Committee, General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Ethel. We have a motion to accept this report of our Museum Committee and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron. Are there any questions or discussion? If not signify the acceptance of this report by holding up your blue cards. Opposed? Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you Sister Ethel and do you have members of your Committee here that you would like to have a picture made?

Sister Ethel Powell: I don't know where they are at. If you would like your picture taken with me come on up here. If not, that's okay too.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. We have a treat in store this afternoon now that you've all had a good lunch and settled in. I would like to invite Sister Jerrie Young to come and play for us this afternoon. We will have a flute solo. "*Can you feel the Love tonight.*"

(Jerrie Young on flute "*Can you feel the Love Tonight*")
(Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Jerrie. That was beautiful. At this time I would invite our Jurisprudence Committee to come forward. Brother Jerry, are we ready to begin?

PGP Jerry Trees: Yes we are.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I invite you to preside.

PGP Jerry Trees: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. A couple of comments before we start into our Amendments and our business this afternoon. A reminder that we must maintain the required quorum for the transaction of business which is representatives or proxies regularly appointed of 25% of the Subordinate Chapters together with either the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron or Associate Grand Patron. We will be bringing reports and presenting the proposed Amendments that you the membership submitted to the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee under our ninety day rule as stipulated in our Code of Laws, Chapter 14, Article 170a, page 127. Please remember that as the Jurisprudence Members present these amendments which are contained in the Advance Annual Report, the Jurisprudence Members are only reporting to you that these proposed Amendments are in proper form or if that they are not legal or in proper form. Our Committee would like to remind you that you the membership are the governing body of this Grand Chapter. And we encourage you to speak and vote your convictions. Worthy Grand Matron, since our membership has had the opportunity to read and study the proposed Amendments, I move the Committee be allowed to present a synopsis of each proposed Amendment rather than reading the entire law as it now reads in the proposed reading of each matter. I make a motion that we be able to make a synopsis of each Amendment.

WGM Jayne Yenger: The motion has been made that the Jurisprudence Committee be allowed to make a synopsis of each Amendment and there is a second by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? All in favor please raise your blue cards. Opposed, same sign. Brother Jerry continue. Passed. (One rap)

PGP Jerry Trees: Worthy Grand Matron, we were handed emergency legislation this morning and we wanted to be able to present this Emergency Legislation after the regular Amendments have been presented, so Worthy Grand Matron I move that any Emergency Legislation that has been brought before the Committee to be allowed to be presented in a timely fashion at the end of all the regular Amendments.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we allow the Emergency Legislation to follow the Amendments that the Jurisprudence Committee will be presenting. Is there any discussion? If not, please raise your blue cards. Those opposed. Motion carried. (One rap) Brother Jerry, it is allowed.

PGP Jerry Trees: We are ready to proceed. I will ask Brother David Dibrell to come forward and present Amendment #1.

PGP David Dibrell: Thank you Mr. Chairman. We'll first consider Amendment #1. Article IV. Composition of Grand Chapter, and it's on page 49 of your Advance Annual Report. It is entitled Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. The Committee finds this Amendment to be in proper form. What this Amendment will do in effect if it passes; The Amendment states who will be appointed by the Worthy Matron to serve as Chapter Representative in the event she is unable to attend the Grand Chapter Session. Worthy Grand Matron we find this Amendment to be in proper form.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Brother David. The Amendment #1 has been found to be in

proper form. Is there any discussion on Amendment #1? I recognize the Sister in the North.

Did not give name: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm opposed to this because if the Worthy Matron hands a proxy or appoints someone to represent her in Grand Chapter ...

WGM Jayne Yenger: Excuse me just a moment. Could you identify yourself, give your name and your Chapter.

Sister Tish Fields: I'm Tish Fields and I am a Past Matron of three Chapters, East Houston, South Houston and Frank W. Lynn in Houston Texas and I'm opposed to this because they may hand a proxy to a person that does not know what's going on, who may never have been a Past Matron and if we continue to do this, you're not going to have the people to go up to be Grand Matron, I mean Worthy Matron, if they know they can be handed a proxy and come here and vote anyway.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. Are there other questions or discussion on this Amendment? If not we will proceed. We are voting on Amendment #1 as it was read and it's in proper form. All those who wish to vote in favor of Amendment #1, please raise your blue cards. Those opposed? Motion carried. (One rap) Now I would ask for the vote of the Chapter Representatives. All Chapter Representatives, you'll be voting with your gold card. If you are in favor of this Amendment, please raise your gold card. Those opposed. Motion carried. (One rap) We'll continue. I recognize Sister Betty.

PGM Betty Benham: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. This is Amendment #2, Article V, A Section 3. on Eligibility. You will find it on page 49 and 50 in your Advance Annual Report. It is in proper form and this Amendment #2 was adopted as amended on the first ballot so this is the second and final ballot for this. And what this will do and what it will affect if it's passed, this means that this Amendment lists five recommendations that were made by Jefferson Wells International during their audit of 2007 to improve the management of the Grand Chapter office. Those desiring to serve as Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer must meet one of the criteria listed;

- At least a Bachelor's Degree with a focus on business management, accounting, finance or equivalent.

- Ability to understand and explain financial documents

- A minimum of five years of non-clerical business experience

- Holder of a Certified Public Accountant certificate

- A minimum of five 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 of management of day to day activities.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Betty, am I to understand that this was adopted as amended on the first ballot?

PGM Betty Benham: Yes ma'am. This is the second and final ballot. Yes ma'am.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers you have heard this Amendment. Is there any discussion or questions on Amendment #2. I recognize the Brother in the North.

Brother Norman Schultz: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Norman Schultz, Worthy Patron of Santana Chapter #247. I just have a question. Several of these Amendments, several of these requirements indicate a proficiency and so forth but aren't...statement 2; demonstrate the ability for understand and explain financial documents. To whom and to who's satisfaction? It seems like a rather loose qualification compared to the others.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Would a member of Jurisprudence like to answer that? Sister Betty?

PGM Betty Benham: I would have to be from District 2 and get Amendment #2. Repeat that kind sir, which one was the one you were questioning?

Brother Norman Schultz: The requirement 2; the ability to explain and understand financial documents, i.e. income statements and balance sheets. I just wondered to whom do you explain and by what criteria and who determines the qualifications?

PGM Betty Benham: Yes, let me answer the gentleman. This was written I'm sure for inside the office affairs and business. That they do have to do a lot of the financial statements and balance sheets and Worthy Grand Matron, there is a proponent that wrote this Amendment and he is standing at the microphone and probably could answer that much better.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother Art, I recognize you in the South.

PGP Arthur Drescher: Worthy Grand Matron, when this was discussed last year, the consensus of the Grand Chapter at that time is; this is the membership's decision. When you are listening to the candidates at the forums or if you're talking to them in the hallway, you need to know what their experience is. So ask them questions. You the membership have the final responsibility to determine whether these people are qualified to run a nineteen million plus organization. So they don't have to say it to any one person, they have to say it to you the membership who they report to.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Does that answer your question?

Brother Norman Schultz: No. If you have a college...every member here who's going to be voting is not going first of all, be an expert on what those qualifications might be so discussing something that I know nothing about with somebody, I don't know how they would impress me that they know something about it. Seems to me if you're going to have that qualification it ought to be before some Committee or some financial expert that could attest to that fact. Just as you must have a college degree you can display that. If you have five years of experience, you can show that. It's rather ambiguous.

PGP Art Drescher: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. Brother Art.

PGP Arthur Drescher: In some respects I agree with my Brother however, last year that was part of the Amendment made by this Grand Chapter was to remove who looked at and approved the recommendations. So as y'all look at this and it says passed as amended, the Amendment was to remove the Jurisprudence Committee as the people to make that decision.

So as its written is how you the membership wanted it last year. You did not want a specific Committee to be making that discussion. You asked to be made by yourselves.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the North.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron. It's more of a comment. I was involved in that a lot last year therefore I wish to comment that Amendment #3 that's on page 60-61 that my wife and I signed would make it to where everybody that's running for an office would provide information in the Bulletin and in the Advance Report as part of their advertisement of interest. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Excuse me Brother Richard we are on Amendment #2.

PGP Richard Ochs: That's part of why I was trying to point that out. Is everybody running for office would provide to the entire membership, qualifications. And then you don't have to worry about who.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Are there any other questions or discussion on Amendment #2? If not Sisters and Brothers we will be voting on Amendment #2 for the second reading. All those in favor of Amendment #2 please raise your blue cards. Those opposed. Cards down. We will need the votes of the Chapter delegates. That passed, thank you. Now the Chapter representatives which would be with the gold cards. All in favor please raise your gold cards. If you are in favor of Amendment #2. Cards down. Opposed, gold cards. Motion carried. (One rap) Passed. We will now have Amendment #4 as brought to us by the Jurisprudence.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Good Afternoon Sisters and Brothers. I bring you Amendment #4. It is found on page 50 of the Advance Report. It is in proper form for consideration. It is Article X, Section 10, Voting Privileges. And what it will do, it will affect if it passes that all matters before Grand Chapter and on final adoption of Constitutional Amendments, each member of Grand Chapter shall have one vote. The only exception would be in case of elections and on the final adoption of Constitutional Amendments.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers we are on Amendment #4. Is there any discussion on Amendment #4? Can you explain the exception again Sister Sharon.

PGM Sharon Fentress: The only exception would be in case of elections and on the final adoption of Constitutional Amendments.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Lorrie can you come to the mike and voice your question?

GT Lorrie Owens: I just asked what the exception was and she repeated it. I'm Lorrie Owens Worthy Matron of Canyon Lake Chapter #1103. And my question was, you have an exception, you said exception in the case of elections I thought that's what this voting referred to in the first place. It's not? Could you clarify that, please.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Would our Jurisprudence Chairman care to....or Parliamentarian?

PGM Vi Griffin: Worthy Grand Matron I am Vi Griffin, Past Matron and current Worthy Matron

of Anahuac Chapter #649. In our current Advance Proceedings for this year, this Amendment is not worded as it was last year and presented last year. The only exception there would be, would be to the Chapter Representative vote. There could be a proxy for the Chapter Representative vote but there's only one vote for anything. One person, one vote. No exceptions.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: This would be one person, one vote, no exceptions. In other words if I am to understand this correctly, we would be accepting this, doing away with our two and three votes. We would have one vote. Does the membership understand this? Your Chapters would come to Grand Chapter and have one vote. Is that correct? Your Chapter Representatives.

PGM Sharon Fentress: That is correct.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I'm sorry. All voting members would have one vote, not just Chapter Representatives. If you are a Past Matron or Past Patron of your Chapter, you would have one vote. You wouldn't carry another vote. If you were Worthy Matron, you wouldn't have a vote for Past Matron. You'd have one vote. Now is that correct? Every member of this Grand Chapter would have one vote. Correct? Does everyone understand that? I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Melanie Rayner: Worthy Grand Matron I am Melanie Rayner, current Worthy Matron of Cedar Bayou #11. I think what the point of confusion is, is that what has been printed in our July Bulletin versus what is presented in the proceedings, the Advance Proceedings is two totally different wordings. And I think that's what has people basically confused. Because the entire General part, top part in the Advance Proceedings has all the exceptions as "of hereafter, etc., etc.,etc." And over here it just simply says, in the Bulletin "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." And I think that may be where some of the confusion is, is that it's printed one way here and one way here.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Annette Gardner: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Annette Gardner. I am Worthy Matron at Granbury Chapter #530 and I'm a Past Matron of Rockport Chapter #479. Am I to understand then that as a member of two different Chapters I would only get one vote? I would not get a vote for being a member of two Chapters?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Sharon, could you answer that please?

PGM Sharon Fentress: According to the way this reads, that's the way I read it. You would have one vote. Period.

Sister Annette Gardner: Thank you for clarifying that.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Mary Calvert: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Mary Calvert. I'm a Past Matron of Athens Chapter #177. If I remember correctly and I was a signer on this, it is not for every member, it is for every Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Past Matron and Past Patron to have one vote. Not every member of this Grand Chapter.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Sharon can you answer that?

PGM Sharon Fentress: I'm sorry...I was being discussed, the Amendment discussed with a proponent. What was the question? Or the statement?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Mary will you state that again please?

Sister Mary Calvert: I'm Mary Calvert Past Matron of Athens Chapter #177. I was a signer on this last year and I think the way it was read last year is that every Worthy Matron, every Worthy Patron, every Past Worthy Matron and Past Worthy Patron of this Grand Chapter would have one vote. It did not mean that every member of this Grand Chapter would have a vote. It was Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons if I remember right.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Okay, let me clarify one thing there if I can while I'm talking. And the whole purpose if I read it correctly, this Amendment is to give every voting member of Grand Chapter one vote. Do away with our plural votes. And I think that was the meaning of this last year. And it is not to give the vote to anyone who is not a Past Matron or Past Patron, only to... and of course a Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron, or Chapter Representative. But the point here in this Amendment to begin with last year was to do away with our two and three votes.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the North.

Brother Randy Martin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Randy Martin, Past Patron Travis Chapter #472. If you look at page 52 in the Advance Annual Report, you'll notice that under item (b)..."(1)(b) states: Past Matrons and Past Patrons. All Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Chartered Chapters, and Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Under Dispensation Chapters shall have one vote." Then it has the word DELETE beside it. So that is eliminating, by the way this is current written, that is eliminating our Past Matrons and our Past Patrons from voting. Because it's telling us to delete that item, not to limit the item.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. I'm going to let our Parliamentarian to speak on this.

Sister Willie Mae Shaw: This appears to be a typo, the word Delete in the wrong place.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, if I may to assist with answering the Brothers question. In last year's Advance Annual Report, this same exact paragraph, if you compare the two together which was on page 58 if anyone has last year's proceedings. If you happen to have it, that same paragraph will say "Past Matrons and Past Patrons, All Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Chartered Chapters and Past Matrons and Past Patrons of U.D. Chapters after

Charter has been granted at that Grand Chapter.” It does not say anything about Delete in last year’s book.

Brother Randy Martin: Worthy Grand Patron, I understand that but if we go back in our proceedings at a later date and they look at when the final reading was and the final vote, they’re going to look at this document and this is what our future Grand Chapters are going to be held to.

WGP Trey Smith: I understand that. I agree with that but I am saying this in a sense though, so you will see that it is...it’s not anything that is done with any intent. It’s a transparent point of order is all I’m trying to share with you.

Brother Randy Martin: I appreciate that and I understand that. But the Parliamentarian, if we vote for this at this point with this reading then we become...either it needs to go back and be reconsidered...

WGM Jayne Yenger: Could I just say something please?

Brother Randy Martin: Certainly.

WGM Jayne Yenger: This can be amended to delete the DELETE. Would that make you happy?

Brother Randy Martin: Yes, ma’am. I so move the DELETE be deleted from Article X, Section 10, Voting Privileges, Part B. (1)(b).

WGM Jayne Yenger: We’ll strike the DELETE sir. (Applause) Now if I could have your attention and with Sister Sharon’s permission, I would like to ask the membership if they would vote to amend this to strike the DELETE. Now I want you to understand that if you vote for this, you would be voting to strike the DELETE and then we will vote on the Amendment. Now we’re voting to strike the DELETE. All in favor signify by raising the blue cards. All opposed same sign. Is there any other debate? Motion passed to amend. (One rap) I recognize the Brother in the South.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, I’m Richard Ochs, Past Patron of Kingsland and Amarillo. And I would like to point out something. Basically we’re wanting just one vote and Chapter Representative, some of you got confused, the two and the individual vote. One vote is all the Chapter can have and there’s only one Chapter Rep. I don’t care where you are, what you are. There would only be one vote whether you’re a Past Matron and Worthy Matron, you still just get one vote. I’ve served as Worthy Patron my wife said thirteen times, counting Amarillo, Panhandle and Kingsland. And that means an old goat like me would still only have one even if I serve again. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Now Brother Richard, we’re not going to give you thirteen votes. (Laughter)

PGP Richard Ochs: No! I’m going to read what I said last year. It’s just one long sentence. I believe it is more appropriate that expressions of qualifications and items relative and so forth...and therefore, I am in favor of everybody who is eligible to vote have only one vote.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. I recognize the...I recognize the North. I can't tell the way I'm looking here...Brother in the North.

Brother Lee Johnson: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Brother. My name is Lee Johnson, Past Patron of Cedar Bayou #11 and Dayton #233. I am opposed to this amendment for two or three reasons. One, it seems like even the Grand East is confused as to what it means. I know that us out here in the West are confused about what it means. With the discussion I've had out in the lobby area and the comments that I've heard in here and the comments that I've heard from the East, especially with "This is not printed the same as it was last year". Then how can we vote on accepting what was voted on last year? Also my understanding of normal Parliamentary procedures that once something comes up for the second vote you do not amend it again. You either accept it or you reject it. But we don't even know what we are voting on and as the Brother that was just ahead of me up here stated, we're voting on what's printed. Unless we have the same thing that you have, I'm opposed to it and that's all I have to say Worthy Grand Matron and I don't request any comments. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. If you'll bear with me for a couple of minutes, our Parliamentarian is checking on that. I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Tonya Foster: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Tonya Foster, a Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747 and Tenaha Chapter #185. I don't have my Roberts Rule of Order with me so I'm not sure how I can handle this but there is quite a lot of confusion and no one understands if we're voting on it the way it was written in last year's, this year's, or in the Bulletin. So we have three different versions. So can we move to get the corrected version the way it is written so we will not have any confusion about that. So can we postpone this until we get the corrected version for the membership. So, I so move if we could do that please.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It can be postponed.

Sister Tonya Foster: Do we need to lay it on the table? Is that the proper form?

WGM Jayne Yenger: No, we can postpone it indefinitely. That way if we can get it...I call on our Parliamentarian.

Sister Willie Mae Shaw: It can be postponed, definitely and if you want to review it, say tomorrow then it can be postponed until we are in business tomorrow. And then it can be brought up whenever there is time.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers if I could have your attention. We certainly want you to understand everything you are voting on. So what we will do, we have a motion to postpone and we can postpone until tomorrow. And hopefully maybe we can get this corrected. So what we will vote on now is postponing...it is an amendment to postpone the original amendment. Do you understand? We would be postponing until possibly tomorrow or until we get it resolved. Does everybody understand?

Sister not named: Do we need a second on that motion?

WGM Jayne Yenger: We do need a second. Someone would have to identify themselves then

second the motion. The Worthy Grand Patron has seconded the motion. Thank you. Now it will come back...that means if you accept this amendment, it will come back tomorrow to the floor. Does everybody understand that? Voting on the amendment, if you are for the amendment to bring it back tomorrow, raise your blue cards. Opposed? Motion to the amendment carried. (One rap) We will bring it back tomorrow. Sister Sharon. I recognize Sister Rosemary. Now I don't want any more problems. (Laughter)

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and I'll do my very best. Sisters and Brothers thank you so much for your attention. Thank you for your participation and we're moving on now to Amendment #4. You will find this on...Oh, I'm sorry...I'm looking at Sharon's. Oh boy. (Laughter) Amendment #1, pages 53 through 59 of your Advance Annual Report. This Amendment is to our Constitution and is on its first reading. It is pertaining to the Board of Directors.

Brother not named: Sister Rosemary, I believe we are out of order at this time. We voted for an amendment to the last motion. We never did vote on the original amendment. You can say I want to lay it over here on the table and lay it forever. But the original motion was not voted on. I call for the question.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We cannot call for the question when we have not amended the Amendment because it is not proper. We cannot vote on something that the membership has already decided. It's not proper. It is written two different ways. We voted to postpone. We will bring it back tomorrow. Only to postpone until we can correct some verbiage. Is that correct?

Brother not named: In other words Jurisprudence is going to correct this and have it for us tomorrow.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Yes, we will bring it back tomorrow.

Brother not named: Good luck, Worthy Patron. (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Is he talking to you or to me? Rosemary, I'm going to give it back to you.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. We're going to try this again. Amendment #1, pages 53 through 59, it is a Constitutional Amendment on the first reading pertaining to the Board of Directors. This Amendment would make a couple of changes. First of all the title would be from the Board of Directors to Grand Trustees. And that is found in your Ritual on page 143, that is where they are bringing in the use of the word Grand Trustees. And they would be installed with general supervision over the financial affairs of Grand Chapter. Second, there would be a limit on the size of the Grand Trustees or the Board of Directors to six members. One from each of our five Districts and one member from the state At-Large. They would serve for a term of three years and the schedule of election is there on those pages. Worthy Grand Matron we find this Amendment in proper form and is ready for you to conduct the balloting.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Amendment #1 is found to be in proper form. Is there any question or discussion on Amendment #1. I recognize the Brother in the South.

PGP Arthur Drescher: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Arthur Drescher, I'm a Past Patron of Dal-Cliff #574 and Lewisville #935. I am one of the signers on this Amendment. And I'm going to say it a little different than Sister Rosemary did to kind of emphasize what we are doing. We're not just changing titles. The Board of Directors as a Board of Directors will go away just as the Board of Trustees went away when we merged. Our Ritual gives us the opportunity to have Installed Grand Trustees. They will be Installed, they will be a little more accountable to you, they will not be part of the Corporate Board but they will be installed, badges, the whole bit. I have talked to a lot of people over the last few years and five years has been a deterrent for some of our members to run. Having two, three year terms being able to seat yourself gives those that don't want to serve five but maybe can give three and see how their health is, then they can decide again. Gives them an opportunity, those that want to serve five can serve six years and go. I want to remind y'all that the Board of Directors now and how's it's written here, the Grand Trustees, although you have one from each District and one At-Large here, they are not voted on by each District, they are not voted on At-Large. They are representative of every member, from every District. And that's why it's in the Constitution that actually says that the Board of Directors currently and I've got it here, that the Board of Trustees will be elected by the Grand Chapter At-Large. So this is simply making it to where some people that want to give three years have the opportunity to and those that want to serve a little bit longer have the opportunity to and one other correction. And we're seeing this today. We had an appointment last year to our Board who served one year. She cannot succeed herself so now we're having this weekend to elect someone else to serve one year, to go back into the rotation. This Amendment will allow the Worthy Grand Matron to appoint somebody to serve out to the end of the term and that person can if they want to succeed themselves if they want to do that. So what we're trying to do is some little rough spots, get cleared up and at the same time give the Board our members that are doing this work a little more status. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the North.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Richard Ochs, Past Patron of Amarillo Chapter and Kingsland Chapter. I have an Amendment to this Amendment that I wish to propose. Technically speaking it's an Amendment to the Amendment #1, Article VII, B, Section 1-4, Article XI, Section 3 (b-d), page 53 and what it is, it's just five words that the Fannie B. Ward Scholarship Fund be added under sub-section 6 which is in page 58, the easiest way to tell you what I've written down is there under the Article sub-section (b) near the top of the page and it would be to add (6) under the (5) which would say Fannie B. Ward Scholarship Fund. And the reason I have specifically done that, I had the pleasure of reviewing some legal documents back when I served on the Trustees, from '83 to '88. And in reviewing the Fannie B. Ward, it specifically said the Trustees were to administer and it was a small amount of dollars but it still was a scholarship that didn't have the restrictions that some of the money that's been given, but it did specifically say administered by the Trustees and thank you very kindly. My wife and I both signed it and I'll bring the copy wherever y'all instruct me to.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Yes Brother Richard we would have to see it. If it's an Amendment you may bring it to the East. Thank you. I recognize the Sister in the South.

PGM Alma Bane: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Alma Bane a Past Matron of McLennan Chapter #639 and Stephenville Chapter #801. And I speak for this Amendment. At the Session for

Sister Doris Hester there was a Resolution or Amendment to reduce the size of the Board at that time. And Brother Bill and I were asked to come up with a pattern of which it would be very equitable. We were asked this from members of the current Board at that time and we assisted them. At that time the Resolution was pulled. Since then many members have approached me and said “ten is too many what can we do?” And that has been said to me many times. And then Brother Art came to me and said I think it is time because of the size of our membership. So I support the Amendment at this time. I’ve also listened to many who have said rather than a phase off sweep it clean, start over and elect. This may be the time for that. Our General Grand Chapter is governed by three Trustees. When I was Worthy Grand Matron we had five on the Board of Directors. The other Board was to manage our Home and all that went with it. We now have our Ladies at the TMRC. The time has come to reduce the size of our Board and to give representation to all Districts and one At-Large like we do our Grand Examiners. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Karen Kidd: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Karen Kidd, Past Matron of Friendship Chapter #1008, Odessa #447, Cora Posey #1072 and currently Worthy Matron of Abilene #30. I am speaking against lowering the number of members on the Board. I was a member on the Board for five years and I also spoke to this very thing two years ago at Grand Chapter in Beaumont. Because of serious illnesses and I’m not going to go into what I said two years ago but some Districts are not represented very well when you only have one. According to the Constitution and Code of Laws we as a Board of Directors oversee the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter. You can see as just this morning talking about the budget and that we need all the expertise as we can gather. This is the cheapest thing that Grand Chapter has is the Board of Directors. We don’t receive a salary, we don’t receive any kind of allotment, no expense accounts, or mileage, it’s all free gratis for the Grand Chapter. If we had expenses paid there would be reason to cut the membership. So our dedicated service to the Order is essential to the Grand Chapter of this Order. And I hope you will consider voting against this Amendment to lower the number of members on the Board of Directors. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

AGM Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jerre Lucas, a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. I speak in opposition to this. I too have served on the Boards. I was serving on the Board when the Boards combined. We didn’t have any problem with ten people serving on the Board. Sisters and Brothers when we come to something as serious as the Grand Chapter finances, we need all the brains we can get and these brains are serving with no remuneration whatsoever. If we buy a car we’ve got ten people that can go get quotes on a vehicle. We’ve got ten people that can go get quotes on insurance. We’ve have ten people who can get quotes on printing which is a big item. Not only that when it comes to the At-Large member, we’re not necessarily very equitable. District 2 for example has 27 Chapters. Where would the fairness come there? So I speak very much in opposition this. We need diversified opinions. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the North.

Brother Richard Hancock: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Richard Hancock, a Past Patron of Marlin #152, Bilby #960, and McLennan #639. I speak in opposition to this

because as was mentioned our Board of Directors have so little motivation for the good of the Order. They get paid nothing. And so it's not reducing the size of the horse if you reduce the size of the Board. If you had one Board Member from your District and only one Board Member and somehow they can't manage to be there because of illness or whatever, you have no representation of that group. I also speak in opposition of going from five years to three years. I realize that five years is a very solid commitment but if you have but three years, the first year you're just trying to learn what to do, the second year you're doing a little bit and the third year you're campaigning for the next one. So you have no expertise that is consistent with the Board. Now I don't care if they call them Board or Trustees. It's the same people. Very important people, people that are highly motivated. And I don't think that we should reduce that. And I also don't think that just because its five years, we've always had people that are highly motivated to do it. And we get much more production from somebody that's experienced than we do from somebody who's running to be a member for the next three years. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

Brother David Ouellette: Worthy Grand Matron, I am David Ouellette, Past Patron...

WGM Jayne Yenger: Just a moment Brother David. I have someone on the South. We'll get back to you I promise. I recognize the Sister in the South.

PGM Naomi Wolfe: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Naomi Wolfe and I'm a Present and Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter #741. I would like to speak for this Amendment. When you're talking about only have five for the Trustees, we only had five for the Trustees when we had 75,000 members and 50,000 members and if they were able to manage our money at that time, I see no reason why with only 25,000 member that those five people can't manage the money now. Please vote for this Amendment. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Excuse me a minute Brother David. We are going to have to vote on an Amendment to the Amendment before we continue with this discussion. It had been brought to the East and we are going to vote on the Amendment that the following be added; that the Fannie B. Ward Scholarship Fund be added to the Amendment. If you go to page 58, there are five items listed, this would be number six. We would add the Fannie B. Ward Scholarship Fund. So at this time, it's in proper form, it's been signed and we will be voting at this time on the Amendment to the Amendment to add the Fannie B. Ward Scholarship Fund and enclose it in this Amendment. Now, is there any discussion on this? Do you understand this? If you wait just a moment Brother David until we get this out of the way. Do you understand? Is there any question on the Amendment that we are going to add? The Fannie B. Ward Scholarship Fund. It is in proper form. At this time, Sisters and Brothers, we are voting on the Amendment to the Amendment. If you are in favor, please raise your blue cards. Those opposed same. Motion passed. (One rap) On the Amendment to the Amendment. Now, is there any further discussion on the Amendment as amended? Any more discussion on the Amendment as amended? I recognize the Brother in the North.

Brother David Ouellette: Okay, I would like to speak on the Amendment itself, not on the Amendment to the Amendment. I'm almost getting confused here.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother David its already been amended so you can speak on the Amendment as amended.

Brother David Ouellette: I believe a lot of effort has gone into deciding how to divide this Board up and to change names and add the number of years and divide then up and so forth, but I am totally opposed to this Amendment. I'm opposed to it. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the South.

PGP Arthur Drescher: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Arthur Drescher. Past Patron of Dal-Cliff and Lewisville. I want to address...

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother Art, I'm going to have to stop you. You have already spoken for it.

PGP Arthur Drescher: I am one of the writers so of the Amendment so would you please check procedure.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, would you like Brother Art to speak again on the Amendment to explain? Okay, we will have to vote if the Grand Chapter...

PGP Arthur Drescher: Worthy Grand Matron rather than vote would you ask the Parliamentarian one question? As Representative of the writers on this do I have the last right to speak?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother in the South, it has been ruled by the Parliamentarian that you would have to have the permission of the Assembly to speak again. So at this time, I ask that if you allow Brother Art to speak on the motion again to please raise your blue cards. This would be to speak on the Amendment again. Opposed. Could we ask one more time? Cards down. Those in favor of allowing Brother Art to speak on the Amendment again raise your blue cards. Okay, those opposed same card. I'm sorry Brother Art. They have voted not to allow you to speak on the Amendment again. I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Kathy Teal: Worthy Grand Matron I am Kathy Teal a Past Matron of Bandera #643 and Boerne #200. I too have served on the Board of Directors and I made that 750 mile trip every month with open heart and I oppose this Amendment because I think each District should have two. Going back to Sister Karen Kidd when she was out ill, District 2 would not have had representation. I think we should amend this vote. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Mary Spell: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Mary Spell. I'm a Past Matron of Buna Chapter #968, Affiliated with Spurgen Chapter #315 and I move for the vote. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Okay Sisters and Brothers, this would be a two-thirds vote to stop debate. Do you understand? What we would be voting on at this time is to stop any further debate. It would take a two-thirds vote. Did we have a second? (Everyone seconded) We have a motion and a second to stop debate. At this time, Sisters and Brothers, we will be voting on to stop debate. Again it will take a two-thirds vote. All in favor of stopping debate, raise your blue cards. Opposed, same card. Sisters and Brothers we will stop debate. (One rap)(Applause) Please be kind Sisters and Brothers. Now we will be voting on the Amendment as amended. Now I know some of you are probably confused and I'll see if I can get this off of

the top of my head right. We are amending the original Amendment the Fannie B. Ward Scholarship...no? We've done that one, I'm a little confused too. We will be voting on the Amendment as amended. So we will be voting on it as amended. All in favor of the Amendment as amended raise your blue cards. In favor, one more time. Those in favor of voting on the Amendment as amended raise your blue cards. Now be kind, I'm trying to understand this too, Sisters and Brothers. We're voting on the Amendment as amended, yes. Now, cards down. All those opposed to voting on the Amendment as amended. Sisters and Brothers be kind now because when you all sigh I thought I did something wrong. It is defeated. The Amendment as amended is defeated. (Applause) Okay Brother Jerry, we'll do the next.

PGP Jerry Trees: Okay the next Amendment #2 if adopted it shall become effective after the adjournment of the 2015 Session of Grand Chapter. Excuse me, it says due for the first reading. If adopted it shall become effective after the adjournment of the 2015 Session of Grand Chapter. This is Article X, Section 1, Grand Chapter Sessions and Matters related thereto. Page 39 of the Constitution. Page 60 in your Advance booklet and it is in proper form. What it will do, in 2017 our Grand Chapter Session would be held beginning at 1:00 p.m. on a selected Thursday during the month of October, beginning with the 2017 Session.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I'm sorry, I was trying to find my place. Amendment #2, you'll find it on page 60. It is in proper form. This would move the date of our Grand Chapter from August to October and commence with the 2017 Session. It has been moved and seconded. All those in favor....It has been moved and seconded. All those who would like to discuss this Amendment. Are there any questions? I recognize the Brother in the North.

Brother Norman Schultz: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the recognition. My name is Norman Schultz, Past Patron of Santa Ana #247. Before I ask my question, I'd like to congratulate you and Brother Trey on running a very efficient and expeditious Grand Chapter. (Applause) The only question I have on this; would this Tuesday or Thursday rather be selected at the previous Grand Chapter so that we would be notified in year in advance or would it come at some other time?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother Jerry, can you answer that?

PGP Jerry Trees: It would depend on the contract that the incoming person would have on the day and they would already have their dates so you would be notified I guess.

Brother Norman Schultz: Okay, thank you very much.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. I recognize the Brother in the South.

Brother José Felipe Villa: Hi, this is José Felipe Villa, I'm Past Patron for Amistad #1115, current Worthy Patron for Floresville #271. I'm opposed to the Amendment on the grounds that if we move the date back to October....

WGM Jayne Yenger: I'm sorry, you're at a speaker that is for the Amendment. If you are opposed, you need to go to the other microphone. I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Melanie Rayner: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Melanie Rayner. Present and Past Worthy

Matron of Cedar Bayou #11. I'm going to try to do this without crying. I oppose this Amendment. Thank you for considering teachers in this Amendment. But, if we change the date of Grand Chapter, to the third week of October I will not be able to be at Grand Chapter until I retire as I am a teacher. The third week of October is the state's testing dates for the High School level. The only way we can be out...

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers be kind.

Sister Melanie Rayner: The only way that we can be out is if we are dead, they see the body and the death certificate and I am not joking. In addition, in the 2013 state Legislature of the state of Texas, Senate Bill 8 was enacted. What Senate Bill 8 is, is a piece of Legislation that has given the School Districts, the School Boards and the Superintendents more teeth that they can say yes or no whether we can go to Grand Chapter. Teachers probably nine times out of ten, yes we're busy and all this but hey, who isn't. The state Legislature because of that law, Districts are going to be less open to people taking off an entire week which means that anyone who is chosen to be a District Deputy, a Deputy, an Installed Grand Officer or any other office, requires a member to be at Grand Chapter for a minimum of one week, will not be able to assume those positions. If the teachers in this building are not aware of that, then they need to be aware of that. And I promise it is a law. And I'm very opposed to this because I love coming to Grand Chapter. But I will not be able to come until I retire from teaching. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

AGM Jerre Lucas: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am still Jerre Lucas, Past Matron from Schertz Chapter #911. As much as I love Melanie, I'm very much for this. However, I would like to amend this to read 2016 instead of 2017. I'm doing that though we have already prepared contracts for presentation to be made this Saturday. The one I have selected as Executive Chairman says hey...we can save money, let's go for it. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and we will prepare the Amendment. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We will need that Amendment Sister Jerre as soon as we can get it and you do have signers on the Amendment. While we are waiting for Sister Jerre to bring that Amendment forward our Parliamentarian would like to speak.

Sister Willie Mae Shaw: I know there was some confusion on letting Brother Art speak the second time a while ago but if you will look at Number 9 in our Parliamentary Rules that we voted on this morning for this Grand Session it speaks about the debate. "And no member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak is again given" it says here "by the Presiding Officer". But you were given the opportunity to give him that privilege of speaking that second time and it just needed to be explained. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Willie Mae. Sister Jerre are you somewhere in the room? I lost you. Could we have a song from our Grand Choir? I will tell the ones waiting in the North that it will be a few minutes because we have to wait on the Amendment.

(Grand Choir sings "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing")

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother Bill, we're going to let the speakers speak. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers if you would bear with me and try get quiet for a few minutes, I'm going to let the speakers for and against continue while we are waiting on the Amendment, in just one moment. We have an announcement.

WGP Trey Smith: There is a Jeep Spirit Wrangler that's parked in the Hotel/Convention driveway and it needs to be towed. There is a Jeep Spirit Wrangler with a license Number CTZ5389. But it's parked in the driveway of the Hilton and it's about to be towed.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Melinda Hicks: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Melinda Hicks, I am current...

WGM Jayne Yenger: Excuse me. Sisters and Brothers could we be a little quieter so we can hear. Thank you.

Sister Melinda Hicks: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Melinda Hicks. I am Worthy Matron of Alvin #15 and Past Matron of La Marque Chapter #979. I am speaking in opposition to this motion. I work in the legal profession and courts generally slow down during the summer and then make up for being slow in June, July and August in September, October and November. But the trial schedule that I have had in my firm for the last three years and this year, I would not be able to attend Grand Chapter due to a trial schedule. And that is why I am in opposition to this motion.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Jeanne Stackpole: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jeanne Stackpole and I'm Worthy Matron at Wedgewood and also associated with Crowley. I too hope that the teachers can come but she made one false statement. There is nothing in this Amendment that says it has to be the third week in October. It simple says, a Thursday in October. So it doesn't have to be the third week and I am for this Amendment. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Elizabeth Wilkerson Ward: My name is Elizabeth Wilkerson Ward, I'm a Past Matron of Capital Chapter #803 now affiliated with Creedmoor #607. I have some children when it was held in October it was difficult because of schooling and so forth. But another thing it was kind of hard sharing two Worthy Grand Matrons. We had half a year with one and half a year with the other. We had changes in the middle of our year and our planning. I only want the best for this Grand Chapter cause as my Aunt used to say Grand Chapter was next to her church. And I have loved Eastern Star for more than 62 years. And I am opposed to the Amendment. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Karen Kidd: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Karen Kidd and I'm from Abilene #30.

Sister Joyce Ball: And I'm Joyce Ball Worthy Grand Matron from Friendship Chapter #1008.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Just a moment, just a moment. I believe we can only have one speaker at a time. Thank you.

Sister Karen Kidd: I'm going to speak. But I have forty years and Joyce has forty five years in Education. The reason that this was written was not necessarily school but if you'll look at it, the reason is the summer is high tourism. It's very expensive. Your hotels are high dollar and so one of the reasons is so if we moved it to the fall maybe we could get cheaper rates. And if you will look on what we are trying to change, it says "at 1:00 on Thursday in the month of October". It gives these Grand Line Officers a leeway of a whole month to pick which time in the fall. And so that was the reason for the Amendment. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Kathy Jo Kuenzle: I am Kathy Jo Kuenzle, Worthy Matron of McKinney Chapter #518. First I have a question. How many are present or former teachers in this room? As a current teacher, October is very difficult to get away from a classroom. And if you are sick and you have to do Chemo treatments once a month, there's no way you can get off. So I am against this.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the South.

Brother Jerry Saunders: I'm Jerry Saunders, Past Patron of Port Neches #677, and affiliated Past Patron of Spurger #315. Worthy Grand Matron, when is convenient? We're competing with tourism, we're competing with our other fraternal bodies, there's conflict any way you go. So it's going to have to be a point that the body is going to have to decide when we are going to be. Whether it's tourism with other conventions, we are not the only ones trying to book hotels. We are not the only ones trying to book convention centers. It's a mass of people trying to do this. So we need to decide what we are going to do.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we now have the Amendment to the Amendment. Brother Jerry would you like to read the Amendment?

PGP Jerry Trees: Section 1, Stated Sessions. "The Grand Chapter, except as hereinafter provided, shall meet in one Stated Session each year, the Ceremonial opening beginning at 1:00 o'clock P.M. on Thursday in the month of October at such place as the Grand Chapter may select commencing with the 2016 Session."

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers we will now be voting on the Amendment as read. Those in favor of the Amendment as read to the Amendment please raise your blue cards. Those opposed to the Amendment. Motion to amend carries. (One rap) Sisters and Brothers we will now have debate on the Amendment as amended. Would you explain it to them one more time Jerry what we have changed now in the Amendment.

PGP Jerry Trees: In the Amendment, the original one it had 2017 Session and we amended it to commence with the 2016 Session.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Diane Wilson: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Diane Wilson, Past Matron of Lewisville....Sorry.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sorry, wrong direction. We'll get back with you.

Sister Linda Crawford: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Linda Crawford, I am from Harlandale Chapter #750. I am definitely against this particular Amendment. A few years ago we were able to go ahead and change the Grand Chapter's meetings from Grand Chapter being in October and November to where our Grand Chapter was meeting almost at the same time or right following the Installations of the Subordinate Chapters. The Worthy Matrons were absolutely ecstatic because at that point we were actually having our loyalty to one Worthy Grand Matron instead of changing it mid-stream in November or October. Also as a teacher, the impossibility of being able to go during the month of October, whether you are a substitute and training for all the testing is also impossible, even retired teachers and teachers who are doing all of the afterschool tutoring and as Worthy Matrons who have a loyalty to one Worthy Grand Matron. I am definitely against this particular Amendment. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Diane Wilson: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Diane Wilson, a Past Matron of Lewisville Chapter #935 and I speak in favor of this Amendment. Sisters and Brothers as we heard this morning our financial presentation by the Board was very very confusing because we were going from 9/1/2013 to 3/31/2014 and we had some here, some there, we're going to have to carry over some and it got very very confusing. If we change Grand Chapter back to being in October, we will have a very clear and very crisp picture of our financial accounting. What is spent, what has been received, and it will all be on our Grand Chapter year. I understand the loyalties to two different Worthy Grand Matrons, I had that issue and I never found it to be a problem. And I also move that we call for the question.

WGM Jayne Yenger: The question has been called. We will be voting to stop debate. Sisters and Brothers, this will be a two-thirds vote. Do I have a second to stop debate? It has been moved and seconded that we stop debate. Sisters and Brothers, two-thirds vote if you would like to stop debate, please raise your blue cards. Opposed. We will stop debate. (One rap) We will now vote on the Amendment as amended and this would be, Brother Jerry would you read the Amendment one more time.

PGP Jerry Trees: The Grand Chapter, except as hereinafter provided, shall meet in one Stated Session each year, the Ceremonial Opening beginning at 1:00 o'clock P.M. on the first Thursday in August, as such place as the Grand Chapter may select, commencing with the 2016 Session.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, if you are in favor of the Amendment, please raise your blue cards. Opposed to the Amendment. Cards down. I would like for you to vote again. We are voting on the Amendment as amended. And this time, those in favor of the Amendment please stand and raise your cards. Okay thank you. Now if all opposed would do the same and raise your blue cards. Thank you Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, as we have said all year, this is the members' Grand Chapter. And I truly do not feel that we can call it from the East from what we are seeing. So I make a motion that we take a paper ballot, go to the written ballot for this decision.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved, do I have a second? (someone seconded) It has been moved and seconded that we will go to a paper ballot. All those in favor please raise your blue cards. All opposed to going to a paper ballot please raise your blue cards. We will go to a paper ballot. (One rap)

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, I make a motion that this paper vote be taken tomorrow morning.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers will you please bear with us just a few more minutes. Please be kind, the Worthy Grand Patron is speaking.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, I think they can hear me at the Hotel now. (Laughter) Sorry...I make a motion that this paper ballot be taken in the morning, first thing. After we start our elections, this will be taken first thing tomorrow compared to tonight.

PGP David Dibrell: Second

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion on the floor that we continue with a paper ballot tomorrow morning and we do have a second. All in favor please signify by raising your blue cards. All opposed same sign. How do you ready it Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to ask you to vote one more time. This means that we may have to be here a while this evening. And because we're going to have to set up tables and get tellers, so...

WGP Trey Smith: No ma'am. We just pass the ballot. It goes to the reader. It's a yes or no vote by paper. So we don't have to set up tables. It's pass the ballot, the tubs are passed to collect the ballots. It's just a yes or no vote.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It's just a yes or no ballot. Sisters and Brothers please bear with us.

WGP Trey Smith: Okay Worthy Grand Matron I felt like we were miracle workers I guess... we would have to set up tables, and we would have to assign tellers. Sisters and Brothers I want you to vote your conscience and I want this to be a fair vote. That's what is important. It's not the time, it's just what you want to sit through.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion on the floor to continue this at our morning Session. We are going to have to take care of this motion. There's a motion and a second to continue tomorrow morning. At this time if you are in favor of continuing this tomorrow morning, please raise your blue cards now. Cards down. If you are opposed to this motion, blue cards. Sisters and Brothers, we will continue this tomorrow morning. (One rap) Sisters and Brothers if you will bear with us, we will continue.

PGP David Dibrell: Worthy Grand Matron, the next Amendment is Amendment #3. It is found

on page 60 and 61 of your Advance Annual Report. It's entitled Code of Laws Chapter 2, Election of Grand Officers, page 51 and 52 of your Code of Laws. We find that this Amendment is in proper form. The effect of this Amendment, the Amendment presently lists the requirements for candidates seeking an office in Grand Chapter which includes a picture with a resume of his or her Eastern Star service both in Subordinate and Grand Chapter arranged chronologically with education and employment history only. This Amendment would omit the word "only". And insert the following sentence: "A resume of his/her qualifications for the office also be included in the announcement in the Official Bulletin and Advance Annual Report". Worthy Grand Matron we find this Amendment in proper form.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we will be voting on Amendment #3 to the Code of Laws. I recognize the Brother in the South.

Brother Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers, Worthy Grand Patron. The main reason I did this there was a lot of discussion last year on qualifications with a whole bunch of stuff. I have advocated and do very strongly that the information that is being published is not info extremely relevant but it is also relevant, but the provision makes it to where it would put kind of a short résumé on that same page in whatever they do in the Bulletin and in the Report. And that way each one of you get to make a decision as to who's qualified instead of this malarkey about going to any Committee or other individuals. We discussed it a little bit earlier and thank you very much for your support, preferred. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Are there any other questions or discussion? Sisters and Brothers we are voting on Amendment #3. All in favor please signify by raising your blue cards. All opposed, same card. Motion carried. (One rap) Amendment carried. The Amendment was accepted. I recognize Sister Betty.

PGM Betty Benham: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. This is Amendment #4, would be page 62 in your Advance Annual Report. This is under the Code of Laws, Chapter 10, Grievances and Appeals, on Page 106, Article 152-F Duties. And it is in proper form and if this is passed it would mean that the Committee on Grievances and Appeals consider all matters of controversy coming before Grand Chapter or in Reports by the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron or referred by Grand Chapter. By adding "d." which is what this Amendment is, adding "d." would add the requirement that "the appeal must be received in writing by the Chairman of the Grievances and Appeals Committee and the Worthy Grand Matron at least 30 days prior to the opening of Grand Chapter. The document must be dated, state specifically the content of the appeal and the desired action as a result of the appeal and be signed by the member filing the appeal."

WGM Jayne Yenger: Is there any discussion on this Amendment? Amendment #4. I recognize the Sister in the South.

PGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Vi Griffin, Past and current Worthy Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649. I am the author of this Amendment, Sisters and Brothers, it merely adds a time frame to the filing of an appeal and puts some structure to the form of an appeal. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we will be voting for Amendment #4. Those in

favor please raise your blue cards. Those opposed, same card. Amendment #4 passed. (One rap) I recognize Sister Sharon Fentress.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Thank you Sisters and Brothers, we are now going to address Amendment #5. It is on page 63 of the Advance Annual Report. And what this does is delete the “Whereas” (someone moves the mike), thank you. This is a midget mike. (Laughter) Isn’t it good to laugh? Be amended to read, replace as follows “Un-debatable Motions. A motion to reconsider, refer to a Committee, for the order of the day, for division of the question, for the previous question, to lay on the table, to call off and to proceed to close shall be decided without debate. A motion to reconsider must be proposed by someone who voted on the prevailing side and on the day on which the vote was taken, or on the next succeeding day. (In Subordinate Chapter, it must be made at the same session.)” It would be amended to read: “Un-debatable Motions. A motion to reconsider, refer to a Committee, for the order of the day, for division of the question, for the previous question, to lay on the table, to call off and to proceed to close shall be decided without debate unless there is a question by any member of Grand Chapter regarding any portion of a given report and after discussion the members may vote by majority to accept that portion of the report. A motion to reconsider must be proposed by someone who voted on the prevailing side and on the day on which the vote was taken or on the next succeeding day. (In Subordinate Chapters it would be made at the same session.)” This report was corrected with two words if you missed those two words that were in there. Modified, is what they call that by Parliamentary Law I believe. This wouldn’t change any meaning, they only clarify what was being done. That’s it.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Sharon. Sisters and Brothers we will be voting on the Amendment as amended. Is there any discussion?

PGM Yvonne Brownfield: Worthy Grand Matron, I’m Yvonne Brownfield, Past Matron of Copperas Cove...

WGM Jayne Yenger: Just a second, Sister Yvonne. If you would give Sister Willie Mae Shaw, our Parliamentarian, your attention please.

Sister Willie Mae Shaw: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. As you know, before a motion is stated and presented by the Chair, you have the opportunity to withdraw or modify that motion, the ones who presented the motion and this motion was modified because it had not been stated by the Chair. Now does that make it a little bit more clear?

Audience: No.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Yvonne, I’ll get back with you in a minute. I’m glad you’re sitting down. (Laughter)

PGM Sharon Fentress: Can I add an explanation to this?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Yes, Sister Sharon.

PGM Sharon Fentress: This Amendment was turned in for reading and it was not considerable, it was removed because it was not in proper order to be considered. Therefore, it was

taken back by the group that presented it and it was rewritten to be one that we could present to you. And this is the modified version, I believe is the correct wording of that Amendment.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. Now, Sister Yvonne.

PGM Yvonne Brownfield: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Yvonne Brownfield, a Past Matron of Copperas Cove #1070. I was the one that presented this Amendment along with fellow members who have interest in this Grand Chapter. I feel that they should be able to ask questions and get answers and this #12b of our Parliamentary Procedures prevents that as they said, it is reported to a Committee. I personally don't know what is the Committee if it's a black hole or what but I feel that the membership has a right to know what has happened in their Grand Chapter because they have invested rights. Without them we have no Grand Chapter and let's have some transparency for everybody in this Order. At that time I think we would all be a much happier campers. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Sue Shoemaker: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Sue Shoemaker, a Past Matron of Templar Chapter #374. I really don't stand to be either pro or con on the issue. I wanted to address a question to Sister Sharon. I understand that you are telling us that what you read is not what we have in the Advance Report and that's very obvious if you were trying to follow you. Because I didn't see anything in mine that sounded like what you said. So I have a little trouble following what has been modified. And so if you could help us with that and perhaps we could get a copy of that. I don't see where it's any clearer than the issue that we have decided to postpone until tomorrow. Thank you.

PGM Sharon Fentress: If I can respond to that as far as me presenting it. I can only present what is presentable. In other words if the other original Amendment was not in order and we could not read it, we allowed this one to be rewritten, modified, as used in the proper term, then this was the one that was rewritten in that place. And how you want to handle the vote on it, I would say would come back to be another issue with the group here assembled.

Sister Sue Shoemaker: May I respectfully request that perhaps at some point you re-read that so that we now know it's not what we have here and we can perhaps pay better attention?

PGM Sharon Fentress: I'm so sorry that that confused you. It's been real confusing to us too. I'd be happy to re-read it but do you want me to re-read this last part, not even read the first part. Just re-read the part that is pertinent? Okay. "Un-debatable Motions. A motion to reconsider, refer to a Committee, for the order of the day, for division of the question, for the previous question, to lay on the table, to call off and to proceed to close shall be decided without debate unless there is a question by any member of Grand Chapter regarding any portion of a given report and after discussion the membership shall vote by majority to accept that portion of the report. A motion to reconsider must be proposed by someone who voted on the prevailing side and on the day on which the vote was taken or on the next succeeding day. (In Subordinate Chapters it must be made at the same session.)"

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the North.

PGP Henry Martin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. I have two things. One, you didn't close the parenthesis.

PGM Sharon Fentress: I am so sorry.

PGP Henry Martin: That is not a trivial matter necessarily. Cause where you close the parenthesis can change the meaning. Secondly though, we are told that "refer to a Committee unless it is of such serious nature that Grand Chapter needs to be made aware of the circumstances." I have some questions. Who is going to determine "of such serious nature"? Yes or no? I don't know that. There is nothing here that says that. Who's going to make the decision, what criteria is going to be used to make that decision. It seems to me like the proponents are going to say it's serious and those against it are going to say it's not serious. So, to me it's unclear and I don't think it's in proper order.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Brother, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, it was still questionable to the Committee but in fairness we wanted to present this. And they wanted...it was wanted by the proponents and you know we only read what's given to us.

PGP Henry Martin: Well, and I understand Sister Sharon. I understand that but to me we're being asked to vote on something we don't know how it's going to be determined. We don't know who's going to determine it. And it seems to me we're just letting ourselves wide open for, you know, if I don't like it I have one idea. If I do like it, I have another idea. I think it needs to be clearer before we are asked to vote on it.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers if you would give our Parliamentarian your attention. Thank you.

Sister Willie Mae Shaw: First I'd like to thank Brother Henry for mentioning that about "such serious nature" that is subjective. And then if you go on into what you have printed in your program, you hear that "the Committee after hearing all the documentation" would you want to take time in the Session to hear all documentation? And then the next item was the vote of two-thirds majority. That is combining two kinds of vote and it should be either one or the other. And then 'whether the report be accepted or declined' and the question there would be is it two-thirds to be accepted or two-thirds to be declined? Is it majority to be accepted or majority to be declined? It's difficult to determine what was wanted. And I would like to go ahead and mention a little bit about 'refer to a Committee'. When a Committee Report is referred to the proper Committee, what we use, that is the Jurisprudence Committee. And there's no question pending. That motion then is a main motion, an incidental main motion. Such, 'a motion to refer' is a subsidiary motion and it takes precedence that main motion. It must be seconded and it is debatable but the debate is limited. It's only to Committee, 'to Committee and not the merits of the main question.' It's amendable as to which Committee and we really only have one that we refer the general reports to which is Jurisprudence. Or if we refer something to a Special Committee it would be the composition of that Committee. When such report comes back to the Assembly, it would come back in a Report, Amendment or Resolution. Some form with a recommendation. And that recommendation when moved and seconded, becomes a main motion and that would be debatable at that time. I hope that clarifies that just a little bit.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Sisters and Brothers I think you're kind of like me...it's about as clear as mud. Isn't it?

WGM Jayne Yenger: I know it's very confusing Sisters and Brothers because what you're looking at in the Advance Report is not what we are talking about right now. This is a modification to the Amendment that you are looking at in your Report. Is that correct Sister Sharon?

PGM Sharon Fentress: I believe that's correct.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Some of them don't pay any attention to me but it's a modification of what's in your Advance Report. Thank you.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Okay Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to see if I can tell you...stay here Chairman please.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers if you would please give your attention to Sister Sharon at the microphone.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Okay, we are trying to get this where you can read something of it in your paperwork that you have in your hands. And what we agree is a part that is in your literature is the top part which is the part I read at the very first and when I read the 'to be amended' which I've read twice, that top portion could not be considered. It was declared not in proper form. So they came back, this group came back with this Amendment and the part that I have read to you twice and I'd be happy to read it again if you really want to hear it again...in the second part. So you do have some of this in your book that you can look at. And you know this is your Grand Chapter and we are...I know sometimes it seems like we are trying to confuse you but actually we are trying to explain to you what is going on and what you would be changing in the law if you consider this. Do you want to take up debate?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, do you want the whole thing read again?

Audience: NO.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Thank you! (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Then we will go back to debate. And I recognize the Brother in the South.

PGP Nelson Campbell: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Nelson Campbell, a Past Patron of Silsbee Chapter #298. And my whole purpose of being a part of this is last year we tried to ask questions about the reports and we were not allowed to ask questions, they were just referred to a Committee. And we were gavelled down with no questions to be allowed to be asked. And that's why I was a party to this. Maybe we didn't put it down right but that's what we were... we should have had the right to ask those questions. (Applause)

Sister Willie Mae Shaw: Brother Nelson I'd like to address that. The motion to refer it to the Committee had already been made. And that motion is a subsidiary motion and it takes precedence over the main motion. And as I stated a while ago it's debatable only to the Committee

not to the merits of the main question. It would have come back as a recommendation of some sort if the Grievances and Appeals Committee could have come up with a decision. But they referred it then to the incoming Committee.

PGP Nelson Campbell: I'm not talking about the Grievance. I'm talking about the Report. The Worthy Grand Matron's Report was referred to Committee. There wasn't even a vote taken on it.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother Nelson, I'm told that they don't have to accept the Report. You're accepting having the Report referred to the Committee. To the proper Committee.

PGP Nelson Campbell: You asked for a vote for yours.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. I recognize the Brother in the North.

PGP Richard Ochs: I'm Richard Ochs, Past Patron of Amarillo, Panhandle and Kingsland Chapter. I don't know whether I'm in favor, against and all of this but we seem to spend and cut off debate on issues that are very important and have been. I've only been around here forty years. But even our Home stuff was cut off and I was in the proper mike at that time with somebody at the other one but we were sent to another. We need to debate the serious issues and not be closed debate, too quick sometimes. That's what I think we're trying to do is for somebody to learn things. I'm kind of in between on this thing because I wish we would take care of the important things including things like this that have come up here. And here we are spending a lot of time. I don't see this thing as being rightfully able to be considered by the membership under the way it is presently.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Brother Richard, Sir.

PGP Richard Ochs: Yes sir.

WGP Trey Smith: You keep contending that we have cut you off and that we're not allowing people to speak.

PGP Richard Ochs: I didn't say you did or I didn't say that last year. I can show you some times if you would ever permit me but I don't really want to get into it with the whole membership. For instance since you put it that way, we had a proper offer on ten acres at one time and did not bring it before the membership to vote on which was foolish because it was open and specifically stated in that legal document that the offer was good until voted on by Grand Chapter. That's kind of like the legal item I said about the wills.

WGP Trey Smith: I understand.

PGP Richard Ochs: Thank you very kindly. You, most of the time and I'm not going to name names, I don't care, there's too many people that are extremely, extremely good and too many

things that this Organization does that is extremely, extremely good and one of them happened to us last night, the young lady that sang, Barbara and I helped get her first scholarship in the '80's. And she has done great. These kind of things that you folks do are so good it's worth me being chewed on and that's fine. I've had it from Supreme Court Judge, I didn't care about anybody else after that. And that happened way back, before the '80's.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you.

PGP Richard Ochs: Thank you. Thank both of you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize...

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, if it would be possible, in hearing this and seeing this written, seeing this as amended, could we not just read the part as to what was amended in the actual Amendment? Compared to trying to re-read you the whole conversation, not a conversation, I'm sorry, a whole paragraph, could we not read what was highlighted here and what was changed? Is that not possible?

Tonya Foster: Brother Trey, I think if we could just go down and say this Whereas stays, this Whereas...that's what everybody is confused about and that's what everybody is trying to say but nobody is really saying that where everybody understands it.

WGP Trey Smith: That's what I'm trying to say in West Texas English.

Sister Tonya Foster: In East Texas English can we just start her over?

WGP Trey Smith: That's agreeable. Okay, this is the Amendment to the Amendment #5. We the undersigned wish to amend Amendment #5 as follows. Okay now we are on page 63. Are you there? Okay, delete the last Whereas. The last Whereas at the bottom of page 63. Whereas at the last Grand Chapter Session in Arlington. They are asking for that to be deleted. Do you have it marked? Then we go over to page 64. Which says 'WHICH NOW READS f.' In all capital letters it says 'BE AMENDED TO READ'. They are asking for that to be deleted. Do you see it? Page 64, top of the page. The all caps that says 'WHICH NOW READS' paragraph f. Go to the next group or letters that are all capitalized but says 'BE AMENDED TO READ'. That is to be removed. Deleted. And replace it as follows. Article 157 f. which now reads 'Un-debatable Motions. A motion to reconsider, refer to a Committee, for the order of the day, for division of the question, for the previous question, to lay on the table, to call off and to proceed to close shall be decided without debate. A motion to reconsider must be proposed by someone who voted on the prevailing side and on the day on which the vote was taken or on the next succeeding day. (In Subordinate Chapter, it must be made at the same session.)'. And there is quotation mark. I mean parenthesis, excuse me. And that be amended to read, second paragraph f., page 64, and this is the way it is amended now: 'Un-debatable Motions. A motion to reconsider, refer to a Committee, for the order of the day, for division of the question, for the previous question, to lay on the table, to call off, and to proceed to close shall be decided without debate UNLESS THERE IS A QUESTION BY ANY MEMBER OF GRAND CHAPTER REGARDING ANY PORTION OF A GIVEN REPORT, AND AFTER DISCUSSION, THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL VOTE BY MAJORITY TO ACCEPT THAT PORTION OF THE REPORT.' Okay I'm going to read that last part again, Okay. 'UNLESS THERE IS A QUESTION BY ANY MEMBER OF

GRAND CHAPTER REGARDING ANY PORTION OF A GIVEN REPORT, AND AFTER DISCUSSION, THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL VOTE BY MAJORITY TO ACCEPT THAT PORTION OF THE REPORT.' It goes on to say 'A motion to reconsider must be proposed by someone who voted on the prevailing side and on the day on which the vote was taken or on the next succeeding day. (In Subordinate Chapter, it must be made at the same session).'

No name given (Maybe Karen Morgenthaler): Worthy Grand Patron?

WGP Trey Smith: Yes ma'am.

Sister Melanie Rayner: May I ask a question?

WGP Trey Smith: Are you calling for the question or asking a question?

Sister Melanie Rayner: No sir, asking a question.

WGP Trey Smith: Yes, ma'am

Sister Melanie Rayner: I would like to see this Amendment postponed. I would like to see in writing, where every member is not understanding. A lot of us don't understand and until we can see it in writing for ourselves which would mean that the Grand Chapter would have to go out and have copies made of that motion so that we can look at it and be able to vote intelligently tomorrow and the same thing with the other Amendment that we postponed, we would like to see that in writing where we could make intelligent decisions.

WGP Trey Smith: I don't have a problem with that at all as long as I know who's paying for the copies.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Grand Chapter.

WGP Trey Smith: Is there anything else that Jurisprudence can add to this?

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Worthy Grand Patron, I believe that would be the expense of Grand Chapter because this is regarding Grand Chapter. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: That may be true but as we don't have a budget that has been approved to cover copies we still need to look at the cost. So that is in the form of a motion?

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Yes, sir.

WGP Trey Smith: Do I have a second? Okay I need you to state your name, please and your Chapter.

Sister Melanie Rayner: Melanie Rayner, present Worthy Matron

WGP Trey Smith: No, no Melanie, sorry. Sister Karen. For the transcript.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Worthy Grand Patron, in 2005 we had not exactly the same issue

but we did go out and we did have copies made so the membership in 2005 was able to make an intelligent decision on a report that I had made to the Grand Chapter. So at this time, I am Karen Morgenthaler, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065, I request copies be made by the Grand Chapter so that we may intelligently vote on these two Amendments that have been postponed.

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

WGP Trey Smith: It has been moved and seconded... We have to have a motion to postpone first before this can be done, before we can take the vote for the copies to be made.

Sister Melanie Rayner: Worthy Grand Patron I'm still Melanie Rayner, Worthy Matron, Cedar Bayou Chapter #11 and I move that we postpone this piece of legislation until tomorrow when we can have copies that we can make an intelligent...to read to make intelligent decisions.

Sister Barbara Seam: And I seconded it and I'm Barbara Seam, Bellaire Chapter #1021, Past Matron.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you, both.

Sister Melanie Rayner: Worthy Grand Patron a member has given me \$10 to make some copies. (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers let's be kind. Let's keep order. We have a motion on the floor and a second that we postpone this legislation until tomorrow. At this time, all in favor of postponing this Amendment and discussion until tomorrow raise your blue cards. Opposed. I think everybody wants to go home. (One rap) This is postponed until tomorrow.

WGP Trey Smith: Okay, Sister Karen.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Karen do you still want to go forward with this motion?

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, we do.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Would you restate that please.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: The motion?

WGM Jayne Yenger: The motion.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Okay, that the two Amendments that have been postponed today, that we have copies made of the changes so that the membership will be able to read and be able to vote intelligently tomorrow on these two Amendments.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Is there a second.

Sister Melanie Rayner: I second that motion, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm still Melanie Rayner.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers please, let have order. We are voting on making copies. That everyone have a copy of this at the Session tomorrow. All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed. Motion carried. (One rap) We'll have copies and have them at the Session in the morning.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Thank you Sisters and Brothers.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Sharon. Sister and Brothers if you'll just bear with me a few more minutes. We will continue this in the morning. We will continue our Amendments tomorrow. Sisters and Brothers, since we are continuing tomorrow I have a reminder for you. If you have pre-ordered a yearbook would you please pick them up on your way out? Also, there are a small supply of books for sale at \$10 and you may pick those up on your way out tonight. Sisters and Brothers, we are getting ready to close this Session. Sister Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this Grand Chapter *Belief in Our Order* Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged. Sisters and Brothers if you could just bear with me a few minutes.

GW: (With raps) Brother Grand Sentinel we are about to call this *Belief in Our Order* Session from Labor to Rest and you are direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GS: Sister Grand Warder, there will be no interruptions.

GW: You need to close those doors please.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers please bear with us.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Yes, Associate Grand Matron.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: May I have permission to make an announcement right quick?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Yes you may.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: For those of you that are participating in the Installation on Saturday night, please remember following the Rob Morris Celebration we will immediately have a practice for Installation back here in the Grand Chapter room. So please don't forget that we will have a practice tonight. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Did everybody hear? We will have a practice tonight. Are the doors closed to the Grand Chapter room?

GW: Worthy Grand Matron the doors are secured and there will be no interruptions.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I invite Brother Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron of Texas, to bring our Benediction.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Sisters and Brothers let us go to the Lord in Prayer. Our most gracious and loving Father, we give you thanks for allowing us another day to give you praise and for the blessings that you have bestowed upon us. As we close this *Belief in Our Order* Session, we humbly ask that you continue to watch over and guide us as we leave this Grand Chapter room to prepare for this evening's festivities. Lord we ask that you dismiss this gathering of your children with your Benediction. For it is in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ that we pray. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. (Three raps)

(Grand Conductress closes the Bible as Grand Choir sings "Whispering Hope")

WGM Jayne Yenger: I now call this Friday afternoon *Belief in Our Order* Session called from Labor to Rest until 8:00 A.M. Saturday Morning. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GW: Brother Grand Sentinel, this Friday afternoon *Belief in Our Order* Session has been called from Labor to Rest until 8:00 A.M.

WGM Jayne Yenger: (One rap) Sisters and Brothers, our Picnic on the Brazos Rob Morris Celebration will begin at 6:30 P.M. In the morning when you come into the Grand Chapter room, we ask that voting delegates keep your ballot and your signed envelope with you. This is done for a purpose, a fact that you do not lose your ballot. You are dismissed.

End of Friday Belief in Our Order Session

132nd Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
"United We Stand" Session
Waco Convention Center
Saturday Session, August 9, 2014

Musical Prelude

Trecea Houston

8:00 A.M.

Call to Order

Vi Griffin
Public Relations, GGC
Past Grand Matron of Texas

David Dibrell
Past Grand Patron of Texas

PGM Vi Griffin: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. Good morning Sisters and Brothers. I've already learned this morning that it's a great day. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished members and each one of you, it is my happy privilege, along with the best Worthy Grand Patron we had in 2011 – 2012 (Laughter) Brother David Dibrell, to welcome you and to call to order this *United We Stand* Session of the 132nd Grand Chapter. I know you have certainly enjoyed the musical prelude here by Trecea Houston, a Past Matron of Leander Chapter. Join us in thanking her and showing our appreciation. (Applause) I would say this morning we extend to you a warm welcome, but I think we're way past warm here in Waco this morning. So let me say that we meet you in friendship, we greet you with hospitality and we welcome you with love. Thank you, Brother David for joining me. This Assembly awaits your remarks.

PGP David Dibrell: Thank you, Sister Vi, my Worthy Grand Matron. Wow, it seems like only yesterday that we were in Beaumont for Grand Chapter and here we are again. I join Sister Vi in also welcoming each of you to this *United We Stand* Session of Grand Chapter. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing me this honor of assisting in opening this 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 Worthy Grand Patron. You have both exhibited your *Belief in our Order*, your *Hope for the Future*, and your *Joy for the Children*. Your leadership has allowed the Grand Chapter to make significant progress toward these goals. May the final day of your year of service be as rewarding to you as it has been to this Grand Chapter. Thank you very much.

PGM Vi Griffin: It is with great pleasure that I call this Saturday morning *United We Stand* Session to order. (One rap) And now led by our smart stepping, sweet smiling Grand Marshall, the Grand Officers and their pages will present the Chain of Stars Drill.

(Chain of Stars Drill led by Grand Marshal, Susan Hall)
(Applause)

PGM Vi Griffin: Let's express our appreciation to our Grand Marshall and these Deputies, Officers and Pages. (Applause) And now Sisters and Brothers, if you will, please direct your at-

tention to the Grand Chapter floor for the Precision Drill under the Direction of Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron.

(Precision Drill led by PGP Bill Wyatt) (Applause)

PGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Bill. I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Sisters Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East. (Three raps)

Worthy Grand Patron, through leadership you have instilled Belief in Our Order at every opportunity and we are grateful to you. Through personal struggles and challenges of your office, your Hope and Faith and sense of Humor have never wavered. You inspire us to be better persons and happier persons. I pray for an abundance of blessings to come your way.

Worthy Grand Matron, you too have given us Hope and renewed *Belief in Our Order*. I hope that this final Session of your tenure as Worthy Grand Matron be the frosting on the cake for you. You have served this Grand Chapter with loving kindness toward the membership and diligence and dedication to the duties of your office. May you continue to have *Hope*, know *Joy* and *Peace* and may this Grand Chapter never forget that *United We Stand*. It is with confidence and great pleasure that I invite our Assembly to join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

(Grand Honors given)

It is with confidence and great pleasure that I present you your gavel. May God's blessings be on you and have a wonderful day.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Vi, thank you for opening this Saturday morning Session. We were Deputy Grand Matrons together...a year to remember with Sister Marcella Curry and Brother Leland Benefield. Brother David, thank you for opening this Session. I can always remember you and Sister Marlene and thank you both for your love and support. Thank you. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Vi, I enjoy your keen sense of humor and your wise council. And I do appreciate all you have done to support me this year. You are always a willing servant and I thank you for that. Brother David, I thank you for your quiet, steady support. You've always been there for me and I appreciate you so much. You both mean a great deal to me. You know we were all raised in the same area so you know that means we're good folks. We're West Texas folks, y'all. I value our friendship and may you both always have and find "live well, love much and laugh often". Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: The Grand Officers will now take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Grand Chapter. (One rap) Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this *United We Stand* Session from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GW: (No raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this *United We Stand* Session from Rest to Labor and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GS: Sister Grand Warder there will be no interruptions.

GW: Worthy Grand Matron the doors are secure and there will be no interruptions.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain if all present are entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter room.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter Session.

(GC and AGC Prove the Chapter)

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, all members present are entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter Session.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress you will attend at the altar. (Three raps).

We will now look to God for our inspiration for the day. Sister Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron of Texas will bring our invocation.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Please join with me as we go to the Lord in prayer. Our precious heavenly Father, how we thank you Lord. How we praise your name for the grace and goodness that you bestow upon us. Oh, Lord, how we thank you for the opportunity to meet in this beautiful Organization. And to reach out to others, Lord. It's dedicated to charity, truth, and loving kindness. And we wish to do thy bidding. We pray, Lord, for those who could not be with us today. We pray that you might reach thy hand and thy healing touch to each one of them. And if that cannot be thy will, then please give them and those who serve with them thy grace to say the test. Oh, Lord, we pray that you'll be with us today. Give us peace and give us wisdom. Give us thy wisdom, Lord, that everything we say and do will be according to thy will. And that thy will, will be done in this Session. Again, Lord, we praise thy holy name for the opportunity to come to you at your throne of grace. Be with those who serve, who protect us. Lord we pray that you place your hedge of thorns around them and protect them, Lord. Bring them home in good health and in thy will. Again, Lord, we thank you for this day and we pray that everything that is said and done will be according to thy will and in a spirit of love and fellowship. Amen. (Amen) (One rap)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Our scripture reading for this morning will be given by Sister Elise B. Hammack, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Elise Hammock: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and thank you for this sweet privilege. Our scripture for the day and for this lovely body of Sisters and Brothers is: Matthew 6:21. "For where your treasure is there will be your heart also." Let us not forget the Golden Links of Love...gold, untarnished, bright and shiny links connecting us to love, the greatest emotion of all that brings us together and erases all hatred and evil. Thank you very much.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I now declare this *United We Stand* Session called from Rest to Labor. Sister Grand Warder you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GW: (With raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, this *United We Stand* Session of the 132nd Session of the Grand Chapter is called from Rest to Labor. Worthy Grand Matron your order has been obeyed.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It is well. Sisters and Brothers we again want to thank you for your concern and cooperation. Many items of business still remain and we are going to move along as rapidly as possible. I want to remind you again to keep your ballot with you and your signed envelope. Many of you are not aware of this. In the event a question is raised, you will have your dues card with your valid signature on it and your credentials that you are a voter, and you may show those two with your signature, and that these are definitely your ballots that were issued. This is just a precaution. We plan to have our business session over in time that Sister Cheryl and Brother George, and of course all of us, can rest a bit before installation. In order to do that, we must have your undivided attention and assistance. We plan on beginning our elections promptly at 10:00 A.M. so we must move rapidly. I also ask any Chairman giving reports to be seated in the Grand East. Also, would those who are to be nominated for an elected position and the person who will be nominating you make your way to the Grand East and be seated, so we have no delays. I would also remind those who have not given their reports to make your way to the Grand East that we will be calling for them this morning and this afternoon. Sisters and Brothers, we are aware that the Constitution states that the election will begin at 10:00 A.M. so please bear with us and cooperate as when the tables and chairs are being brought in for the election process that you please make way for the gentlemen that will be setting our tables on the floor this morning. I would also like to have Brother Mike Hall to come to the East please. Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to preside.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers as we discussed yesterday we had copies made of Amendment #4 and Amendment #5. And those are ready to be passed out. I want to get them out to you as quickly as we can because I want you to be able to have time to read over them. And because they are, particularly the #4 is front and back of the sheet. It is quite lengthy. So if we could please have the Deputies come forward. I need a good number of you on this side of the room and a good number of you over here and my pages are going to hand you stacks of the Amendments so we can get those passed out to you. Tom Hancock over here and Tom Murphy over here.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I want to remind everyone that the Deputies...the Deputies need to make sure our floor Officers have a copy of this. Thank you. Please, in setting up the floor, do not cross between the altar and the East. Thank you.

WGP Trey Smith: Okay, Sisters and Brothers are we getting our copies? Does everyone have a copy of Amendment #4? Okay, they are working their way around with them. Amendment #5? To the Deputies that have #4, go all the way around the room, the Deputies that have #5, go all the way around the room please.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Let's show our Grand Organist and those who assisted her our appreciation for her beautiful music. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers I would also say thank you very much for your assistance yesterday. We had a total of \$106.00 donated to offset the cost of the copies. (Applause) The copies regular cost was \$520.00. We were very fortunate in that the young man that was working at the Fed-Ex office had nothing to do. And he extended to us a discount of \$220.00 and I would like to donate, even though I've donated before, I would like to donate one more dollar that I found in my Elvis suit when I changed last night. (Laughter) How are we doing on the pass out of the Amendments. Are we good? Has everyone gotten their copies? Did I hear a no?

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 Patron

(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: 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 Worthy Patron or 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. (1) (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. will become B. (1) (d) (e) and (f)

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 ARTICLE 157. PARLIAMENTARY USAGE FOR GRAND CHAPTER (ALSO FOR SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.) Page 118, 119

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas is to be governed by Parliamentary Procedure as may be prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas shall have authority to make such laws, rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the "good of the Order" in the Grand Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas shall be composed of Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons or their appointed representatives as well as Past Matrons and Past Patrons who act as the governing body of the Grand Chapter hearing and acting upon all legislation; and

WHEREAS, our Code of Laws allows for any and all laws to be amended as needed for clarification or for the betterment of the Order; and

WHEREAS, full reports and documentations are required to be given by our presiding officers; and

WHEREAS, any decisions made by our presiding officers have the force of law until the Grand Chapter Session where they are voted and passed by the Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Article 157f, page 118 states "refer to a Committee" is decided without debate; and

WHEREAS, Article 157 I, Page 119 states that any member may appeal from the decision of the chair and said decision may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present; and

WHEREAS, Article 157S, Page 119 states that the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall be the parliamentary authority for the Grand Chapter and shall govern the proceedings of the Grand Chapter in cases not covered by the Constitution and Code of Laws of this Grand Chapter;

We, the undersigned wish to amend, Article 157 f. WHICH NOW READS;

f. Undebatable Motions. A motion to reconsider, refer to a Committee, for the order of the day, for division of the question, for the previous question, to lay on the table, to call off, and to proceed to close shall be decided without debate. A motion to reconsider must be proposed by some one who voted on the prevailing side, and on the day on which the vote was taken, or on the next succeeding day. (In Subordinate Chapter, it must be made at the same session.)

BE AMENDED TO READ:

f. Undebatable Motions. A motion to reconsider, refer to a Committee, for the order of the day, for division of the question, for the previous question, to lay on the table, to call off, and to proceed to close shall be decided without debate UNLESS THERE IS A QUESTION BY ANY MEMBER OF GRAND CHAPTER REGARDING ANY PORTION OF A GIVEN REPORT, AND AFTER DISCUSSION, THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL VOTE BY MAJORITY TO ACCEPT THAT PORTION OF THE REPORT. A motion to reconsider must be proposed by some one who voted on the prevailing side, and on the day on which the vote was taken, or on the next succeeding day. (In subordinate Chapter, it must be made at the same session.)

Yvonne Brownfield
Jack W. Guy
Nelson Campbell

Bess Caldwell

WGM Jayne Yenger: We still have some Officers on the floor, Worthy Grand Matron, who have not gotten their copies.

WGP Trey Smith: No, you're the Worthy Grand Matron. (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Did I say Worthy Grand Matron? It's gonna be a good day. (Laughter) Sisters and Brothers, let us remember that 'this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.' Could we please have a song from our Grand Choir?

(Grand Choir sings "Jesus, Sweetest Name I Know")

WGM Jayne Yenger: I think we have time for one more song, Brother Bill.

(Grand Choir sings "I'll Fly Away) (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother Nelson, this is for you! (referring to the song) Can I ask the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Buna Chapter #968 to make their way to the East, please. Sisters and Brothers while we are waiting I would like to introduce this Worthy Matron and this Worthy Patron of Buna Chapter #968. Darla DeLome, Worthy Matron and Russell Delome, Worthy Patron. They have gained twenty one members this year. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: I think that deserves a standing applause to me. (Standing applause) For twenty one members, that's awesome. (Three raps)

WGM Jayne Yenger: They gained twelve by initiation, six by Affiliation, and three reinstatements, making a total of twenty one members. I think that is fabulous for a new Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron and I think they might have had a little support from the Chapter and Brother Nelson Campbell. (Applause) Thank you so much. Now we want to make sure you continue in this, don't stop now. Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to preside.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers before we go on with our legislation this morning, I want to make sure that you have time to read those two Amendments that we passed out. So we are going to move forward just a little bit and we had sent out cards for the members who will be serving as tellers for the tables. And at this time I would like for them to take their table. Table one will start right here on my left. Table two, table three, table four, table five and six. So if you would please, as quietly as possible, move to those tables. Those who will be serving as table judges: Table one, Brother Bill Bane. Table two, Doris Hester and Jack Guy. Table three, Ray Hertenberger. Table four, Bess Caldwell and Bill Wyatt. Table five, Nancy Brown and Nelson Campbell. And Brother Nelson, those people are already members so don't be trying to drum up business over there. (Laughter) Table six is Naomi Wolfe. And the adding machines, we are appointing James Walker and Shane Albrecht. Table one, you're full. Table two is full. Table three, full. Table four, you have eight? Right now we're pretty close to good. Brother Bill are you okay at your table? Sister Doris or Brother Jack? Arrangements we need more chairs for the table judges please. Brother Ray Hertenberger? Sister Bess, Brother Bill... there you are, thank you so much. Sister Nancy? Table six, Sister Naomi? You're good. Okay. Where's Brother Ray Hertenberger? Brother Jack Guy, will you move down to Brother Ray's

table? I'm going to give him a break this morning. He's worked hard enough this week. And we also have one other very special appointment which is security so that we won't have anybody overlooking the ballot taking. Everybody always is worried about Brother Buddy, I want you to protect that table man. I don't want there to be a run on that table. If you would please sir, thank you. Brother Bill would you mind sitting with Sister Naomi? Sister Joyce Nicklas, would you mind coming to table one please. I appreciate you being up and ready to go. Sisters and Brothers, I believe that we're ready to go. I think before we continue into our business we would like for you to stand. (Three raps) and as we believe we should do before all meetings, we should say the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country.

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America
And to the Republic for which it stands
One Nation, Under God
With liberty and justice for all.

Thank you. (One rap)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers we are about to commence the business of this Grand Chapter. Please give your attention to Sister Sharon Fentress.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Well, Sisters and Brothers, here we are, back again today. We are now going to take up the Amendment #4, Constitution Article X, Section 10, Voting Privileges. Sisters and Brothers do you each have a copy of this two page Amendment? Would you like for me to read this to you? (No) I thought you all could read English. Basically this Amendment is changing our voting privilege to one vote for each person. I think that's the simplest words I can put it in and it's a lot shorter than two pages. So if there are discussion or questions, I guess we're ready for it. I'm sorry, it's one vote for each member of Grand Chapter, voting member of Grand Chapter. In other words those are the members of Grand Chapter, Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and their proxy's. No proxy's? Okay.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the North.

PGP Bill Wyatt: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Bill Wyatt, Past Patron of Pine Tree Chapter. We have a question here, on this here, a new Worthy Patron, does he still have a vote at Grand Chapter? The Worthy Patron or is it just the Worthy Matron that has a vote at Grand Chapter?

PGM Sharon Fentress: Am I supposed to answer the question? Uh, Yes. Yes the Worthy Patron would still retain one vote.

PGP Bill Wyatt: Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

PGM Vi Griffin: I'm Vi Griffin, Past Matron and current Worthy Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649. Sisters and Brothers, Article VI, Section 1, states the composition of Grand Chapter. And they are Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons and those are the members of Grand Chapter. Section 10 sets out the Voting Privileges and this just

eliminates the two votes and three votes. The Chapter Representative still have one Chapter Representative vote. And it can be either the Worthy Matron or whomever she appoints. We voted on that yesterday. So it takes out the pecking order of whom she has to appoint as her proxy. It's simple. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Vi.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Other questions?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, if you are in favor of this Amendment please raise your blue voting cards. Cards down. If you are opposed to this Amendment raise your blue card. Motion carried. (One rap) The motion passed.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Thank you Sisters and Brothers.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Are we ready for Amendment #5? Looks like you're up again Sister Sharon.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Well, yesterday was not my day Worthy Grand Matron. (Laughter) I hope I am not so confusing this morning. Sisters and Brothers, again this has been distributed...

WGM Jayne Yenger: Excuse me one moment Sister Sharon. The Chapter Representatives need to vote on #4. Those with gold cards if you are in favor of #4, please raise your gold cards. If you are opposed to #4 please raise your gold cards. Motion carried. (One rap) Now you may continue Sister Sharon.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Okay, Sisters and Brothers, again you have received a typed copy of this Amendment. It has been slightly modified from yesterday but if you have it in your hands and you have read that, it is for clarification. This Amendment refers to "Un-debatable Motions". Do I need to read any of that for you?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers we are about to ballot on Amendment #5. Those in favor please raise your blue cards. I'm sorry. Cards down. Was there any discussion on Amendment #5? We are about to vote...one moment. I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Alys Newsom: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Alys Newsom. I am a Past Matron of Richardson Chapter #921. I am opposed to this Amendment. The reason being...or my concern is, we use Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, but there is a reason, so we can maintain order in the Grand Chapter room. Should we open up debate on a report, which is a strictly a report, these are things that have already occurred. It is just a report of what has already happened. We don't need to debate that, we don't need to vote to accept it or decline it. It has already occurred and we are just getting information about what has already occurred.

WGM Jayne Yenger: That's correct. Thank you. I recognize the Brother in the North.

Brother Randy Martin: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Randy Martin. I am a Past Patron

of Travis Chapter #472 and I am opposed to this at this point. The Sister before me took part of it. I don't think that we should be modifying Roberts Rule of Order. That's something that we've set out clearly stating that we're using those. I don't think we should change those. Even if the membership thought that that was okay there's still a problem with the portion that they are wanting to change. It says "Unless there is a question by any member of Grand Chapter regarding any portion of the given report and after discussion the membership shall vote by majority to accept that portion of the report." Either you accept it or you don't. You know, if you're starting to pick out pieces of a report, if that really is what the membership wants to do but I don't think we should do it to start with but if you are certain to pick out just pieces...okay, I like that part but I don't like that part...we're going to be here forever voting on reports instead of conducting the business of Grand Chapter. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the South.

Brother Paul Garner: My name is Paul Garner.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Excuse me just a moment, Paul.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, I yield to him at this point because I think he was up there and I prefer to let him have his say please. If you don't mind. And then I still would like to say something.

WGM Jayne Yenger: No you can't yield. If you have something to say Brother Richard...

PGP Richard Ochs: Thank you. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. I'm not going to say whether I'm in favor or against because I was against yesterday but I do compliment the folks who have changed this and I am aware from talking to one of the four and will not say who but there is a concern that the Parliamentarian might not allow them to speak again. I know in many cases in years past, I permitted, especially a proponent to speak a second time to kind of answer questions and clarify things. And I can give examples, and will next year which will be fine I hope, but I do believe they are concerned, at least this one individual was, that they might not be allowed to speak since they spoke yesterday on the primary motion but this motion now is entitled and I did not speak at all yesterday, thank you, on this item. Members need to be fully aware of everything. We haven't been doing that.

WGP Trey Smith: If I could address that situation. At the time that that happened in previous years it was a vote of Grand Chapter to allow those people to speak or as in this case, yesterday it was the vote of Grand Chapter which is the members of Grand Chapter to not allow Brother Arthur to speak. So that is still a vote of Grand Chapter of what the membership wanted. And that is what we are here to allow.

PGP Richard Ochs: Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: That's in number nine of your Roberts Rules of Order. Standing Rules of Order, I'm sorry. Brother Paul.

Brother Paul Garner: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Paul Garner and I'm a Past Patron of Spring #1105. I would ask Jurisprudence for a quick clarification before I speak against

this motion and that is the modifications the amended to read, the section in bold “unless there is a question”. The way I read this and from my English class back in Junior High and High School if I diagram the sentence correctly that will apply to each and every one of the motions listed prior. Is that correct?

PGM Sharon Fentress: That is correct.

Brother Paul Garner: Sisters and Brothers, this is an extremely dangerous Amendment. This will cause each and every one of these motions to now be debatable. The section is labeled “Un-debatable Motions”, by passing this you will allow any member and by the way this goes to your Chapters as well, not just Grand Chapter. This will allow any member to get up and question any debatable motion. In addition, there’s a circular problem with this because one of the motions that it modified is a motion to call the question. That is previously an un-debatable motion, if we pass this, this allows discussion on a motion to end debate and call the question and therefore someone could stand at this microphone, in series, and debate this forever. That is causing a filibuster. This is an extremely, extremely dangerous motion at this point and I say that we vote against it. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Do we have any other discussions on Amendment #5? I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Melanie Rayner: I’m going to change my name. Melanie Rayner, Past and present Worthy Matron of Cedar Bayou #11. I think what may be the original intent on this is that there have been times in the past in which there have been reports in the Advance Proceedings where we have had questions and we have not been able to ask the questions to that report. We can nit-pick it, yes, whether it means the motion to call the question can be debated but I think what it is, is when we read the reports in the Advance Proceedings, we may have questions. And if we have questions and it is automatically stamped that this is an undeniable motion then we are not going to be able to get the answers that we would seek. And I think as the members of Grand Chapter, that’s every person in here that is a voting member, as members of Grand Chapter, we have the right to have questions answered. I have had several questions in last several Grand Chapters in which I have not fully received an answer or anything else and still don’t know the circumstances behind a lot of things because I was left asking the question “What does this mean?” “How did this happen?” etc., etc. And I just think it is fair to the membership to be able to say “What is this?” “What does this mean?” and “Why did you do it?” I know that the reports are things that have occurred, we just want to know why. That’s all we want to know. So I am in favor.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the North.

Brother Louis Mathison: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Past Patron Chico Chapter #433 and Corsicana #118. I may be off but to me this is a matter of making a change and how we follow rules, Roberts Rules of Order. Any organization can set up their own Parliamentary Procedure. This is one that needs to be changed that our Grand Chapter has. It’s simply a method to stop somebody getting something off of the floor before you have a chance to even talk about it. It’s a motion to kill a motion and numerous other things. All this is is a simple way ...

WGM Jayne Yenger: Excuse me Brother Louis, are you speaking for or against?

Brother Louis Mathison: I'd have to be speaking for it.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Then you are at the wrong microphone. I am so sorry. Sisters and Brothers, I'll remind you once again. The North microphone is for those speaking against the Amendment. The one in the South are for those speaking for. Brother Louis you may continue.

Brother Louis Mathison: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I'm mainly trying to get this over that we've had an awful lot of discussion that has nothing to do with this motion. It's simply a method of allowing the Grand Chapter to change a little rule and still be in accordance with their own rules. Roberts Rules of Order you don't have to follow, you could have one for your organization. We have our own rules, we've changed some things. This is one motion, I have seen it many times stop discussion when it needs to be discussed further. And that's the only purpose of this motion. It's not to do a lot of these other things. It's just this one motion to reconsider, right?

WGM Jayne Yenger: We are only on this particular Amendment.

Brother Louis Mathison: Yes, ma'am but isn't it referring to the motion to reconsider? It doesn't refer to all the debatable motions does it?

WGM Jayne Yenger: I'm sorry Brother Louis your time is up. Oh, wait just a second, we will give you the answer. Yes it does, it covers all. I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Jerre Miller: My name is Jerre Miller. I'm a Past Matron of Handley Chapter #617. One of the things that is being discussed is what has happened in the past. The past sometimes refers to personnel. Personnel matters by law may not be discussed so even if we changed this, which I'm against because it is dangerous as Paul stated, but if it were changed it still couldn't be discussed. So you are not going to get the answers that you think you're asking for.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the South.

Brother Robert Brownfield: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Robert Brownfield. Past Patron of Copperas Cove Chapter #1070. I wanted to address what a Brother over there previously talked about. This Amendment reads "unless there is a question by any member of Grand Chapter regarding any portion of a given report." This has to do with the report, not Amendments or anything like that. In other words if a report is given and there is some member of this body has questions, they should be allowed to present those questions and receive answers before this report is quickly referred to a Committee. And if the membership here today doesn't take advantage of this, what you're doing, and my terms as an old West Texas boy, you're cutting your own throat. This gives you power and what is Grand Chapter? It's you. Every member in here is Grand Chapter. Grand Chapter is not a few elite individuals. It's every one of you members in here and I hate for you to not take advantage of something that gives you power to be heard. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

PGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and I'm Vi Griffin, Past and current Worthy Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649. Yesterday morning our Jurisprudence Chairman read to us the Committee to which all reports are referred. So there's no black hole for reports. You know I like things real simple and if I'm driving down the road at 60 miles per hour and I see that sign that says 55 and I know I've bent the rules a little bit, well, I'm going to get in trouble. Sisters and Brothers, if we start bending the rules we're going to get in trouble. I would question yesterday morning the first statement that Sister Sharon made was that this Amendment when first submitted was not in proper form. I'd like to know what happened to the phrase "It's not in proper form" and cannot be considered by this Grand Chapter. Instead of "It's not in proper form but we'll let you modify it". Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers we need to continue if we are to start the election on time. I recognize the Sister in the South.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Karen Morgenthaler, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. This Amendment is very important to this membership and the Grand Chapter of Texas. If you question a report and you want an answer you want to be able to get that answer and not be able to, as it is currently, not get the answer you are looking for. Reports are important but Sisters and Brothers the future of this Grand Chapter is important and if we don't start asking questions we will not be here. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the North.

PGP Henry Martin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Henry Martin, a Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959 in Dallas. Sisters and Brothers, the rules we have to transact our business are rules that are adopted by all organizations. We elect people to lead us. They spend countless hours evaluating things, they make decisions and referring these to Committees is an efficient way to handle business. Let me ask you to think about the situation. These people, our leaders, have made decisions after countless hours of evaluating and making decisions they think are in the best interest of this Order. We come together here, a couple of thousand people. Somebody who has not thought about these issues and they start asking questions, how long are we going to be here? Yesterday we talked about moving Grand Chapter to October. Sisters and Brothers if we open this up to every question from someone who wants to know some trivial amount of information we're going to start in August but we're going to be here until October. (Laughter) No one is trying to hide anything. No one is trying to get away with anything. We elected these people, they work at it throughout the year, they make decisions and then we refer it to Committees that are set up to handle the appropriate situation. Let's don't tamper with that. It's going to get to the point that it's going to take a week to go through all of our business. We stay here long enough. This is not something to get away with anything or to hide anything. Let's take the accepted way that other organizations transact their business and stay with it. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Marshann Hayes: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Marshann Hayes, Past Matron of Vashti #32. I call for the question.

WGP Trey Smith: I second that Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We have a motion and a second that we stop debate. That does require a two-thirds vote. Sisters and Brothers with the raising of your blue cards, are you in favor of stopping debate? Raise your cards now. Down with the cards. Those opposed to stopping debates. Motion carried. (One rap) Sisters and Brothers we will now be voting on the question. We are voting on Amendment #5. All those in favor of Amendment #5 please raise your blue cards now. If you are opposed to Amendment #5 raise your blue cards. The Amendment is defeated. (One rap)

We will now get into the reports so we can begin the election on time. I invite Sister Alma York of the Credentials Committee to make her final report.

Sister Alma York: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. The final report of the Credentials Committee. Total number of one vote ballots issued, 1,192. Total of two vote ballots issued 316.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Alma could you speak a little into the microphone so they can hear you in the back.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Alma has asked me to read this to you. She's losing her voice. She wants to make sure that everyone can hear. In the back page or back section, on page 64 of your program book we have printed a page that states everything that you need so you don't have to draw a bunch of lines to try to get it all divided up. Okay, total number of one votes, are you at that page yet? Page 64. Total number of one votes is 1,192. 1,192. Total number of two votes 316. 316. Total number of three votes, 69. 69. Total ballots, 1,577. 1,577. Now this is the multiplication of each one of those numbers. One ballot vote is still 1,192. 1,192. Two ballot votes 632. 632. That's 316 times 2. I went to school in Westbrook but I think that's right isn't it? Okay, I'm just checking. Alright, three ballot votes is 207. Okay three ballot votes is 207. So the total available votes is 2,031. 2,031.

Sister Alma York: I move the final report of the Credentials Committee.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Do we have a second.

WGP Trey Smith: Yes, I second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the final report of the Credentials Committee. Sisters and Brothers we have a motion and a second that we accept the report of the Credentials Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting the report of the Credentials Committee, please raise your blue cards. Opposed same sign. Motion carried. (One Rap)

WGP Trey Smith: Brother Dennis Curry, are you in the room? No you couldn't be in the room, you don't have your voting package. (Laughter) His voting package if someone could tell him is at Lost and Found. So he's going to need that. Also, Sisters and Brothers, if there are chairs next to you that are empty or if there's anyone needing a seat, there is more seating over here. You know we have a difficult situation that's wonderful to have. We have people standing without a seat on this side of the room. So you are more than welcome to come over here, the Past Grands won't mind you sitting with them. There's a lot over here in this section. So

please feel free to come over. Make yourself comfortable.

WGM Jayne Yenger: And we also have some seats in the North. Sisters and Brothers thank you for bearing with us. And Sister Alma, thank you for an excellent job. I knew when you accepted this position I had no doubt that it would be done correctly. The members can feel comfortable that everything was handled properly under your leadership. Thank you and your Committee for your Report. And this is a photo opportunity. I think we have two minutes. Okay, we'll get the picture later. Sister Sandi Gubrud, I call on you for the Report of Registration.

Sister Sandi Gubrud: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Grand Chapter Registration Report and these are final numbers.

Voting Delegates Pre Registered:	1,359	1,359
Voting Delegates Registered		
Since the Close of Pre-Registration	<u>218</u>	<u>218</u>
Pre-Registration closed Aug. 2nd, 2014		
Sub-Total of Voting Delegates	1,577	1,577
Non-voting Delegates Pre-Registered	180	180
Non-voting Delegates Registered		
Since the Close of Pre-Registration	<u>62</u>	<u>62</u>
Pre-Registration closed Aug. 2nd, 2014		
Sub-Total of Non-Voting Delegates	242	242
Visitors (Other Grand Jurisdictions)		
Pre-Registered	111	111
Visitors (Other Grand Jurisdictions)		
Since the Close of Pre-Registration	8	8
Total Registrations	1,938	1,938

We had 14 that were exempt from Registration fees from TMRC. Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron were exempt from fees. So there were a total of 16 exempt from fees.

Total Registration with fees:	1,922	1,922
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We collected Registration fees in the amount of	\$19,220.	\$19,220
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And Worthy Grand Matron I make a motion that we accept the final Report of Registration of this year's Grand Chapter.

WGP Trey Smith: I second the motion.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the final report of the Registration Committee of Grand Chapter. Sisters and Brothers please raise your blue cards. Those opposed same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

Sister Sandi Gubrud: If you will indulge just one quick thirty seconds Worthy Grand Matron.

No one person works Registration by themselves and I just wanted to take a quick opportunity to thank those that were working Registration with me this year. From District 1 Don Lawrence, District 2 Jerri Young, District 3 Laura Geyer, District 4 Tonya Wilson and District 5 Cladette Allen. If you see any of these people give them a big hug because they are the most awesome people I have worked with. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Sandi, we thank you and the Committee who has labored diligently for these many months to properly register those in attendance at this Grand Chapter Session. I know that you stepped in to help Sister Patsy and we appreciate this. We are sorry that Patsy Jones could not be here due to Brother Gerald's health. But you have given your time and your energy to serve this wonderful membership. We wish Patsy and Gerald the best of health and wealth in years to come. And we thank you and the Registration Committee and we will save time for a photo later. Thank you so much. Worthy Grand Patron. (Applause)

Sister Sandi Gubrud: Thank you.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Sister Alma and Sister Sandi for all of your hard work and please thank all of your Committees as well, the Committee members. We appreciate it.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron, I think it's 10:00, I invite you to preside over the election this morning.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers we must make intelligent choices. The Sister elected to Associate Grand Conductress today will be your Worthy Grand Matron in three years and the members elected to the Board of Directors serve five years with the exception of District 3 which will serve for a one year unexpired term. The Board of Grand Examiners may serve as many terms as they are elected to. Again, we solicit your cooperation and spirit of participation. Sisters and Brothers we always want to be kind and courteous to each one whose name is placed in nomination for any office. The Arrangements Committee has prepared signs with each candidate's name and these will be in all four corners of the room. The candidates have drawn for placement for their order of nomination. As each candidate is nominated, the name will be placed upon the boards. I am pleased to appoint those who will be operating the computer and the tabulator, Paul Garner. With such an experienced, professional operator, we certainly hope to expedite the election returns. Thank you Brother Paul. It is my pleasure to present Brother H. Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron, who will give instructions and we will proceed to the election. Please keep Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon in your prayers as her father passed away and she had to go home. We certainly appreciate Lee stepping in for us. Thank you so much. To all who have placed their names to be submitted for places of service to our Order, we want you to know how much that the Worthy Grand Matron and I appreciate your willingness to serve. We know that each of you have already won, because you have had the opportunity to get to know our wonderful members of Texas. We wish it were possible for all of you to win, but we know that is not possible. Our love and best wishes go to each one of you. Brother Lee.

PGP H. Lee Stallings: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers. I want to start by just asking Sisters and Brothers, how many of the voting delegates this

is your very first time to vote in Grand Chapter? If you would raise your cards, I'd like to see it. Raise your blue cards. I think that's phenomenal and Worthy Grand Matron isn't this great. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers my instructions are for you the first time voters as well as all the other voting delegations. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for this opportunity of service to the membership. Before we begin with 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. Additionally as you just heard our Worthy Grand Matron has designated the Worthy Grand Patron to handle our elections today. Sisters and Brothers, our Code of Laws gives specific instructions regarding elections. Let me briefly go over them with you. When making a nomination, only the name of the candidate, the name number and location of the Chapter to which the candidate belongs and the office for which nominated will 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 may be by acclamation which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated, election may be by ballot on official forms furnished to the voting delegates during registration. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for an election or choice. If on any ballot no candidate has received a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In case two or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, and there are at least two other candidates receiving a higher number of votes, then all candidates tied for the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. Subject to these regulations, the elections shall proceed until some candidate receives the majority of all votes cast. The results of votes shall be declared by the Presiding Officers. Additionally, the Assistant Grand Warders and the Assistant Grand Sentinels have been instructed according to our law that no one is allowed to enter or leave the Chapter room while a ballot is being taken unless it is deemed an emergency. Please cooperate and understand in this regard and know if you are caught outside during a ballot and you are denied admission, our people are only faithfully performing their duties. Do not leave your seat without all of your credentials. This includes your signed envelopes, with your ballots, your badge and your current dues cards. You will need them to re-enter the Chapter room. I would like to remind the Pages that all votes must be deposited inside the Chapter room. Members caught outside the Grand Chapter room when the ballot is declared opened, will not be allowed to re-enter unless the ballot is closed. The Assistant Grand Sentinels must step inside the Grand Chapter room to cast their ballots. The ballot box again must not leave the Grand Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside the door where they are stationed. The Assistant Grand Warders will open the door when a Page approaches and the Assistant Grand Sentinel will be allowed to step inside and deposit their individual ballots in the ballot box and return to their station outside the door. Sisters and Brothers, we have some of our members who are required to continue to work. These are the Registration Committee, Credentials and First Aid Committees. These members will approach the door that is in the West. When they approach the door the Assistant Grand Sentinel will let them in, let the Grand Warder know and they will let them in. The door will be opened by the Assistant Grand Warder. The Page will approach the door, always remaining inside the Grand Chapter room. Only the members of the Registration, Credentials and First Aid Committees will be allowed to step inside the door deposit their ballots in the ballot box and step back outside the Grand Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Warder and the Assistant Grand Sentinel will insure that no one else enters or leaves the Chapter room while the ballot is open. Now let me talk about the ballots. You were given a voting package which contains fifteen ballots. When voting for candidates we will use ballots A, B, C, D, E, F, G, X and Z. When voting for "for" and "against", we'll use ballots J, K, L, M, P and Q. And you will be told which ballot to use by the

Presiding Officer. We would respectfully request that you try to keep these ballots as clean as possible. They will be hand counted by those who have been previously assigned to a table. Sisters and Brothers, your vote is important to you, to your Chapter, to the candidates and to our Order. Do not mark any ballot until you are instructed to do so by the Worthy Grand Patron. He will announce the letter of the ballot to be marked and the color and will declare the ballot open. At that time you will mark your ballot circling, repeating . . . circling, the name you're wanting to vote for. To write in a name, write in the name of your choice in that space that is provided at the bottom of the ballot and circling that name. If you vote for two candidates for one position your vote for that race will be void. Please do not fold your ballots. When the ballots are collected, we ask you simply place your ballots face down in the ballot box. Our Worthy Grand Matron has agreed since the seats are so close to each other that the Pages will be able to pass the ballot box through the aisles just like taking the collection in your church. As the ballot box is passed in front of you, place your ballot in the ballot box. We would ask that the Pages are the only ones in the aisles during the collection of ballots. We will not open the doors until the Pages have returned to the Grand Chapter floor and are located at the Teller tables with the collected ballots. When the ballot has been closed by the Worthy Grand Patron the Pages will place the contents of the ballot box in front of the Tellers. We have set up six tables, three in the South and three in the North. Let me repeat, no one can cast more than one ballot. Each ballot is to be placed face down in the ballot box for secrecy. No one can leave the room or ask another person to deposit their ballot for them. After the Presiding Officer declares the ballot open and nominations are completed, the Pages will begin to collect the ballots in the section they are assigned. When all ballots have been completed they will proceed to the Teller tables and place the ballots in front of the Tellers. There will also be Monitors and Table Judges which the Worthy Grand Matron has assigned. They will observe the processing of the ballots. In case the ballot is in question by the Teller, they will review the ballot and attempt to tell what the voter intended to do. As an example, Sisters and Brothers, someone may mark a ballot for one candidate and then change their mind and vote for another and try to erase the first circle. They may not erase it enough for the Teller to be able to make a decision. If it is obvious that someone has erased the first and then voted for another candidate, it will be considered a valid ballot. Please do not use check marks or X's, only circle the name. Do not circle more than one box for each position. If we need one or more positions require a second ballot, the voting delegates will be instructed as to which ballot will be used and the name of the remaining candidates will be given. In previous years we have tried to segregate the voting delegation from the non-voting delegates, but the Worthy Grand Matron has decided this year that we will let them sit exactly where they are. Non-voting delegates can stay where they are but you will not have a ballot when the ballot box is passed by you. Assistant Warders and Assistant Sentinels remember that the non-voting delegates do not have a voting envelope and their badges are a different color and are clearly marked. Let me repeat. You may only vote one time. The ballot which you are given in your individual packets is your ballot. It should always be in your possession and no one is allowed to vote twice. We are requesting that no one be in back of the tabulation area. There are only going to be four people that are allowed there. They are Paul Gardner, James Walker, Shane Albrecht and myself. If there are questions regarding what is going on in that area we have placed a chair and have assigned Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker as the Monitor. You will go to him and relay your concerns to him, he then in turn will come and relay your concerns to me. Thank you very much for your understanding. All ballots will be counted twice at two different tables and by Tellers so that the vote is accurate and can be checked. The Election Committee and workers would like to wish all candidates good luck. Worthy Grand Patron all things are now in place making us ready for elections.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Brother Lee. Sister Grand Warder

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to begin the election of Officers. Please invite those outside except the Assistant Grand Sentinels to enter the Grand Chapter room if they want to participate in the election. You will inform the Grand Sentinel that no one may enter the Grand Chapter room after the doors are closed. And while she is doing that, we continue to have cell phones go off. Will you please double check your cell phones and make sure that those are turned off or on silent please.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron the doors are secure and there will be no interruptions.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you ma'am. Brother Lee.

PGP H. Lee Stallings: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. One of the things that was caught by the tabulation table was that, there's one important piece that we should mention that wasn't in the opening remarks, the instructions. It is that you make sure you use the proper ballot, because if you use the improper ballot you will lose your vote for that actual vote. The other thing is that you will now not have a vote in another election. So make sure that you listen very closely to the Worthy Grand Patron as he gives you the ballot number and only use the number that he has given you. Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. Okay, I said number and its letter and the other thing is it doesn't make any difference if it's pen or pencil, they'll be hand counted we should be good.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you sir. (To one of the tables) You're one short. No problem. Sister Dorothy High are you in the room? Where are you? If you would please come make your way to table number six. And while she is doing that, Tamela Henington would you please stand. Kathi Troublefield would you please stand. You're not in trouble. It's okay. You are going to be the two Deputies who are going to collect the ballots at the entrance to the Grand Chapter room please. You'll be the only two doing that. The rest of the Deputies will please assist in collecting the other ballots.

Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron, I place in nomination...

WGP Trey Smith: I recognize Sister Jayne Yenger. (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Jayne Yenger, Past Matron of Vashti Chapter #32, in Temple, Texas and I would like to place in nomination the name of Cheryl Albrecht, a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820 for the office of Worthy Grand Matron.

WGP Trey Smith: I'm not sure if she doesn't want to give it up... Sister Cheryl Albrecht, you have been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing year. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of

Sister Cheryl Albrecht for the office of Worthy Grand Matron say AYE. (AYE) Those opposed, NO. Sister Cheryl, you have just been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. (Applause) Do you accept?

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Patron, I accept and I pledge to do my very best. Thank you. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Page 224

WGM Jayne Yenger: You mean I'm supposed to be on a certain page? (Laughter)
Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize...

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron...(Laughter) I recognize...

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize Brother Trey Smith.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Trey Smith. (Laughter) A Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249 and I would like to place in nomination the name of Brother George Gwaltney, a Past Patron of Schertz #911 for the office of Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother George Gwaltney has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Patron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother George Gwaltney for the office of Worthy Grand Patron, say AYE. (AYE) Opposed, NO. Brother George Gwaltney, you have been elected Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

AGP George Gwaltney: Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept and I continue to promise to serve with honesty and integrity. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron, I return the gavel to you.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Cheryl Albrecht.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Patron, I think I am Cheryl Albrecht a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820 and it is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sister Jerre Lucas for the office of Associate Grand Matron, a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter for the office of Associate Grand Matron for the ensuing year.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Jerre Lucas has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation.

All in favor of Sister Jerre Lucas for the office of Associate Grand Matron say AYE. (AYE) Those opposed, NO. Sister Jerre Lucas, you have been elected Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GC Jerre Lucas: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. Thanks to God and to this fine membership. With a humble heart, I accept. Thank you. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Debra Albertson.

Sister Debra Albertson: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Debra Albertson a Past Matron of Pine Tree Chapter #1090. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of William "Billy" Clabaugh, Worthy Patron and a Past Patron of Carthage Chapter #747 for the office of Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

WGP Trey Smith: Brother Billy Clabaugh has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Patron. Are there other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? (Laughter) Brother Billy, it's not because I don't want you. That's just what I'm supposed to say. Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. Brother Billy could you join me please sir? I want everybody to know who they are voting for. All in favor of Brother Billy Clabaugh for the office of Associate Grand Patron, say AYE. (AYE). All opposed, NO. Brother Billy Clabaugh you have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

Brother Billy Clabaugh: Worthy Grand Patron, I humbly accept. And I'm looking forward to serving this great membership. Thank you. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Janice Herridge.

Sister Janice Herridge: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. I am Janice Herridge, Edwin J. Kiest #959. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sister Marlene Scholari, Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959 and Ferris Chapter #508 for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Thank you.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Marlene Scholari has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Marlene Scholari for the office of Grand Secretary please say AYE. (AYE) Those opposed, NO. Sister Marlene Scholari you have been elected Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GS Marlene Scholari: Worthy Grand Patron, I do and it is a great honor to serve the members of this Grand Chapter and I promise to do everything within my power to do the best of my abilities. Thank you very much for this honor. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Jerry Owens.

Brother Jerry Owens: Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Jerry Owens, Worthy Patron of Canyon Lake Chapter #1103 and I'm pleased to nominate for the office of Grand Treasurer, Lorrie Owens, Past Matron of Grand Prairie Chapter #219, Lewisville #935, Farmers Branch #687 and Present Worthy Matron of Canyon Lake #1103.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Lorrie Owens has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed...are you running? (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: May I ask the Worthy Grand Patron to speak please. May I be recognized?

WGP Trey Smith: I'm sorry, I thought you were asking me to speak. (Laughter) Yes, of course Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I would like to remind those who are nominating that only the name of one Chapter be given...the Parent Chapter. Thank you.

WGP Trey Smith: All in favor of Sister Lorrie Owens for the office of Grand Treasurer say AYE. (AYE) Those opposed, NO. Sister Lorrie Owens, you have been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GT Lorrie Owens: I just want to thank this membership for their support and continued encouragement. And I look forward to serving you again this year. Definitely I accept. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

GC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Jerre Lucas a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. I am pleased to place the name of Sharon Mosmeyer in nomination for the office of Grand Conductress. Sister Sharon is a Past Matron of Cypress Chapter #1102.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters Sharon Mosmeyer has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Sharon Mosmeyer say AYE. (AYE). All opposed, NO. Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

AGC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Patron, with a humble heart and a pledge to this membership that I will do my very best. I do accept. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Judy Chitty.

Sister Judy Chitty: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Judy Chitty, Past Matron of Wills Point Chapter #366. And it is my pleasure to place the name of Susan Bigham for the nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Susan is a Past Matron of Wills Point #366.

WGP Trey Smith: Are there any other nominations?

Sister Elizabeth Grayson: Worthy Grand Patron, my name is Elizabeth Grayson. I'm Worthy Matron of Loyal Chapter #648. I place in nomination the name of Melissa Hudman for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year. Melissa is a Past Matron of Loyal Chapter #648.

WGP Trey Smith: Are there any other nominations?

Sister Chris Puckett: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Chris.

Sister Chris Puckett: My name is Chris Puckett. I'm Worthy Matron of Midland Chapter #253. I'd like to place in nomination the name of Carla Stringer, a Past Matron of Midland Chapter #253 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

WGP Trey Smith: Are there any other nominations? I recognize Sister Emma Mark...Markings, sorry.

Sister Emma Markham: Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Emma Markham, Worthy Matron of New Braunfels Chapter #771. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Sandra Zipp, Past Matron of New Braunfels Chapter #771 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WGP Trey Smith: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by written ballot. Sisters and Brothers I would like to introduce to you in order of which they were nominated, Sister Susan Bigham, Sister Melissa Hudman, Sister Carla Stringer, and Sister Sandra Zipp. These ladies nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. We wish you well. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers please listen carefully because we want your ballots to count. We will ballot on #A. Ballot A. And it is a gold color. I now declare the office of Associate Grand Conductress closed. (One rap) Sister Deputies, once you have marked your ballots you will make your way to assemble in the northeast to receive your ballot boxes. Sisters and Brothers I declare the ballot open. (One rap) Pardon me? (someone talking in the back) I'm sorry the doors were closed earlier and they are still closed. Sister Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Please remind the Assistant Grand Sentinels that the only persons that are allowed into the Grand Chapter room is First Aid, Registration and Credentials.

GW: Assisting Warders and Assisting Sentinels I would like to remind you that the only people that are allowed to come into the Grand Chapter room are Registration, Credentials and First Aid and the Assisting Sentinels to cast their ballot.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Deputies. Hold your ballots...keep collecting the ballots at the tables

too please. Make sure they get their ballots collected. And then the Grand Officers also, please. Just reminding you to stay outside the labyrinth too.

Are all of the ballots collected? Sisters and Brothers has everyone balloted? Is there anyone that has not had their ballot collected? Has Registration and Credentials balloted? But you have them? Okay, Tamela, Kathi, that's the two Deputies that were assigned to them. They went out and got them, right? Has First Aid balloted? Okay good. I now declare the ballot closed. (One rap) Sister Deputies, I would like for about four or five of you per table to bring the ballots and we're put them on every table. Okay, so if the first three or four of you would come down to table six, table five, table four. Sister Chris, Sister Grand Warder, we've not opened the doors yet.

GW: I'd like to remind the Assisting Warders that the doors are not to be opened. We have been instructed by the Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you. The doors need to stay closed. We are still having elections.

WGP Trey Smith: Kathi, would you go out please and make sure there is no one else in Registration or Credentials that has not placed their ballot. Sister Grand Warder?

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: I am sending Sister Kathi Troublefield to you. She's coming to you now. She's the Grand Warder, Kathi. You'll need to go out with a bin and she's going to make sure that Registration and Credentials have placed their ballots. She's coming right there to you.

GW: Okay do you want me to go with her?

WGP Trey Smith: So if you would, make sure she is escorted to the door and make sure that those people have balloted.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Patron?

WGP Trey Smith: Yes ma'am.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: I just wanted to let you know that I had a member of Registration remind me that Registration and Credentials are in the room.

WGP Trey Smith: Well, there were some that were locking up things and straightening up. That's who we're going for. But I appreciate that. I know it closed when we started.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers may I have your attention please for just a moment. We have had a ballot, so far only one, but it's still not good. We have had a ballot placed on Ballot B. So please check your ballots and make sure that you've voted on Ballot A, because if there is another race, you will not have a ballot to vote on.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Yes, Sister Grand Warder.

GW: All ballots have been collected that are supposed to be from outside.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you. Sister Grand Warder?

GW: Worthy Grand Patron?

WGP Trey Smith: You will allow members to enter and leave the Grand Chapter room.

GW: Assisting Warders, by order of the Worthy Grand Patron you can now open the doors to allow people in and out of the Grand Chapter room.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, I want to remind you that if you leave the room that we still have legislation and there is a very important piece of legislation coming up. Sisters and Brothers if you could please, let's all go ahead and take our seats. We have some reports we are going into. I do want to remind you one last time. The only doors that you can enter or leave through are the bank of doors in the back of the West. Those six doors. If you step out any of the doors on the other side of the room, you will be locked out of this Grand Chapter room and I would hate to see that happen. Also when you leave the room, when you do leave if you do not have your ballot with you, you will not be allowed to come back in to this Grand Chapter room. You must keep your credentials with you at all times. So please, please remember that. Is Brother William Carter in the room, I hope? William Carter? Carrie Campbell, are you in the room now? Carrie Campbell?

No name given: Worthy Grand Patron?

WGP Trey Smith: Yes, sir?

No name given: She stepped out to try to find her ballot.

WGP Trey Smith: I've got it right here. (Laughter)

No name given: I'll go see if one of the Warders will let her back in.

WGP Trey Smith: Chris will you send one of your Pages up here. Worthy Grand Matron, I invite you to preside to do the reports.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Is Laura Sharp in the room? Is Jack York in the room? I would like the Board of Grand Examiners to come forth to give their reports.

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. It has been a privilege as well as a humbling experience to serve as the Grand Examiner of District 1 this year. 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.

Proficiency Certificates

SECTION	2013-2014 TOTALS	2012-2013 FIRST TIMERS	LOCATION
1	56	4	Gainesville
2	76	4	Sherman
3	74	10	Caddo Mills
4	87	1	Dallas
5	100	4	Grand Prairie
6	29	1	Corsicana
7	55	1	Lindale
8	72	3	Kilgore
9	66	4	Pittsburg
10	51	3	Canton
TOTALS	666	35	

District 1 hosted 10 Schools of Instruction with a total of 665 “A” Proficiency Certificates earned. One “B” Certificate was issued. Thirty five 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 \$361.45 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 \$485.00. 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 in remembering these children.

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 this year as we journeyed through District 1.

I would like to give a special thank you to Sister Kenlyn Lawrence, 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 your devotion to our Order and for all the expressions of love and kindness extended to the office of the Grand Examiner.

To Sister Margie Curry, 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. (Applause)

Sister Carla Stringer: Sister Carolyn, thank you for establishing protocol. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, 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 may have a small number of members over a very large area, but our love for the Order of the Eastern Star is strong.

It was my honor and privilege to attend all but one of the five schools in District 2, 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. I want to thank Sister Laura Sharp, Grand Examiner at Large, for taking my place at the Amarillo school due to deaths in my family. I appreciate you so much for doing this.

At the beginning of this Grand Chapter year, District 2 had 28 chapters and 2,467 members.

A total of 154 “A” certificates were earned in District 2 this year.

Section 1	4
Section 2	32
Section 3	4
Section 4	13
Section 5	0
Section 6	2
Section 7	33
Section 8	51
Section 10	51
TOTAL	154

No. “B” certificates were earned this year. Two members earned their first certificate of pro-

ficiency 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 \$99.00 was donated to this project.

I chose the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas as my project for this year. A check on behalf of District 2 in the amount of \$300.00 was given to this project because of your generosity.

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 travelling the school schedule with you.

I also enjoyed travelling with Sister Margie Curry, and at times, Sisters Jerre Miller and Lesa Smith. It was fun to travel with each of you.

To the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 2, Sister Mary Bond: you are a dear friend and our travels together certainly strengthened our bond of friendship. To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 2: thank you for the efforts you made to make our schools successful and for all that you did to assist me in the Examining rooms. To Sister Jean Harrison: your Humanitarian programs were wonderful and I enjoyed being with you on the school trail as well.

To the membership of Texas, thank you so much for the opportunity you have given me to serve Grand Chapter in this office for the past four years. They have been very rewarding years with wonderful memories that I will always treasure. The friends I have made during these four years are ones that I will always cherish.

Respectfully submitted, Carla Stringer, Grand Examiner, District 2

It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and co-worker, Donna Noe, Grand Examiner, District 3.

Sister Donna Noe: Thank you Sister Carla, Sisters and brothers never quit. If you stumble, get back up. What happened yesterday no longer matters. Today is another day, so get back in track and move closer to your dreams and goals. You can do it.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Patron and my sisters and brothers all. I am pleased to bring you the report of the Grand Examiner of District 3. Thank you to this wonderful membership for electing me. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year.

I had the pleasure to attend all 10 schools in District 3. We had 67 chapters, with membership totaling 5016. A total of 392 "A" proficiency certificates were earned, with 11 of them being First Times. No "B" certificates were earned. It was very exciting for me to work with the membership. They have taught me so much.

The Worthy Grand Matron had proficiency stickers available to purchase for \$1.00 each in the exam room. A total of \$337.00 was raised for this project. For my charity project, I chose

the “Joy for the Children” Scottish Rite Hospital Committee. Total monies donated was \$923 to Grand Chapter for charity. Thank you membership for the monies donated. Thank you to Betty Hancock, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3. We have developed a new love, quilting! Thank you for being my friend. To the deputies of District 3, thank you each for every kindness you showed me, you made me feel so welcome in your sections. You each hold special place in my heart. Sister Judy Baker, your Humanitarian programs were excellent, I enjoyed each one. You are a true, true friend and know I love you. Margie Curry and Jerre Miller, what special ladies you are. I’m so glad to call you friends. To my good friend Laura Geyer, I would not know you if not for Eastern Star. I cannot tell you what a help you were to me this year. Anything I asked, you did, you traveled, you helped with my mom and when I fell in the rain, you did my laundry. Know I love you and your family very much. Thank you again my good friend.

Remember sisters and brothers an optimist is someone that knows taking a step backwards after taking a step forward is not a disaster, it’s a cha-cha.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Noe, Grand Examiner, District 3

It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and co-worker, Terri Rozell, Grand Examiner, District 4.

Sister Terri Rozell: Thank you, Sister Donna Noe, my friend and co-worker.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to commend the members in District 4 for their efforts to study our Secret Work, Ritual, Constitution and Code of Laws in order to obtain their proficiency certificates.

As Grand Examiner of District Four it is with honor and pride that I bring to you this report of the Grand Examiner of District 4 for the Grand Chapter year 2013-2014.

Certificates of Proficiency

Section 1 - 56 A

Section 2 - 83 A

Section 3 - 33 A

Section 4 - 90 A

Section 5 - 51 A

Section 6 - 49 A

Section 7 - 60 A

Section 8 - 24 A

Section 9 - 22 A and 1 B

Section 1 - 82 A

For a Grand Total of 530 “A” Certificates. There was one “B” Certificate. This year 31 members achieved an “A” Certificate and 1 achieved a “B” Certificate for the first time.

A detailed report has been given to the Grand Secretary, which includes a listing of the mem-

ber's 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.

For the signing of the autograph plates of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron, District Four generously donated \$1,630.00 to the Fisher House of Houston.

Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your service to our Order this year. Your love for our Order shines in all you do for our membership. I want to personally thank you for all the encouragement during this year. The time spent with you during the Schools of Instruction are memories I will never forget. A special thank you for the prayer huddles before each School. Without them I am not sure what kind of rendition of the Secret Work our membership might have heard.

Brother Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, you are an inspiration to the membership of Texas. Your sense of humor combined with your knowledge and love for our Order has truly been a guiding light. To you and your bride Lesa, Grand Esther, thank you for your continuing dedication to our Grand Chapter.

To Sister Linda Roy, District Deputy Grand Matron, we were friends before this year began. But, we have formed a bond that will always be with us. You brought enthusiasm into the Schools of Instruction as well as sharing your knowledge with the members of District Four. Thank you for staying awake or possibly going to sleep each night as you listened to the renditions of the Secret Work before turning the lights out.

I would also like to thank the 10 Deputy Grand Matrons of District Four. Every school was well planned. You looked after us and made us feel at home during our travels. It has been a joy getting to know each of you.

Sister Margie Curry, the Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, there were many fun times as we traveled through District Four. I so enjoyed getting to know you this year. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

To the members of District 4. It has been an honor to serve as your Grand Examiner this year. A thank you to all who assisted in the exam rooms. As a first time Grand Examiner, I truly appreciated all the help you gave to help me ensure that each member was able to take their exams. The love and kindness you have shown warms my heart and reminds me why I love this Order so much.

I would now like to introduce my co-worker, Sister Linda Winn-Christensen, Grand Examiner of District Five.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Rozell

Sister Linda Winn-Christenson: Thank you Sister Terri Rozell, Grand Examiner District 4.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron; Past Grand

Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, General Grand Chapter Family, My Distinguished Sisters and Brothers all:

It has been my pleasure to serve this membership for a second year as Grand Examiner from District 5. I extend my sincere appreciation to the membership for their continued support and for affording me the honor to serve our beautiful Order.

Each Chapter in District 5 has been forwarded a list of members who have earned an "A" Certificate of Proficiency. Congratulations to the 22 members who earned their first "A" Certificate. I encourage all members to continue your studies of our Ritualistic work, the Constitution, and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter. To be a good member of our Order we need to understand our Grand Chapter, and keep the Ritualistic work of the Order alive. It is my privilege to present my report as Grand Examiner of District 5. A total of 370 Proficiency Certificates were issued this year. All were "A" Certificates.

Section	A Certificates
Section 1	13
Section 2	4
Section 3	46
Section 4	28
Section 5	18
Section 6	61
Section 7	96
Section 8	48
Section 9	38
Section 10	18
Total	370

A check for \$308.00 was sent to the Grand Secretary from the sale of Proficiency Stickers to the members at the District 5 schools. This year I selected to support Texas Scottish Rite Hospital as a charity. Thanks to the members' generosity, and for the second year in a row Sister Carlotta Fairchild for her matching contributions, a donation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) was sent to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. Our members never cease to amaze me with their charity and benevolence to others; my sincere appreciation to all who contributed.

Worthy Grand Matron, Jayne Yenger, the light of your love and dedication to the Order was reflected in the hearts of the members at every school. Worthy Grand Patron, Trey Smith, your knowledge of our work, love for the membership, and humor brightened everyone's day. I was honored to serve this membership and travel the District 5 School Schedule with you.

Sister Margie Curry, Worthy Grand Matron's Secretary, your sweet smile and kindness always made each day a little brighter. It was a blessing spending time with you. Sister Jerre Miller, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, you have been a guiding star through many steps of my OES journey. Thank you for your dedication to the Order and kindness to this Star Sister.

District Deputy Grand Matron, Gail Fuller, your knowledge of the work of the Order and ded-

ication shone through in you instruction. I will always recall your willingness to step up and help a sister without being asked. You continue to display the true spirit of Eastern Star daily as you live your life. I enjoyed our time spent together.

Thank you to each of the nine Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5 for your school plans and preparations, you left nothing undone. To all who assisted in the exam rooms, thank you. Your willingness to assist made it possible for the 370 members of District 5 to receive their Proficiency Certificates, as the Grand Examiner does not work alone.

Thank you to Sister Carla Stringer, Grand Examiner District 2, for your work at the final District 5 School in Austin, which I was unable to attend due to injuries.

To my husband, Victor Christenson, thank you for being my rock and always believing in me.

To the wonderful membership, your dedication and willingness to work for our Order has set an example and encouraged me in my duties as Grand Examiner. Thank you for your hugs, smiles and every courtesy extended to me. I hope to again serve 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 dear 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:

“Thank You” to this beautiful membership for allowing me to serve as your Grand Examiner at Large. This year it was necessary to protem as Grand Examiner for the Amarillo School. As my first adventure, I must admit I kept forgetting to line up as a School Officer. Thank you to the School Officers, Deputy Sandy Alford, and District Two; Sections 1, 2, and 3 for all your kindnesses and help.

To the five District Grand Examiners, Thank you for all your support this year. These lovely ladies perform a tremendous job serving this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your year is coming to a close. Very soon you will soon be reflecting on the miles traveled and all the things you have accomplished this year. Thank you for your commitment to this Grand Grand Chapter membership.

I would like to submit the following report of certificates earned at this Grand Chapter.

District One

“A” Certificates	0
“B” Certificates	0

District Two

"A" Certificates	0
"B" Certificates	0

District Three

"A" Certificates	0
"B" Certificates	0

District Four

"A" Certificates	2
"B" Certificates	0

District Five

"A" Certificates	1
"B" Certificates	0

Total Certificates issued at this Grand Chapter	3
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Respectfully submitted, Laura Sharp, Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large.

Worthy Grand Matron I make the motion for the adoption of the reports of the Grand Examiners.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Is there a second?

WGP Trey Smith: I second the motion Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Grand Examiners. All in favor raise your blue cards. Opposed. That report is accepted. Thank you all and if you'd like a photo opportunity you can come forward. (Applause)

We're going to go forward with Jurisprudence at this time. Brother Lee Stallings, could you come to the East please. I invite Jurisprudence, Sister Rosemary.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. Now they told me yesterday that they could not hear me. I've never had a problem of being heard. (Laughter) Gentlemen at the sound, how am I doing? Alright. If you will join me now for Amendment #6, which is located on page 65 of your Advance Annual Report. If this Amendment is adopted, it will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session because it is pertaining to the Code of Laws. This is the Code of Laws, Chapter 13, Article 159, Revenues on page 120. Our rationale for this Amendment if it should pass; since Per Capita Assessment has not been raised since 1999 and was actually lowered in 2006 by \$2.00, a declining membership and costs of doing business on a daily basis has placed a strain on the General Fund. If this Amendment is adopted the Per Capita Assessment would be increased by \$9.00 to a total of \$15.00, broken down as: \$5.00 to the General Fund, \$1.00 to the General Grand Chapter, \$7.00 to the Eastern Star Home of Texas Trust Fund and \$2.00 to the Benevolent Fund. Worthy Grand Matron your Jurisprudence Committee finds

this Amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Rosemary. Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot on Amendment #6. Is there any discussion? Any discussion or questions on Amendment #6? I recognize the Sister in the North.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: My name is Joyce Nicklas. I'm a Past Matron of Mineral Wells Chapter #44. And that's an awful big jump. I mean if we do this, I represent a lot of small, small Chapters that can't do it. Now, I would go for going back to \$11.00, we were used to paying that for a while and it would still be hard but I cannot see our small Chapters going to \$15.00 Per Capita so I'm against this unless you'll let me write an Amendment to raise it to \$11.00. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Are you making a motion?

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Oh, gee, okay. Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we amend this to raise our Per Capita to \$11.00 per member instead of \$15.00. Was that good?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Is there a second? (Could not hear who seconded) It has been moved and seconded that we amend this motion to make it \$11.00. Can you put it in writing and bring it to the East?

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Alrighty. I thank you very very much. I just feel like, I know it's going to be hard on anybody and all of us, if we can help that little bit we need to try.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Also Sister Joyce, you're going to have to divide it in your Amendment, I believe.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: I've got a lot of people that will help me with that.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. I recognize the Brother in the East.

Brother Ray Hargis: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ray Hargis, a Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. And I would like to offer an explanation for the cost to this membership, the reason we are raising it. Sisters and Brothers if you will turn in your Advance Report to page 67. I know the print is small but hopefully I can help you with an understanding of it. First, we are not voting on these numbers that are before you. This is only an explanation of the loss of membership in the last fifteen years with the current Per Capita assessment. And as previously stated in 2005 the Per Capita was \$11.00 and was lowered to \$9.00 assessment per member. If I could draw your attention the column under Members, in 2002 the membership was 53,631. Now continue down that column to 2013 in which the membership is 28,814. Sisters and Brothers, that is a loss of 24,817 members. That is astounding. With each member loss we are not collecting that assessment Per Capita. Now the next column under the General Fund, during that same time period the loss is \$124,717.00. Continuing over to the third column under this General Grand, now in 2002 we were paying General Grand .10 cents per member. In 2005 the General Grand Chapter voted to raise it to an assessment of \$1.00 per member. If you think about that, that is a loss of \$1.90 per year which multiplied is \$2.90 per member per year. Now, the money paid to the Ladies Fund over in that same time period a loss of \$2,789,381.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother Ray I'm going to have to call time.

Brother Ray Hargis: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this privilege of presenting this information.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the North.

Brother Keith Mikeworth: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Keith Mikeworth, a Worthy Patron of Midland Chapter #253. I am against this. There are a lot of us elderly members that are too proud to say we can't afford to pay our dues and we're getting to where we will go suspended or we demit because we don't want to say we can't pay them. I think it's about time Grand Chapter took a lead to our Subordinate Chapters and cut their expenses. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the South.

Brother Joe Zihlman: I am Joe Zihlman, Worthy Patron of Lancaster Chapter #943. I am in favor of this. I too am like everyone else, the economy is bad, I work for a City, haven't had a raise in four years. I understand money's tight. It is an increase of \$6.00 not \$9.00. \$6.00. You take the \$2.00 that we cut it, it's really an increase of \$4.00. How much did you pay for gas in 1999? How much do you pay for gas now? Everything goes up. I don't like it, I would like to see some cuts too but we have to be able to pay our bills. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Marsha Putnam: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Marsha Putnam. I'm Past Matron of New Braunfels Chapter #771. I am against this increase for several reasons. Sisters and Brothers, look around. See the average age of our membership. See the decline in our membership. I think that increasing the financial responsibility on the individual members is going to result in fewer members begin able to stay in the Order and of course we know there are fewer members that are actually attending their Grand Chapter. I think before we put the burden or responsibility of financial increases on the backs of our membership, before we do that, we need to look at our budget, we need to look at our expenses, trim it as much as we can and leave the membership alone. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the South.

AGP George Gwaltney: Worthy Grand Matron I'm George Gwaltney, a Past Patron of Schertz Chapter #911. Sisters and Brothers if you will look on page 47 of the Advance Proceedings you will see why we need an increase in our Per Capita. We are unable on an annual basis to meet the expenses that have occurred with the Ladies in the Home. If we do not increase our revenue someway or another we are going to have to do something and I don't know exactly what it is going to be but we can't meet these expenses without an increased revenue. Thank you very much.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Jan Clower Walker: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Jan Clower Walker, a Past

Matron of Rural Chapter #989. At the present time our dues are \$15.00. We have members who cannot pay that \$15.00. If this motion passes, those members have already stated that they will take demits because they cannot afford it. Rural has been struggling for years. When I first moved to District 2, Section 7, we had ten Chapters. We now have three, two in Abilene and one hanging on in Rural. For the sake of our members, I oppose this Amendment.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Kay McManes: My name is Kay McManes and I'm from Hondo #404. My husband and I both are on Social Security and he works on call, part time to supplement our income. I have belonged in New Mexico and currently just a member here in Texas and we have found and we believe that, and agreed, that the biggest problems of Eastern Star is membership decline and the age of our members. I like to think I'm a young old lady because I do feel like I have younger ideas, even though it's harder for me to work and do things that we need to continue to try and do things. Our membership suffers because we have no way to encourage those younger people to become members. And to show them that we have things to do that young people want to do and if we are going to continue, we're going to have to be able to pay our bills. Believe it or not, young people belong to organizations where they pay more dues than we are right now. My kids and our grandkids belong to Organizations where they pay \$50. and \$60. for dues and ours are pretty small compared to that. So I'm wondering... I know it's hard for we as older folks to pay dues and these larger amounts but if we're going to get young people or get people in we've got to pay our bills and raising it the \$6.00, I think is a necessity. I'm in favor of this bill.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Carol Ann Chance: I'm Carol Ann Chance, District 4, Section 1, Center, Worthy Matron #1144, Timpson #1144, Center is #348 and a new member at Garrison. I'm speaking against this because it's too much money. Our Treasurer has informed me that if we increase our dues and increase the Per Capita we will have to go out of business because we don't have the money to supply Grand Chapter. There are enough talking heads at Grand Chapter to figure out how to work the budget. They don't need us to tell them but we need to tell you we cannot afford this. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the East.

MWGS Henry Martin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest #959, Dallas. I certainly appreciate all the comments made about not being able to afford this price increase. But Sisters and Brothers, we're in an Organization that is a great Organization. We enjoy it. I look at the crowd here, if you weren't proud of this Organization, you wouldn't be here. You're spending a lot of money on hotels and banquets and so forth right now. Sisters and Brothers, this Organization does a lot of good. And I hear people say "Well we can't afford it", "We need to cut our expenses". We can't just say that. Our responsibility is to say "Where are you going to cut?" When we read the Bulletin in our Chapters each month, we read the amount we're spending to maintain those Ladies in TMRC. We look at the expenses of \$66,000 a month. That takes money to maintain those. You know if I were to ask for a raise of hands here, I doubt that one would say, let's not support those Ladies. So let's think about this. So many other Organizations pay much more in dues than we do.

I'm retired, my wife's retired, we have the same problem. But we've got to support this Chapter. If we don't support the Grand Chapter of Texas and it goes out of business what happens to the Subordinate Chapters. So, Sisters and Brothers, think about this. Where would you cut? I'm not sure there is a place that we can cut. Everybody is aware that we've raised prices, gas prices, food prices, everything has gone up in the last few years. So think about this seriously and see if we can't come to a good compromise to generate more revenue for the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the North.

PGP Nelson Campbell: I'm Nelson Campbell, a Past Patron of Silsbee Chapter #298. Worthy Grand Matron, I'm sure that most of the folks in this Chapter room could afford to pay the \$6.00 without a problem. We've...a bunch of us have bought \$32.00 banquet tickets so the \$6.00 a year would not be a problem at all. My Chapter meets twice a month and that would be .25 cents a meeting. But my Chapter has probably 75 or 80 people who are not regular members, inactive members, and if we increase their dues by \$6.00 it would be about a 20% increase and I'm afraid we would lose 25 or 30% of those cause they'll just say "Well, it's just not worth it". So I'm not sure if within a year or two, Grand Chapter will realize any gain from this increase. We have many Chapters that are still trying to pay the Per Capita for their fifty year members that Grand Chapter requires now and they're not going to be able to keep doing that. So, that's going to present another problem for many small Chapters that are trying to do that now. So, I think we need to think long and hard about increasing that... maybe doing something that's going to cause us to lose more in the long run. On a Corporate level we are still trying to operate the same way we did when we have 70 to 80 thousand members. And we're just going to have to make some bold moves to cut back. We just cannot continue to operate the same way we did when we had those numbers. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Beverly Self: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Beverly Self, Past Matron of South Ft. Worth Chapter #835. I realize that we are a very fortunate Chapter in that our membership has declined but not to the point that we can't support our own Chapter and we can't support Grand Chapter. But as a math teacher and going along with what the past gentleman said, that's .50 cents a month. There are people that drink more cokes than that and I'm talking about people that are retired and on fixed incomes. I know that there are some people that have to choose between medicine or lodging and that sort of thing that are on fixed incomes and we have agencies and people and churches around here that are helping those. I don't believe that our declining membership is because of our dues because our membership has declined in our Chapter and we haven't raised our dues in over ten to fifteen years. I think that the Grand Chapter in able to support its benevolent priorities needs this money so I speak in favor of this Amendment.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Jeanette Sanders: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jeanette Sanders, Worthy Matron from Joaquin Chapter #903 and my Chapter expressly sent me here for this Amendment. We have had a large decline in our area of members to the point that Chapters have had to merge and I believe if we raise this Per Capita by this amount, we will have even more of those small

town Chapters that will be forced to close their doors. And the people in my Chapter are hoping this does not happen. And personally I think they're playing the heartstrings of the Ladies at TMRS. That's not the only place that we could cut expenses. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Diane Wilson: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Diane Wilson, a Past Matron of Lewisville #935 and I speak in favor of this Amendment. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will look at the proposed budget for our General Fund, it's on page 46, it says a net income of a deficit of \$156,205. If you take the proposed \$5.00 to the General Fund and multiply it by the current membership of 28,814, you get \$144,070. Now, if you account for 10% decline in membership and you take that from the deficit from what Grand Chapter would be, we would still be working with a deficit of \$26,542. I can see in the General Fund that we could cut that amount of money and we could work on a balanced budget if we pass this Amendment. And I think that those of us who enjoy e-cigarettes or regular cigarettes or going to Starbucks or diet sodas or regular sodas, if you can cut one day of those expenses, you can afford this increase in Per Capita. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Tonya Foster: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Tonya Foster, Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747. I would like to echo what Brother Nelson said in the fact that we are going to consider raising Per Capita but then we're going to lose members. So we're possibly going to be right back to where we are. Now, I realize the fact that we're going to have to come to a compromise on this and we do have a deficit budget but I also would like to point out that the report given yesterday stated that we had 27,356 members and over here it says we have 28,814 members which is a difference of 1,458. So I'd like to point out that we have again another number that is a confusing amount that the numbers may not be correct depending on which set of numbers that you use. So, I just think before we pass this budget like this that we need to look at some things and see if there's some other areas we cut before we place it all on the backs of our Subordinate Chapters. In Corporate America they have to do bold cuts to stay everything going. So we're going to need to look at some of those cuts before we pass it on to the Subordinate Chapters. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the East.

GS Marlene Scholari: Worthy Grand Matron I would like to address the membership total that she is stating that is on that page that the Board of Directors put together to show what our loss in membership is. The figure that is 28,814 was what we started our year with last year. That was our Per Capita that we received last year based on our June 1 reports from our Chapters. This year's numbers will be for the 2014-2015 start of the year which is what is printed in our membership total in our report. So the difference is because it's two physical years starting at different times.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. I recognize the Sister in the South.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Cheryl Albrecht, a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820. And this is something that I said I would never favor was an increase in Per

Capita. Yes, the General Budget, we can cut expenses and we can do things internally to cut but Sisters and Brothers, the TMRC is not going to cut their rates of what we're paying for the Ladies. And we have a fiduciary duty to take care of those Ladies like we promised we would. And in order for us to fulfill that duty we have to have the money to do it. So yes we could cut internally, expenses, but I don't see a way in the world and I have looked at the budget, that we could cut enough of the expenses to take care of our Ladies. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we have an Amendment to the Amendment and we will stop debate at this time so that we may vote on the Amendment. I invite our Jurisprudence to come forth. Sister Rosemary.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, just a very few minutes ago one of your members presented an Amendment to this Amendment, Sister Joyce Nicklas and at this time I have on the Jurisprudence Committee this Amendment and I would like to read it to you so the membership can take action on that. It says for Amendment #6 be amended to read as follows; Article 159, Revenues, the Per Capita assessment shall be \$11.00 with distribution as follows: Now you will want to look back in your Advance Annual Report so you can see how it was first presented and then you will see where they are putting less money. Item #1 instead of \$5.00 to the General Fund, the Amendment to the Amendment says \$3.00 to the General Fund. Item #2, \$1.00 to the General Fund is left alone, excuse me, General Grand Chapter is left alone. Item 3, \$5.00 to the Eastern Star Home of Texas on the Amendment, it was listed as \$7.00 on the original and then \$2.00 to the Benevolent Fund to be left alone. Do you understand the Amendment to the Amendment? Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Rosemary. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Amendment to the Amendment is the any questions or is there any discussion on the Amendment to the Amendment? If not we're going to vote on the Amendment as read. All those in favor of the Amendment, raise your blue cards. The Amendment to be amended. We are voting on the Amendment to the Amendment. Opposed. Motion carried. (One rap) Now are there any more questions? On the Amendment as amended. I recognize the Brother in the North.

Brother Jerry Saunders: I'm Jerry Saunders, Past Patron of Spurger #315 and Port Neches #677. We have to remember that last year we passed the opportunity to Plural. Did this not raise expenses? Because now fewer people are those that joined in Plural Chapters are paying Per Capita again. So now we're raising the Per Capita and they're members in Plural Chapters not just Dual Chapters. So what are we going to do next in order to raise funds? I am in agreement with everyone. We need to look at the hard line and I agree with what the Brother that said he works for the city and funds are tight but I also agree with what Brother Nelson said. We had 50 something thousands members at one point 70 something thousand, now we're down to 27 thousand. Somewhere along the line we have to be financially responsible.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Do you want to respond to that Sister Rosemary.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Uh, no ma'am. (Laughter)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Mary Calvert: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Mary Calvert, a Past Matron of Athens Chapter #177. I full well realize the cost and the raising of everything that is happening in our world today. I also realize that the membership has declined greatly. Our membership in Athens Chapter, we have 59 members now. Of that 59 about 23 of them we pay the Per Capita on. They're fifty year members, they're in Nursing Homes and a couple of others are not able to get out and we pay their Per Capita. Our Chapter does what we're supposed to do, the benevolent work in our Community. If this is taken away and we have to pay more Per Capita then this takes away from what we're supposed to be doing in our communities and to help other people. This will hurt our Chapter greatly as well as a lot of other Chapters that have fewer members than we do.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Ashley Fair: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Ashley Fair. I'm the current Worthy Matron at Houston-Ransford Chapter #135 and I speak for the Amendment to the Amendment. I was going to speak for the actual Amendment but I think that, you know what our Associate Grand Matron has said about our Ladies at TMRC is extremely important. We're here for charity, we're here for you know, supporting each other and supporting our communities but these Ladies have been members for years, some of them fifty, sixty years. We need to take care of them and if that means that I have to give a little more and cut some things of my own, I'm willing to do that. But I am also up here because we can debate about this for hours but I move that we call the question. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we will be voting...we will be voting to stop debate which will require a two-thirds vote. Those in favor of stopping debate please raise your blue cards now. Those opposed same sign. We will stop debate. Sisters and Brothers we will be voting on the Amendment as amended. Those in favor of the Amendment as amended please raise your blue cards now. Those opposed. Motion carried. Motion passed. Now we will be voting on the Amendment as amended...

WGP Trey Smith: No, we just did that.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We're done. Excuse me.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron?

WGM Jayne Yenger: One moment Worthy Grand Patron. They tell me I'm done. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers we have cautioned you and we have stated what ballots we are using as clearly as we know how. We've asked you to be respectful of the Assistant Grand Warders and the Assistant Grand Sentinels who are working those doors. When that door is closed it is closed under, in this case, my order as presiding over these elections. And it is important for all of us that these elections be run in a true and honest manner. I believe that's all any of us wants. We have a situation of, a Brother came in through the door, he was allowed to come through. He walked over to one of the Teller tables and placed his ballot di-

rectly on the table. We do not know if it was a one, two or three vote. So now the question is, the tabulations have been done and all the votes have been counted. So if we assume it would be a three count vote, which is the maximum amount of votes that he could have cast possibly, from the results that I have been handed of the results of Ballot A, the three vote count would not make a difference in the numbers. But I'm not going to have an election that it is not brought forth and neither is Brother Lee or Brother Paul. So we are presenting this to you as the members of Texas and we want to know your pleasure. Because if you do not like what we are reporting, the only option we have is to destroy this ballot and to recount and take a new ballot. Yes, sir. Can you go to a microphone Brother Allen. I'm sorry. I want everybody to hear what you're saying.

Sister did not give name: Worthy Grand Patron can I vote, I mean can I say something while we are here? Instead of having to go over there.

WGP Trey Smith: No ma'am. Not yet. Thank you though. Hang on please.

Brother Allen Tuell: Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Past Patron of Roy Stanley #1086. I move that we accept the ballots as they have been presented now. Do not re-ballot.

WGP Trey Smith: Okay, would you like to second that motion ma'am? Would you like to second that motion? Do we have a second?

Audience: Yes! Second!

WGP Trey Smith: Alright, Sisters and Brothers we have a motion to accept the ballot as taken and the results will stand with this ballot and we have a second. All those in favor please raise your blue voting cards. All opposed same sign. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Now let me also say at this same time, when we are balloting if we have to have more help on the doors to keep them closed we will ask some people to go do that but it is imperative that we make sure that those doors stay closed. We have a lot of business to still take care of, we have a vote on an Amendment from yesterday and we are going to get Sister Cheryl and Brother George installed today, I will tell you. (Laughter) I appreciate your help and I appreciate your support. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: We will go on with the next Amendment. Sisters and Brothers, just bear with us.

PGP Jerry Trees: We are not going to proceed to the next Amendment. We are going back to Amendment #2. You voted yesterday to put this Amendment on ballot. I just want to reinforce what you are going to be balloting on. This was the Amendment to the Amendment #2 and it stated: Section 1, of Stated Sessions, the Grand Chapter except as hereinafter provided should meet in Stated Session each year. The Ceremonial Opening beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday in the month of October at such place as the Grand Chapter may select commencing with the 2016 Session. So this is what you're going to be voting on, this was the Amendment. And you voted to ballot by paper.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we have heard Amendment #2 that we discussed yesterday. Is there any questions or more discussion on Amendment #2?

WGP Trey Smith: No discussion.

WGM Jayne Yenger: No discussion. Those in favor...

WGP Trey Smith: Wait a minute.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Oh, it's paper ballot.

Sister Barbara Seams: Worthy Grand Patron, if you pardon me. I am Barbara Seams Bellaire Chapter #1021 in Houston, Past Matron. You have six for and against paper ballots, we can use at least one to vote on this Amendment #2.

WGP Trey Smith: That's what we voted to do yesterday, Sister.

Sister Barbara Seams: Well, I didn't hear about this part. Okay, maybe I didn't hear it. I was in the room yesterday but...

WGP Trey Smith: Well that's okay, I was in the room yesterday but I didn't hear everything either. (Laughter)

Sister Barbara Seams: Okay. Thank you, I love ya.

WGP Trey Smith: Love you. Okay Sisters and Brothers, we are going to ballot on this Amendment. We are going to be using Ballot J. "J" like Jolly. "J". Okay, sister Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: We are going to secure and lock those back doors (Laughter) at this time and allow no one to enter or leave this Grand Chapter while we are thus engaged please.

GW: (With raps) Brother Grand Sentinel we are preceding with elections and at this time the Worthy Grand Patron has directed that we close the back doors and allow no one to leave or enter at this time. Worthy Grand Patron the doors are secure and we hope this time and there will be no interruptions.

WGP Trey Smith: You're working hard and I appreciate it. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron. Could I ask you to recognize me?

WGP Trey Smith: You look familiar Worthy Grand Matron. (Laughter) Vaguely.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Could you remind the membership which ballot just for safety?

WGP Trey Smith: We are going to vote on Ballot J. Jolly. "J". "J". "J" like Jolly.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Or Jayne. (Laughter)

WGP Trey Smith: Okay. Now hear me do this too, I now declare the ballot open. (One rap). So please mark ballot “J”. “For” or “Against”. Sister Deputies you can start collecting as soon as you would like to. Mary would you like to...Sister Mary. Mary Alberts would you like to entertain us please?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Would you like to play Sister Mary?

**(Mary Alberts on the piano)
(Applause)**

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Mary. We will now have a song from our Grand Choir.

**(Grand Choir Sings Sentimental Journey)
(Applause)**

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you choir. Sisters and Brothers, has everyone voted? Has everyone voted? I now declare the ballot closed. (One rap) Sister Deputies you can please put the ballots on the tables. Sisters and Brothers. Sisters and Brothers. We still have a good bit of legislation so let's all consider that before we all leave the room. Sister Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: You may open the doors to the Grand Chapter room please.

GW: Brother Grand Sentinel we can open the doors to allow people in and out.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we will continue with our Amendments, if we could please be a little quieter. Please know that we are going to resume with our Amendments and we want everybody to hear and understand what we are doing. Please be kind and let us continue so we can get through this Session so Sister Cheryl may have an Installation this evening. Thank you.

PGP Jerry Trees: I am going to present Amendment #7. This will be found on page 66 in the Advance Annual Report. If adopted it will take effect at that end of Grand Chapter Session. The Amendment now reads “Only members of this Chapter may ballot upon this petition and all members of this Chapter are required to vote”. This Amendment would change the wording to “All members of this Chapter when present in the Chapter room at the time of balloting are entitled to vote”. This Amendment is in proper form for consideration by this Grand Chapter.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we will be voting on Amendment #7. Is there any discussion or questions on Amendment #7? I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Jeanette Sanders: Sister Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jeanette Sanders, Joaquin Chapter #903, Worthy Matron. It is my belief that it is not only a privilege but also a duty to take part in the business of our Chapter. The only way we can be a strong and united Organization is for everyone to do their part. And I believe there are too many people saying I'd rather just not vote than be held accountable for what has happened. Therefore, I am against this Amendment that changes it from a requirement to an entitlement.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Chris Puckett: I am Chris Puckett, Worthy Matron of Midland Chapter #253. Last year at Grand Chapter this group voted to change the words in the Constitution to match that of the Ritual where members are entitled to vote. This Amendment and the following ones are merely trying to make that match in the Code of Laws wording.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the North.

Sister Beverly Bowman: I am Beverly Bowman, Past Matron of Sugarland #1107. And as I read this it says members of the Chapter who are...start again...be careful, know how you ballot. Only members of this Chapter when present in the Chapter room at the time of the ballot are entitled to vote. The Sentinel is not in the Chapter room. Does that mean he can't vote?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother Jerry do you want to respond to that?

PGP Jerry Trees: It's in our Ritual and he is entitled to vote.

No name given: Worthy Grand Matron if I may. The Sentinel is called into the Chapter room and given an opportunity to vote. So he would be a member in the Chapter room at that time.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Brother in the North.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, Richard Ochs, Past Patron of Amarillo Chapter. Not only are they entitled to vote but in my opinion this should be defeated because I have visited Chapters in other states where there has been this kind of thing where you could avoid voting and it gets to be a lot of malarkey talk on the side between whether you're going to vote or not going to vote or whether you ever did vote. And I feel it is after you send the Committee out to check that it's your responsibility to everybody vote and especially so since we have made it to where it takes three black cubes. So it takes a substantial thing and each one of us as members has the responsibility as well as the entitlement. Therefore, I propose you defeat this. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Linda Crawford: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Linda Crawford, Past Matron, Harlandale Chapter #750. I am very much in favor of this Amendment. As some of our members are getting older they're finding that sometimes their memory is not as good as it should be and maybe not as sharp as it should be. So they, themselves are wishing not to make a decision in a ballot that is going to affect their Chapter. I feel that they should be allowed and entitled not to ballot if that is their wish.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the East.

Sister Jerre Miller: My name is Jerre Miller, Past Matron of Handley Chapter #617 and I call for the question.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers the question has been called for. We will now be balloting on Amendment #.....we will now be voting on stopping debate. All those in favor of stopping debate, two-thirds vote, raise your blue cards. Opposed. We stopped debate. (One rap) Now we will be voting on Amendment #7. All those in favor...All those in favor of Amendment #7 raise your blue cards. Those opposed. Amendment #7 passed. (One rap) Brother David.

PGP David Dibrell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. We will next consider Amendment #8 which is found on page 68 of your Advance Annual Report. This will become effective if adopted at the end of Grand Chapter. This is in proper form for consideration. The rational is, what it will do in effect if it passes, the Amendment now reads "Only members of this Chapter may ballot upon this petition and all members of this Chapter who are present are required to ballot". This Amendment changes the wording to read "All members of this Chapter, when present in the Chapter room at the time of balloting are entitled to vote on the waiver of Jurisdiction". This is in proper form for consideration Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers you have heard Amendment #8. Is there any discussion or questions on Amendment #8? If not, we will proceed to ballot on Amendment #8. I recognize the Brother in the North.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, Richard Ochs, Past Patron Amarillo Chapter. Ma'am I realize this is basically the same thing in response to relative to obligation as well as entitlement. I know she spoke about someone not being appropriate and don't wish to vote, all you gotta do is retire and not be in there during the vote and if we really have somebody like that, I would rather pass not voting myself under certain circumstances and sit with the person that would feel they should not vote. Thank you very much. Against it still.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Sister in the South.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, I would just like to clarify something if I may. The matter of entitled or required that was a decision that was made last year at Grand Chapter, we now are entitled to vote. We passed that last year. All these Amendments are doing is clearing up the language to match the decision we made last year at Grand Chapter. The decision on whether to require or entitled, we decided that last year. This is just clearing stuff up. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: All those in favor of Amendment #8 please raise your blue cards. Cards down. Opposed same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) We accept #8. We will continue with Amendment #9. I recognize Sister Betty Benham.

PGM Betty Benham: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. This is Amendment #9 and we might say "ditto". If this is adopted it will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter and you will find it on page 69 of your Report. And the rational is, what it will do in effect if it's passed is this Amendment presently reads "Only members of this Chapter may ballot on this petition and all members of this Chapter who are present are required to vote." If adopted the Amendment would read "All members of this Chapter, when present in the Chapter room at the time of balloting are entitled to vote on the Affiliation by Transfer of Membership or by Demit." It

is in proper form, Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers you have heard Amendment #9. Is there any discussion or questions on Amendment #9. If not, we will proceed to ballot on Amendment #9. All those in favor of Amendment #9 please raise your blue cards. All those opposed same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) We have accepted Amendment #9.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron we need to get on with some more balloting. So, nominations are now open for the office of the Board of Directors of District 3 for the one year unexpired term. Are there any nominations? I recognize Sister Loretta Booth.

Sister Loretta Booth: Worthy Grand Patron, my name is Loretta Booth and I am Worthy Matron of Crescent Chapter #820 in Ft. Worth. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Konnie Harrell, a Past Matron and current Worthy Matron of N. Ft. Worth Chapter #684 for the unexpired term for the Board of Directors, District 3.

WGP Trey Smith: Konnie Harrell has been nominated for the office of the Board of Directors, District 3 for the unexpired term. Are there other nominations? Sister Debbie.

Sister Debra Knight: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Debra Knight, Worthy Matron of Copperas Cove Chapter #1070. I would like to place in nomination Jerri Young, Past Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010, now Affiliated with Copperas Cove #1070 for the position for the Board of Directors, District 3.

WGP Trey Smith: Jerri Young has been nominated for the Board of Directors, District 3 for the unexpired term. Are there any other nominations? Sister JoAnn.

Sister JoAnn Snow: Worthy Grand Patron, my name is JoAnn Snow, Present/Past Worthy Matron of Brownwood Chapter #116. I would like to place the name of Norman Schultz, Worthy Patron of Santana Chapter #247 for the unexpired term of one year for the Board of Directors, District 3.

WGP Trey Smith: Norm Schultz has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 3 for the unexpired term. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Any other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect. I would appreciate it if Sister Konnie Harrell would come and stand to my right, Sister Jerri Young and Brother Norman Schultz. Okay, I can spell the names, maybe. This is Konnie Harrell, K O N N I E, K O N N I E, Harrell, H A R R E L L. Jerri Young, J E R R I, J E R R I, Young, Y O U N G. And Brother Norm Schultz, N O R M S C H U L T Z. Okay? We are going to be balloting on Ballot X and I now declare...Sister Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Warder, would you secure the doors to our Grand Chapter room. While she is doing that, Ballot K is the...excuse me Ballot X is the hot pink ballot. Ballot X

and if you would please write their name and circle that name.

GW: Brother Grand Sentinel we are about to ballot again and you will instruct the Warders and Sentinels to secure the doors.

WGP Trey Smith: This is Ballot X.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron the doors are secure.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Sister Warder. Grand Warder. I now declare the ballot open. (One rap)

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Patron, they are asking back here to please repeat the names.

WGP Trey Smith: Okay. We have Konnie Harrell, K O N N I E H A R R E L L. We have Jerri Young, J E R R I Y O U N G. And we have Brother Norm, N O R M, Schultz, S C H U L T Z. Now I was also reminded and I do think about this but...they asked me to remind you to write legibly. (Laughter) Please. And if you can't write it, print it. And please circle the name.

No name given: Brother Trey, could you have each one of them tell what Chapters they are from? Where they're located? They couldn't hear that in the back.

WGP Trey Smith: Yes, Sister Konnie Harrell is from N. Ft. Worth Chapter #694. Sister Jerri Young is a member of Copperas Cove #1070 and Brother Norm Schultz is a member of now Santa Anna...Santa Ana...excuse me, #247. Do not put any ballots on the tables, please, please. Okay Sister Deputies, let's start collecting the ballots as quickly as we can, safely. I now declare the ballot closed. (One rap) Sister Grand Warder the doors are to remain secured. Has everyone's ballot been picked up? Have all the ballots been picked up? I now declare the ballot closed. (One rap) Sister Deputies you will proceed to place the ballots on the tables, please. Sister Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: You will allow the doors to be open.

GW: Brother Grand Sentinel you will allow the doors to be opened.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Is Brother Jack York in the East? Brother Jack at this time I'd like you to bring the report of the Webmaster.

Brother Jack York: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, wonderful membership of Texas. Jack York, Past Patron of Dumas Chapter #653. The Webmaster Committee has worked to keep the Grand Chapter up to date as information has become available to us. We rework the Grand Chapter forms as changes are made. We have received approximately 275 emails from members and visitors of the Website. They have been answered either by the Webmaster Committee, Grand Secretary's Office or forwarded to someone who could give the proper response. There have been inquiries about membership in the Order and these have been responded to with information on how to locate

a Chapter close to them, or the information necessary to contact the closest Chapter Secretary. This Website is a continuing effort and we welcome comments and suggestions to help us improve the information that is provided to you. All Chapters in Texas have been listed on a links page and those that I know of have links to them so the membership can go right to that webpage from the website. If anyone has a website that I haven't listed, if they'll send me the information, I will gladly connect the link. One rule that we have on the website is that we cannot list membership addresses or phone numbers except for the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Secretary's. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved that we accept the report of the Webmaster. All in favor signify by raising your blue cards. All opposed. Report accepted. (One rap) Thank you Brother Jack. I recognize Sister Sharon Fentress.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Okay Sisters and Brothers, we are now going to take Amendment to the Code of Laws, Division 5, Chapter 7, The Ballot. If you like, I can read this for you. You do have it in front of you but I do want to be sure that you understand that there is a modification on this ballot and on this statement and it says "Sisters and Brothers we are about to ballot on the Petition for Reinstatement of our suspended member (Sister or Brother) _____ . The report of the Committee is favorable (or unfavorable). Remember, the white balls grant reinstatement, and the black cubes refuse reinstatement. Be careful how you ballot. All members of this Chapter when present in the Chapter room at the time of balloting are entitled to vote on the Petition for Reinstatement. Reinstatement is granted by a favorable vote of two-thirds." And the modification is that a period was put there and a majority of members present because two-thirds is more than a majority.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Sharon. Sisters and Brothers we will be voting on Amendment #10 as modified. Is there any discussion or questions? If not, all in favor of voting on Amendment #10 as modified please raise your blue cards. All those opposed, same sign.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Yes! I got one right.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Amendment #10 is approved. (One rap)

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Sisters and Brothers, we're moving on to Amendment #11. Page 70 in your Advance Annual Report and it too was modified but very simply so I am going to read for you the modification. Everything is in the Annual Report so follow along. "Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot upon the Petition of Reinstatement of our suspended member, Sister (or Brother). The report of the Committee is favorable (or unfavorable). Remember, the white balls grant reinstatement and the black cubes refuse reinstatement. Be careful how you ballot. All members of this Chapter, when present in the Chapter room at the time of balloting are entitled to vote on the Petition for Reinstatement. Reinstatement requires a Unanimous Vote. Sister Associate Conductress you will prepare the ballot box...". Worthy Grand Matron this is modified and in proper form for consideration.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers we are about to ballot on Amendment #11 as modified. All those in favor of...Are there any questions? All those in favor of Amendment #11 as modified please raise your blue cards. Opposed same sign. Amendment #11 passed as

modified. (One rap)

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize Sister Betty Benham.

PGM Betty Benham: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. This is a Resolution you will all...

WGM Jayne Yenger: Betty you may have to raise your mike just a little bit.

PGM Betty Benham: Sharon's been here. (Laughter) You will find this in your Advance Report. The Resolutions states:

WHEREAS, Texas own Past Grand Matron, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, was elected Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the 46th Triennial Assembly and in Fort Worth, Texas at the 47th Triennial Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this place of service is an honor for the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter is elected each Triennial Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Sister Alma Lynn Bane does not desire to be re-elected to serve as the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Sister Alma Lynn Bane desires to serve as Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter for 2015-2024 by election to a nine year term for that office; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association have voted to support Sister Alma Lynn Bane for election to Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter.

THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

The Grand Chapter of Texas support and nominate Sister Alma Lynn Bane for election to the position of Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter at the 2015 General Grand Chapter 48th Triennial Assembly to be held in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers you have heard the Resolution. Are there any questions? If not we will proceed to vote on the Resolution as read by Sister Betty Benham. All those in favor please raise your blue cards. Opposed. Motion carried. (One rap) Resolution passed, excuse me.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron. May I preside please.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Yes.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers we do have results of the Associate Grand Conductress race. We do not have an election. Susan Bigham received 339 votes. Melissa Hudman received

627 votes. Carla Stringer received 278 votes. Sandra Zipp received 545 votes. Total votes cast 1,789, needed to elect 895. So we will be dropping the name of Carla Stringer. Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize the Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Before we go on to the ballot, we're making sure that the tables are clear of the last ballot. It will take just a few minutes but Sister Alma we would love for you to respond to the vote.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. Some decisions in life are easy, some are not so easy but your support today makes this decision very easy. Bill and I desire to come back to Texas to be with our family, our friends, our Sisters and Brothers. But a place of service in General Grand Chapter for me was requested by many within this Jurisdiction and within other Jurisdictions. And it is with the love and support that I will allow my name to be placed in nomination in Pittsburg. I thank you for adopting this Resolution and I covet your prayers for us in our journeys as we are on the campaign trail again. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize Sister Susan Bigham.

Sister Susan Bigham: Sisters and Brothers, thank you to everyone of the membership for the support, the kind words, the cards, the calls, and everything else. To save Grand Chapter some time I am going to withdraw my name from nomination. I am dropping. I love you. So many of you have been so sweet and I think this is the best thing to do right now. Thank you. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Alright, Sisters and Brothers we are about to take another ballot on the office of Associate Conductress. Sister Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: You will please secure the doors to this Grand Chapter room.

GW: Brother Grand Sentinel we are about to take another ballot. Would you please secure the doors. The doors are secure Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you. We are going to ballot on Ballot B. "B" as in boy. "B" And the names in order that they were nominated is Melissa Hudman and Sandra Zipp. Melissa Hudman and Sandra Zipp, Ballot "B". I now declare the ballot open. And I will remind you Sisters and Brothers, if you vote on any one else besides those two they will not be counted. Apparently we've already had that.

(Choir sings "Love me Tender")

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Grand Choir. Let's show them our appreciation. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Have we collected all the ballots? Okay, Sister Deputies let's try to move

forward quickly. Raise your hand if you haven't had your ballot collected. Have all ballots been taken? Sister Kathy, have them come to you. They need to come to you. Have all ballots been taken? Did I hear a no? Okay, now have all ballots been taken? I now declare the ballot closed. Sister Deputies you'll place the ballots on the tables. Sister Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: You may open the doors.

GW: Brother Grand Sentinel you may open the doors now.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers we also have the results of Ballot J. This is to move Grand Chapter to October. The total votes cast...well before I do that, you know I have been coming to Grand Chapter since I could but I will tell you in that all the years that I have been coming and helping them do...I have never seen so many spoiled ballots. Twenty seven ballots were spoiled in this election. And their coming up spoiled again in this election apparently. Sisters and Brothers I don't know any other way to explain it to you. Please be careful. This is a shame. You work too hard for this ballot to have this happen. Okay, total votes cast 1,315. Needed to pass this Amendment to move Grand Chapter from August to October is 658. Total votes for moving to October 716, against 599. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brother, this Amendment has passed on the first reading. Thank you. That means it will come back next year for a second reading. Thank you.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers we also have personalized books for the Sentimental Journey. They are back there at the table and they really want to disburse them to you. If there's anyone here from Levelland Chapter, Zavalla, Round Rock, Henderson, Leander, Rule, Velasco, Roseland, your book are ready and there still are a very few left to sell so if you would please go back there and pick those up as soon as possible.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron I'd like to thank this Committee. Is Sister Shelly Walker in the room?

WGP Trey Smith: She's at the table.

WGM Jayne Yenger: She's at the table. Okay. Sisters and Brothers, I want to personally thank Sister Shelley Walker for our Sentimental Journey Yearbook. Sister Shelley I want to thank you and your Committee. This Yearbook was all that I ever dreamed it should be and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you. Worthy Grand Patron. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: To Sister Shelley, Brother Tom at the table, Sister Cindy and all the other people that worked on the Committee in selling ads, I just can't tell you how proud I am of the work that you've done. It's kind of scary what some of the pictures are of...thank goodness there were some that were left out but we appreciate your hard work. I know it was a huge project. But I think that the membership has responded very well with it coming at the end of the year. It is so much more inclusive of everything that happened during the year. So I do appreciate it so much. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Is Sister Sherry Thompson in the room?

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers we're going to go on with some more of the elections. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District One.

Sister Sherrie Fowler: Worthy Grand Patron. My name is Sherrie Fowler, Past Matron of Fairfield Chapter #331. It is my honor to nominate Carolyn Martin, Past Matron of Palestine Chapter #395, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District One for the ensuing year.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers you've heard the nomination of Sister Carolyn Martin for the Board of Grand Examiners, District One. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor say "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed, no. Sister Carolyn Martin, congratulations, you have been elected Board of Grand Examiners, District One. Do you accept? (Applause)

Sister Carolyn Martin: I accept Worthy Grand Patron and that's what I get for deleting him in my speeches this morning. It is with much excitement and a humble heart that I accept this position of service and I look forward to serving the membership for another year. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Nominations are now open for the position of Board of Grand Examiners of District Three. I recognize Brother Larry Whitfield.

Brother Larry Whitfield: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Larry Whitfield. The current Worthy Patron of S. Ft. Worth Chapter #835. I'm very pleased to place the name of Donna Noe, Past Matron of S. Ft. Worth Chapter #835 in nomination for the office of Grand Examiner, District Three.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers you've heard the nomination of Sister Donna Noe for the Board of Directors, District Three...Excuse me...Board of Grand Examiners, District Three. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Donna Noe say "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed, no. Motion carries... you are elected Donna. Sister Donna Noe you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiner, District Three. Sister Donna do you accept?

Sister Donna Noe: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron and I do accept. And I thank this wonderful membership. You are wonderful. Thank you. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Four. I recognize Sister Debra Broussard.

Sister Debra Broussard: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Debra Broussard, Worthy Matron of New Caney Chapter #1093. I would like to place in nomination the name of Terri Rozell, Past Matron of New Caney Chapter #1093 for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Four.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the nomination of Terri Rozell for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District Four. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Terri Rozell for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District Four say "Aye". (Aye). All opposed, no. Sister Terri

you have been elected District Four, member of the Board of Grand Examiners for the ensuing year, do you accept?

Sister Terri Rozell: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. It is an honor and a privilege to accept this election to the Board of Grand Examiners and to have the opportunity to serve District Four as Grand Examiner another year. Thank you.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers nominations are now open for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District Five. I recognize Sister Sudie Pool.

Sister Sudie Pool: Worthy Grand Patron I am Sudie Poole, Worthy Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023. It is my honor to nominate Sister Linda Winn-Christensen, Past Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023 to the Board of Grand Examiners, District Five.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Linda Winn-Christensen has been nominated to the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District Five. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Linda Winn-Christensen for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Five say "Aye". (Aye) All opposed, no. Sister Linda Winn-Christen you have been elected District Five member of the Board of Grand Examiners for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

Sister Linda Winn-Christensen: Worthy Grand Patron, I am honored to accept this position and with the support of the membership and the favor of God I promise to do my best to fill my position. Thank you. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large. I recognize Sister Naomi Wolfe.

Sister Naomi Wolfe: Worthy Grand Patron, my name is Naomi Wolfe and I'm Worthy Matron of Andral Vann Chapter #741 in Houston and as you can tell I'm still in training. I would like to place in nomination Sister Laura Sharp, a member of Andral Vann Chapter #741 for Grand Examiner, Grand Examiner at Large for the ensuing year.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, Sister Laura Sharp has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Laura Sharp for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large say "Aye". (Aye) Those opposed, no. Sister Laura Sharp you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

Sister Laura Sharp: It is with a humble but excited heart that I accept and thank the membership. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Nomination are now open for the Board of Directors, District Four. I recognize Sister Doris Clegg.

Sister Doris Clegg: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. My name is Doris Clegg. I'm a Past Matron of Wisteria Chapter #823 in Beaumont, Texas. It is my pleasure at this time to place in

nomination the name of Ben Clegg a Past Patron of Wisteria #823 for the office of Board of Directors, District Four.

WGP Trey Smith: Brother Ben Clegg has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District Four. Are there any other nominations? I recognize Sister Wanda Goodson.

Sister Wanda Goodson: Worthy Grand Patron, my name is Wanda Goodson I'm a Past Matron of Franklin #311. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Debra Fincher, Past Matron of Franklin Chapter #311 for the Board of Directors, District Four for the ensuing year.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Sister Wanda. Debi Fincher has been nominated for the Board of Directors, District Four. Are there any other nominations? I recognize Sister Patricia Faldesek.

Sister Patricia Faldesek: Worthy Grand Patron. My name is Patricia Faldesek. I'm a Past Matron of Texas City Chapter #626. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Sister Vicky Hertenberger, Past Matron of Chapter #626 for the office of Board of Directors, District Four.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Vicky Hertenberger has been nominated for the Board of Directors, District Four. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by written ballot. Sisters and Brothers I would like to introduce to you in the order of their nomination, Brother Ben Clegg, Sister Debi Fincher and Sister Vicky Hertenberger. Thank you. Let's wish them well. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, we are going to use ballot. . . .hold it. . . .hang on just a second. Sisters and Brothers we are going to ballot on Ballot "D". Ballot "D" as in dog. And if we don't all get lunch it's going to be "dead dog". (Laughter) Ballot "D" dog. Sister Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: You will please secure the doors so that we may ballot. Ballot "D".

GW: Brother Grand Sentinel. Please secure the doors.

(Choir sings "God Bless America")

WGP Trey Smith: Makes you want to say "Play Ball" doesn't it? How are we doing with our collections? If we could at this time please, I would like to have the members of the TMRC, the residents of TMRC to please make their way to the East. Do we have the ballots collected? Are all ballots collected? Okay, are all the ballots collected? I now declare the ballot closed. (One rap) Sister Deputies you will place them on the tables. Sisters and Brothers, let's welcome the ladies that reside at TMRC that are members of our Order. (Three raps) (Applause) Sister Grand Warder, we will open the doors to our Grand Chapter room please. Open the doors of Grand Chapter please.

GW: Assisting Grand Warders, it's okay to open the doors.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron I think you have the list of our members.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, let's show them our appreciation. (Applause) (One rap) We have Sisters Suzanne Walters, Delphia Von Heeder, Brother Dwight Von Heeder, Sisters Lori Griffin, Doris Wyatt, J. W. O'Neal, Ann Love, Marie Seats, Yvonne Brownfield, Brother Robert Brownfield, Sisters Lovell Ford, Juanita Sharp, and Brother Jim Sharp. Let's show them how we welcome them. (Applause) And Marian Von Heeder. Thank you all for coming to Waco.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, we also have Brother J. W. O'Neal. Did you get him?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother J. W. O'Neal.

WGP Trey Smith: Also Sister Donna Hill Pope who probably runs the Home if you want to know the truth. She's not a resident but she works there but she drove the ladies and we want to thank her for doing so.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Donna and we hope you enjoy your stay with us and if you wait just a moment we want to get a picture. I want y'all to know they're teaching me how to play bingo but I haven't won yet. (Laughter)

WGP Trey Smith: Let's give them one more hand. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Would Sister Sherry Thompson come to the microphone. Sister Sherrie we invite you to tell us all about our Picnic last night. "Picnic on the Brazos". If you weren't there, you missed a fun night but I think just about everybody in here was there.

Sister Sherry Thompson: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. On behalf of the "Picnic on the Brazos" Committee, Debi Fincher - Co-Chairman, Elinor Humphreys - District 1, Peggy Ledinski - District 2, Elaine Batchelor - District 3, Sharon Adams - District 4, Sudie Poole - District 5, I would like to thank Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron and Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron for allowing us to serve Grand Chapter in this capacity. Working together this past year has created a strong bond among us and a friendship that will last for years to come.

We submit the following report:

BAGS SOLD	
District 1	20
District 2	20
District 3	35
District 4	22
District 5	52
Sherry Thompson	22
Debbie Fincher	1
Total	172
	\$1,720.00

ROB MORRIS SILENT AUCTIONS
SCHOOLS/REUNIONS

District 1	\$6,199.60
District 2	\$3,002.50
District 3	\$7,406.50
District 4	\$14,679.00
District 5	\$8,094.30
Total	\$39,381.90

PICNIC ON THE BRAZOS
\$5,520.00

TOTAL: \$46,621.90

This includes Trey's \$78.00 that he collected in his belt. (Laughter) If you weren't there, you missed it, but we probably have it on YouTube.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Thompson, General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report be adopted.

WGP Trey Smith: I second the motion.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard that wonderful report of our Rob Morris "Picnic on the Brazos". It has been moved and seconded that we accept this report. All in favor, signify by raising your blue card. Opposed. Motion carried. (One rap) At this time, Sisters and Brothers, I call on Sister Traci Maynard to report on her 1618 Project for District Three. Sister Greta, would you come with her.

Sister Traci Maynard: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers;

The purpose of the Golden Links Committee was to coordinate with the General Grand Chapter to collect donations to offset maintenance and repair costs to the International Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The District Chairmen have done a fabulous job. Funds from the following District Chairpersons were received and forwarded to Sister Greta Bane Spradling, International Headquarters Chairman. She forwarded all funds received to General Grand Chapter.

Sue Shoemaker	District 1 Chair	\$2,272.78
Marcia Benton	District 2 Chair	\$ 642.20
Marian Hilliard	District 3 Chair	\$1,216.00
Barbara Randle	District 4 Chair	
Cynthia Brooks	District 5 Chair	\$1,262.70
Total		\$5,393.68

The Golden Links Committee requested a table at Grand Chapter to communicate our purpose and to accept donations. We have received an additional \$1,456 in donations during this

Grand Chapter Session, bringing our Grand total to \$6,849.68. Just prior to giving this report, I received a very generous and gracious donation which allowed us to meet our goal of \$10K

The Golden Links Committee distributed 1618 Ribbons for each donation of \$20 or more. Chapters and individuals, who have made donations of \$100 or more, have/will receive a certificate of appreciation and pin from General Grand Chapter.

I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honor and privilege of serving the Grand Chapter of Texas.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Traci for that wonderful report. Sister Greta.

Sister Traci Maynard: I make the motion that we accept this report.

WGP Trey Smith: I second the motion.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of International Headquarters Golden Links. All in favor signify by raising your blue cards. Those opposed. Report accepted. Thank you so much.

WGP Trey Smith: Okay, Sisters and Brothers, we are about to go to the election of the Board of Directors for District Five. Sister Grand Warder, you will secure the doors to the Grand Chapter room please.

GW: (with raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to proceed with more elections and you will secure the doors to the Grand Chapter room.

WGP Trey Smith: Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District Five.

GW: The doors are secure Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Sister Grand Warder. I recognize Stuart Shaw.

Brother Stuart Shaw: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Stuart Shaw, Worthy Patron of Adah Chapter #49 in Helotes, Texas. It is my pleasure to place in nomination Rick Skidd, Past Patron of Adah Chapter #49 for the position of Board of Directors, District Five.

WGP Trey Smith: Rick Skidd has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District Five. Are there other nominations? Sister Sudie Poole.

Sister Sudie Poole: Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Sudie Poole, Worthy Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023. It's my pleasure to nominate Sister Carlotta Fairchild, Past Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023 for the Board of Directors, District Five.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Carlotta Fairchild has been nominated for the Board of Directors, District Five. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by written ballot. This is Ballot "F" like friendly... "F". It is a green ballot. "F". I declare the ballot open. (One rap) Oh excuse me, Brother Rick will you

please come forward. Sister Carlotta. Sisters and Brothers, this is Brother Rick Skidd and Sister Carlotta Fairchild who have been nominated for the Board of Directors, District Five. Thank you. Okay, Sister Deputies are we collecting the ballots?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron, could I have five minutes while they are collecting the ballots?

WGP Trey Smith: Yes ma'am.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you. Worthy Grand Patron, I just want to say thank you in my own special way for what you have done for me this year.

**(Lesa Smith sang "Mr. Wonderful")
(Applause)**

WGP Trey Smith: Thank y'all so much.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Gotcha!

WGP Trey Smith: You got me. You got me for sure. Alright, Sister Deputies. I declare the ballot closed. You made me forget what I was doing. (Laughter) (One rap) Sister Deputies, please place the ballots on the tables. That's not really fair. Y'all are too kind. I see y'all waving, how are y'all? (Laughter) Sister Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: You may open the doors to the Grand Chapter room, please.

GW: Assisting Warders, you can open the doors.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother Jerry do you know if Janlen is in the room? Would Janlen please come to the East. Okay, we're going to continue with some legislation while she's making her way to the East. Brother Jerry I believe we have just a couple left to do. Three.

PGP Jerry Trees: We just have several things to do and we will finish up the Jurisprudence part of the Amendments. On page 73 of your Advance Annual Report is a form for our Courtesy Investigations. It's form 137-S and this new form is to be used by Chapters who need a Courtesy Investigation by another Chapter in Texas and we have to vote on this to...it's been assigned a number of 137-S to be put into the Constitution. If you are looking at the form that's on page 74 it shows that it will be for Petitions for Degrees, Demit, Transfer, Dual/Plural, Reinstatement. This will be used for this. It's in proper form and will be up to you to vote and add this to our forms in the Constitution.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers we are about to ballot on this form to put into our Constitution. Are there any discussion or questions on this? I recognize the Sister in the South.

Sister Barbara Seams: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Barbara Seams, Bellaire Chapter #1021. I

know he just read the form but he kept saying form 137 and it says 107. I just want to make sure, does he know what number he's saying. Thank you.

PGP Jerry Trees: I guess it's a typographical error on my sheet here. It says in the book, 107-S.

WGM Jayne Yenger: If there is no more further discussion we will vote on this form adding it to the Constitution. All in favor please signify by raising your blue cards. Opposed. Motion carried. (One rap) Form 107-S is approved. That is in our Code of Laws.

PGP Jerry Trees: The next one on page 75 in your Advance Annual Report is another form that is Petition for Dual/Plural from Other Grand Jurisdictions, form 141-S2. And what this will do if adopted it would allow members from another Grand Jurisdiction and to become members in Texas by the appropriate petition. And it is in proper form.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers is there any discussion or questions on accepting this form, 141-S2. If not, those in favor please signify by raising your blue cards. Those opposed. Motion carried, we will add this form. (One rap)

PGP Jerry Trees: Okay, the last thing that we have is Emergency Resolution, amended to our Code of Laws which would become effective at the close of this Grand Chapter.

Whereas, our Grand Chapter is facing a dimensioning membership as well as a reduction in the number of Chapters; and

Whereas, the income from members and Chapters continues to decrease; and

Whereas, our expenses to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for our members residing in their facility is approximately \$66,000 per month currently which does not include the annual medical audit of approximately \$95,000 which is not itemized. The time has come for Grand Chapter to evaluate our current financial situations and prepare for our long term financial future. We are fully aware of and very appreciative of the excellent care given to our members who presently reside in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. And will continue to pay for those residents but would suspend accepting any additional new applications. This is strictly a business decision on our part and is no way due to the lawsuit with Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

Therefore, we the undersigned propose the new applications for residency be suspended until the Grand Chapter Session of 2016-2017 at which time a new plan may be presented for future.

Signers on this WGP Trey Smith and our WGM Jayne Yenger and I feel like it is important to read some of the other signers of the other Amendments and stuff have their signatures and I know people look at signatures, so the following people also signed this giving their approval. We have Alma Lynn Bane, Joyce Gilbert, Rennie Ofton, Doris Hester, Sharon Fentress, Ray Hertenberger, Kenneth Gregory, Bill Rhyan, Nancy Brown, Bill Crews, Kathy Crews, Naomi Wolfe, John Creel, Annette Curry, Barbara Cunningham-Grimes, Effie Mae Davis, Bill Wyatt, Richard Ochs, Joyce Nicklas, Betty Friend, Bess Caldwell, Nelson Campbell, Vi Griffin, David Flaxington, Sandy Flaxington, Buddy Baker, K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Elise Hammock, Ann

Wyatt, Betty Scott, Cheryl Albrecht, George Gwaltney, Jerre Lucas, Sharon Mosmeyer, William Clabaugh, Marlene Scholari, Lorrie Owens, Deborah Land, Ray Hargis, Paul Zappe, III, Rosemary S. Berry, Gerry Sturtz, David Ouellette, Terri Rozell, Mickie Campbell, Becky Austin, and there are three other names on here that I'm sorry, I cannot read their writing. Audri Rowell, Lee Stallings and Henry Martin. (WGP Trey Smith helped)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, this is the Emergency Legislation that you voted to allow yesterday. Is there any discussion? Any questions? Sisters and Brothers, all in favor of the Emergency Legislation as read please raise your blue cards. This is a two-thirds vote. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Thank you Sisters and Brothers, this Emergency Legislation has passed. (One rap) Thank you Brother Jerry and your Committee and we would like to have them come forward at this time. (Picture) Sisters and Brothers, if you will just bear with us for just a few minutes, Sister Cheryl are you going to speak on this?

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, yes ma'am, may I speak?

WGM Jayne Yenger: I recognize Sister Cheryl Albrecht.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I have a motion to make. We, as I have said before, we have to take care of our Ladies at the TMRC and therefore I move that the Board of Directors be allowed to move up to \$368,000 during the 2014-2015 Grand Chapter year from the Endowment Trust Sub-Account to pay the expenses for the Ladies at TMRC. This motion is supported by myself, Brother George, Sister Jerre Lucas, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Brother Billy Clabaugh and as you see standing with us, the Board of Directors. So I move the adoption... I move this motion.

Brother George Gwaltney: Second.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded. I need a copy of that please.

WGP Trey Smith: I second the motion since Brother George signed the motion, we want it to be a legal motion.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Did you ask what the amount was? Up to \$368,000 from the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Sub-Account.

GS Lorrie Owens: My question was, it's almost the same amount we have in the move account when it was moved out of there. Because it's \$367,000.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: No ma'am. We are not touching that amount. It's \$368,000 out of the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Sub-Account.

GS Lorrie Owens: Okay, because that did come out of the Sub-Account and was just sitting there.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay but that is not what we're talking about. We're not touching that account.

GS Lorrie Owens: Okay, just what's in the Sub-Account right now? Okay.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion on the floor that we allow \$368,000, up to \$368,000 to be moved from the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Sub-Account 501(c)8 to pay the expenses of the Ladies at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Is there any discussion? Are there any questions?

AGC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jerre Lucas. I'm one of the signers on this account, Schertz Chapter #911.

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: You're not a signer on the account.

AGC Jerre Lucas: I'm sorry, Oh my gosh, I do not sign on the account. I'm sorry. I'm one of the signers of the motion. On page 124 of the Code of Laws, Article 165a, Sub-section C. Sisters and Brothers our Board of Directors has this right without a vote of this body however, each of us wanted you to know what was going on. And that's why we've presented this motion. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers we will now vote on this motion. All in favor signify by raising your blue card. Cards down. The opposed. This motion carried. (One rap)

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you membership. We do want and our major priority is to take care of the Ladies. Thank you for allowing us the ability to do that. Thank you.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, we have an election in the District Three, Board of Directors race. For the Board of Directors, District Three. Total votes cast 1,513. Fifteen hundred and thirteen. Needed to elect 757. Seven hundred fifty seven. Konnie Harrell 363. Jerri Young 847. Norm Schultz 303. Jerri Young has been elected for the Board of Directors, District Three for the one year term. (Applause) Sister Jerri. Sister Jerri, do you accept?

Sister Jerri Young: With a grateful heart I promise to do my best to serve Grand Chapter to the best of my ability. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Okay, Sisters and Brothers we are about to ballot for the position of District Two, Grand Examiners. Sister Grand Warder will you go ahead and close the doors.

GW: (With raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to vote again would you please see that the doors are secure. The doors are secure Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Sister Grand Warder. Sisters and Brothers nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District Two.

Sister Sandy Alford: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. My name is Sandy Alford, I am Past Matron of A. E. Shirley #986 in Amarillo. It is with great pleasure that I would like to put into nomination Sister Dawn Larson, a Past Matron of A. E. Shirley #986 for the office of Grand Examiners, District Two. Thank you.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, Dawn Larson has been nominated for the office of any Grand Examiners, District Two. Are there any other nominations.

Sister Linda Klein: Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Linda Klein, Worthy Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010 and it is with great pleasure that I place in nomination the name of Sister Susan Dormady, a Past Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010 for the position of Board of Grand Examiners, District Two.

WGP Trey Smith: Sister Susan Dormady has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Two. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by written ballot. We will be using Ballot "G" which is your purple ballot. Sister Dawn Larson will you please come. Sister Susan Dormady please. We're still using Ballot "G". This is Sister Dawn Larson and Sister Susan Dormady. Thank you. I now declare the ballot open. (One rap) We are using again, Ballot "G" as in great. "G", purple. "G". This is for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Two. Are we getting the ballots collected? Have all of the ballots been taken up? Are there any more ballots to take up? I now declare the ballot closed. (One rap) Sister Deputies, you will place the ballots on the tables. Please ma'am. Sister Grand Warder, will you please open the doors to the Grand Chapter room.

GW: Assisting Grand Warders we can open the doors now.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, I do want to say thank you for your patience as we are hand counting...there's a ballot on the floor...as we are hand counting the ballots. The reason we are hand counting the ballots this year is to save you a little over \$6,000. That would be the cost if we had gone to the electronic process like we had done before. What we discovered in checking it out, Brother Paul made several, several inquiries and that type of equipment is almost obsolete now. So to keep them maintained is very expensive. So that's why we chose...that we budgeted \$3,500 to do this and after we found out it was going to be so much money, that's just for the machine rental, besides printing of the ballots so we decided we were going to forgo that so we do appreciate your patience and we appreciate the counters counting as fast as they can but accurately. You don't get pizzas. (Laughter) So thank you so much for that.

WGM Jayne Yenger: At this time I would like to recognize Sister Janlen Waclawczyk to present her report on Reach for the Stars Committee. Sister Janlen, I know this has been a very difficult year and we appreciate you stepping in on behalf of your Mom. You know what she meant to me. We had worked together and this is something that she was very proud of and her help with this project meant so much to me. And I thank you for continuing it. I await your report.

Sister Janlen Waclawczyk: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my honor to represent my mom Sister Janell Trees as the General Chairman of Reaching for the Stars. The participation of the Chapters and the hard work they accomplish was very evident in the participation of the Chapters and the hard work they accomplish was very evident in the paperwork they submitted. It is my pleasure to present the following Chapters that sent completed paperwork to Reaching for the Stars:

Belton 589	League City 621
Killeen 490	Crockett 509
Royse City Charter 642	Arlington 249
Silsbee 298	Bryan 222
Pearland 1065	TMRC-Daylight 1145
Leander 73	Wimodausis 141
Plano 703	Edwin J. Kiest 959
Lewisville 935	Iola/N. Zulch 458
Palestine 395	Springtown 498
Canyon Lake 1103	Floresville 271
Anahuac 649	Adah 49
Balch Springs 1132	Vashti 32
Texas City 626	Taylor 578
Midlothian 234	Alvin 15
Hadassah 188	N. Ft. Worth 684
Queen Esther 833	Port Neches 677
Huffman 1112	Farmers Branch 687
Lott 594	Rule 989
Buna 968	Lancaster 943
Spring 1105	

Respectfully submitted, Janlen Trees Waclawczyk, General Chairman, Reaching for the Stars.

WGM Jayne Yenger: If the representatives from these Chapters would please come forward.

WGP Trey Smith: If we could get our Fifty Year Members to start coming up, please. Sisters and Brothers, let's give them one more hand. (Applause) Y'all have got certificates ladies. Ladies they're passing out certificates for you. Need to leave out the other side and they'll give you your certificate please. Could we get the Fifty Year Members lined up please.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers. We have a result of the Board of Directors, District Four. Again, we had six spoiled ballots this time. Total votes cast 1,575. Total votes cast 1,575. Needed to elect 788. 788. Debi Fincher 702. Ben Clegg 411. Vicki Hertenberger 462. So we will need to ballot again and we will drop the name of Brother Ben Clegg. Sisters and Brothers, we are going to recognize our Fifty Year Members. At this time will you please stand with me and let's give them a round of applause for their achievement of fifty years. (Three raps) (Applause) Ann do you not have an escort? Brother Nelson Campbell will you escort Sister Ann Stewart up here. After fifty years she needs an escort. Sisters and Brothers I present to you our Fifty Year Members. (Applause) We have Pricilla Armstrong from Jacksboro #390, Anita Chapman from Nederland #1079, Wanda Sutton from Ridglea #999, Ann George from Arlington #249, Patsy Davidson from Creedmoor 607, Sue Johnson from Burke #1098, Johnnie Fay Morris from Spurger #315, you gotta watch her folks. (Laughter) Edna Louise Robertson, Saint Jo #17, Sandra Tedford Farmersville #940, Lorraine E. Owens oh, Lorrie! Canyon Lake #1103, sorry, Jerre S. Lucas, Schertz #911. Is that everyone? Ann Stewart from Dripping Springs #860, Is that everyone? Mary Alberts with seventy-two years and then we've got Jayne Yenger, our Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause) Now I'll tell you what I told her the night

that I presented her with her certificate. She probably won't like to hear it again but it's the truth. She said that she never dreamed when she became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star that fifty years later her own Worthy Grand Patron would present her with her Fifty Year Certificate. And I said, me being me, I said "Well, you know, when I was lying in my crib fifty one year's ago..." (Laughter) "I never dreamed I would be presenting my Worthy Grand Matron her certificate." Let's give them one more round of applause. (Applause) Thank y'all so much. We appreciate it. Okay, Sisters and Brothers, we need to ballot again on the Board of Directors, District Four. Sister Grand Warder you will secure the doors of our Grand Chapter room.

GW: (with raps) Brother Grand Sentinel you will secure the doors. The doors are secure, Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Sister Grand Warder. We are balloting on the Board of Directors, District Four. I now declare the ballot open. (One rap) We are balloting on Ballot "E". Ballot "E".

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Is that like in Elvis? (Laughter) I've been waiting for this all day Worthy Grand Patron, I'm sorry.

WGP Trey Smith: It sure is like Elvis...Ballot "E" please. And we are voting on the names of Debi Fincher and Vicki Hertenberger. Debi Fincher, Vicki Hertenberger. Deputies are next. Sister Cheryl will you send Brother Darryl up please. How are we doing on the collections ladies? Have all the ballots been taken up? Have they all been collected? I now declare the ballot closed. (One rap) Sister Deputies will place them on the tables. After you place them on the tables if you would please come to the East for the reports of the Deputies. Sister Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: You will open the doors to the Grand Chapter room, please.

GW: Assisting Warders we can open the doors to the Grand Chapter room.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron do I have a couple of minutes?

WGP Trey Smith: Yes ma'am.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers, I would like to show our appreciation for our Choir Director, Brother Bill Rhyan and our Grand Choir. (Applause) Now you're supposed to stand up when you are recognized. I would also like to thank the Assistants to our Grand Organist, Sister Michelle Stegman. Those that have been playing for this Session and this Grand Chapter, Sister Mary Alberts from my own Section 8, Sister Beverly Plante, Brother Daniel Crawford, Sister Trecea Houston, Susie Smith, and Sister Marilyn Lee and I believe it's Daniel Caldwell. Thank you all for all the beautiful music at this Grand Chapter. (Applause) I would now like to ask my District Deputy Grand Matrons and my Deputy Grand Matrons for this past year to please come forward with their reports. The District Deputy Grand Matrons will introduce her Deputies and give a short report. We're trying to be good and hurry along Sister Cheryl. And the full report will be found later.

Sister Kenlyn Lawrence: My name is Kenlyn Lawrence, District Deputy Grand Matron District One. I'd like to introduce the Deputies of District One. Section 1 Alexis Osborne, Section 2 Valerie Followell, Section 3 Kathi Troublefield, Section 4 Jo D. Dibrell, Section 5 Liz Cherry, Section 6 Jean Graham, Section 7 Sandra Goff was unable to be here because she had knee surgery, Section 8 Debra Albertson, Section 9 Diann Norton, and Section 10 Martha Nesler. On behalf of the Deputies of District One and myself I would like to thank our wonderful Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for selecting us to represent her this year. It has been a wonderful year and we have been honored to be part of your Grand Family. It has been a joy to work with these ten wonderful Deputies. I know the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are proud of each of these lovely ladies as I am. They all worked hard to carry out the assignments that were given to them. Each one went well above and beyond what was expected of them. Sister Marjorie Curry, you are a precious lady. What a joy it was to be with you this year as we traveled through District One. You opened your house and heart to us. You will always have a special place in my heart for all you did. Jerre Miller, we didn't have much time together but it was wonderful to get to know you better. Everyone appreciated the lovely Humanitarian Program given by Charlotte Beall, District One Chairman. Carolyn Martin, our Grand Examiner, what a joy it was to have you as a roommate. We have built a special friendship and I look forward to seeing you often on the Eastern Star trail. To the four other District Deputies, this has been an incredible journey and it has been an honor to know each one of you. We will always share a very special bond and I will always cherish your friendship. The Deputies of District One and I once again want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for your wonderful leadership. You have made this year so enjoyable with your guidance and humor. The membership has felt your warmth and love. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter in such a special way. Respectfully submitted, Kenlyn Lawrence, District Deputy Grand Matron, District One. I would like to invite Sister Mary Bond, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Two, to give her report.

Sister Mary Bond: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of District Two, my Bond Girls and I want to say thank you very much even though you had to track me down on the ship to get me to say yes. It's been a great honor to serve this Grand Chapter this year. I have a full report that will be given to our Grand Secretary to go in the records. Again we just want to say thank you for selecting these five girls. I told them I couldn't do it and it's because of these five, they've worked themselves to death. They had awesome schools and I just want to say thank you to them. I want to say thank you to my four co-workers. The DD's. We had a great time. I enjoyed getting to do the joint schools where we all taught. It was very nice. I thank the Secretaries to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for travelling and trying to keep me in line. I'm the troublemaker. It must run in District Two. I have to say something special to Jerre because I was a nervous wreck. I walked out of my dress at one school cause I was so nervous and Jerre said "Just teach them" "Just teach them". And she worked with me and calmed me down. So thank you, cause I was a wreck. I just want to thank everyone in this Grand Chapter for an absolutely wonderful memory. Oh! I need to introduce my girls! My Deputies this year Sandy Alford for Districts 1, 2 and 3. Renee Hendrick for Districts 4 and 5. Tamela Henington for Section 6 and 7 and Lynda Klein for Section 8, Christel Fisher for Section 10. Thank you girls.

Sister Betty Hancock: It is my pleasure to present the report of District Three. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, my Sisters and Brothers. It is with pleasure and pride that I present to you Betty's Empresses, the Deputy Grand Matrons from

District Three. I can't thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron enough for selecting these wonderful ladies for me to serve with this year. It has been an honor and privilege to work with them as they served our Order with dedication, loyalty and enthusiasm. Sister Shelia Nowell Section 1, Stephanie Sizemore Section 3, Jackie Fisher Section 6, Tami Martin Section 7, Evelyn Ross Section 9 and Barbara Huse Section 10. A couple of our Deputies had to leave a little early or aren't here because of family health problems. But they all did a wonderful job this year. Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the membership as District Deputy Grand Matron for District Three and for the faith you had in me to be able to achieve all that you required. You gave me ten wonderful Deputy Grand Matrons to work with making my job a lot easier. Thank you for your devotion to our Order and your love for the membership. It is an example for us all to follow. This journey has been the "trip of a lifetime". Brother Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, I don't know if I have the words to express to you how great it was traveling with you this year. You gave me encouragement along the way and had faith that I could accomplish all I needed to. Your love and laughter made this journey a special memory in my heart. Thank you so much. I want to thank Sister Donna Noe and Judy Baker for the wonderful good times we had and to Secretaries Margie Curry and Jerre Miller y'all made it great. Y'all made it great, it was really wonderful. To the District Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you, thank you, thank you. My Deputy Grand Matrons thank you so much. The complete report will be filed with the Grand Secretary. It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Linda Roy, District Deputy Grand Matron of District Four, my co-worker, my cohort in crime, my friend.

Sister Linda Roy: Thank you Sister Betty. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. First of all it is a real honor for me to introduce the wonderful Deputy Grand Matrons of District Four. We have Brenda Whitehead Section 1, Jeannette Rife-Cotton Section 2, Linda Lievsay Section 4, Susie Cohen Section 8...Oh, I'm sorry...Section 6, Yvonne Wunsche Section 7, Doris Blackmon Section 8, and Sharon Willingham Section 10. I just want you to know these were the greatest Deputies ever. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you so much for putting us together. These were Linda's Golden Girls and they were Golden Girls. Worthy Grand Matron I just want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter as District Deputy Grand Matron of District Four. It was an honor, it was a privilege, I learned so much and I just want you to know how much support you gave to me and to the Girls. How wonderful and what a Lady of Eastern Star that you are. Brother Trey, Worthy Grand Patron, I'm at a loss for words. Thank you for being a Guiding Star to us. You are one of a kind. I want thank you for all of your encouragement, for all the rumors that you have spread that are not true. (Laughter) Thank you for teaching me how unload and unhook, I may need it in the future. Thank you so much. I want to thank you for being our rock on this journey because it was a great, great journey and I enjoyed every minute of it. And I want you to continue apologizing. Sister Lesa, thank you so much for your love, your sharing, your thoughts, and most of all for helping us and directing us. Thank you. Sister Margie Curry, I want to thank you for all the meaningful things that you said, for all the love and support and the prayers that you had for us. Sister Jerre Miller, I want to thank you for the great words of wisdom that you shared with me and for all of your ideas and for your laughter. Sister Terri Rozell, I certainly want to thank you for the many late nights learning the perfect renditions. But most of all Deputy Grand Matrons I thank you for your love, your support, your prayers and for being the wonderful Girls that you are. And I respectfully submit this, Linda Roy, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Four and the entire report will be given to the Grand Secretary's office. Thank you. And now I want to in-

roduce my cohort, my co-worker and my good friend, Sister Gail Fuller, District Deputy Grand Matron of District Five.

Sister Gail Fuller: Thank you my dear friend Sister Linda and I do remember your name is Linda. This has been a wonderful journey and I would like to introduce with much pride Gail's Gals, the Deputy Grand Matrons of District Five. We have Debbie McCullough is from Sections 1 and 2 and she's in Alaska with her family. Joy Wilson from Section 3 broke her arm on her way up here so she's not with us. But I do have Sister Doris Templin from Section 4, Betty Hemphill from Section 5, Ann Stuart from Section 6, Janet Kramer from Section 7, Kathryn Hairell from Section 8, JoAnn McLester from Section 9 and Mary Jane Laing from Section 10. And I do thank all of you for all of your help and support. Worthy Grand Matron, I'm still amazed that you selected me to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron, but I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve our Order in this way. And I thank you so much for the nine Deputy Grand Matrons you chose, I love each one of them more than they know. This has been a year that I always will cherish and will always hold dear to my heart. But most of all I thank you for your friendship and your special way of supporting me when my husband died. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Trey, how do I thank you for your encouragement and for always being there and to offer whatever was needed at the most opportune time. Your love of the Order and the Membership was present at all times and your willingness to help us do whatever we had to do. You were great. To our Grand Examiner, Sister Linda Winn-Christensen, my friend and roommate, the late night chats or early morning prayers were always so encouraging. You give so much to the membership and I admire your love and support for our Order. And my little Humanitarian Chairman, Sister Cathy Eidson, your programs on the "yengerettes" was just so much fun. And how proud we are of you even though we had to find stools for you half the time. To the Secretaries of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Margie Curry and Sister Jerre Miller, thank you for all the work you do and you still do. Both of you kept us all in line. And we just thank you for being you. We are very very special to us. And Sister Lesa, thank you for sharing Brother Trey with us. He added so much to our trips but it was really good to have him there so we didn't have to pump gas or clean the windshields. And to the membership and to my special Deputies, thank you for all that you have done. All of you are so very special. The full report will be filed with the Grand Secretary's office. Even though we didn't give them, I do move the adoption of these reports that will be filed.

WGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron I second the motion.

WGM Jayne Yenger: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the reports of the District Deputy Grand Matrons. All in favor please signify by raising your blue cards. Thank you. Motion carried. (One rap)

DISTRICT ONE GRAND CHAPTER REPORT

Sister Kenlyn Lawrence: On behalf of the 10 Deputies of District One and myself, I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for selecting us to represent her this year. It has been a wonderful year and we have been honored to be part of your Grand Family.

90 Chapters were assigned to the District One Deputies. All were visited and inspected.

All 10 Sections held a School. This made 100% Section participation.

The following is a brief summary of the activities in District One.

The School, Banquet, Humanitarian Program, and Fraternal Visit were all held on the same day. The pre-school Fun Night was held the prior evening for fun and fellowship. Each fun night was unique. There were games, a talent show, and even Elvis. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the opportunity to get to know our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Section One: The Deputy for Section One was Alexis Osborne. She was assigned 11 Chapters and visited and inspected all 11. Belle Moon Chapter #90 voted to consolidate. An audit of their assets and debts was conducted, however, no further action has taken place. The Chapter held an election and Installation. The Chapter does plan to consolidate with another Chapter at a later date.

The Section One “Linking Love With Learning” School of Instruction was held on October 17, 2013. The Fun Night was held on the 16th. The school day events were attended by 105 members.

Alexis wrote 67 letters and traveled approximately 4,601 miles this year

Section Two: The Deputy for Section Two was Valerie Followell. She was assigned 9 Chapters and visited and inspected all 9.

The Section Two “Peonies on Parade” School of Instruction was held on October 19, 2013. The Fun Night was held on October 18th. The School day events were attended by 145 members.

Valerie wrote 37 letters and traveled approximately 1,631 miles.

Section Three: Kathi Troublefield was the Deputy for Section 3. She was assigned 10 Chapters. All 10 were visited and inspected.

Section Three held its “Waddle for Perfection” School of Instruction in Caddo Mills Masonic Lodge. The School was held on October 3, 2013. The Fun Night was held on October 2nd. 125 members attended this first School in District One.

Kathi sent 36 letters and traveled 2,722 miles.

Section Four: The Deputy for Section Four was Jo D. Dibrell. She was assigned 9 Chapters. She visited and inspected all 9.

The final School in District One, “Strengthening Our Chain”, was held on October 26th at the R.C. Buckner Lodge in Dallas. The Fun Night was held on October 25th. 198 members attended the school day events.

Jo D. wrote 8 letters and traveled 5,709 miles.

Section Five: Liz Cherry was the Deputy for Section Five. She was assigned 14 Chapters. She visited and inspected all of them.

The Section Five School of Instruction, “Golden Links of Learning”, was held at the Ruth Jackson Center in Grand Prairie on October 15, 2013, with the Fun Night being held on October 14th. There were 100 members who attended the school day activities.

Liz wrote 42 letters and traveled 5,547 miles.

Section Six: Jean Graham was the Deputy for Section Six. She was assigned 5 Chapters. Jean visited and inspected all five.

The “Twice as Nice Without the Ice” School of Instruction for Section Six was held at the Corsicana Masonic Lodge in Corsicana on October 22, 2013. The Fun Night was held on October 21st. 82 members attended the School day events.

Section Seven: The Deputy for Section Seven was Sandra Goff. She was in a wheelchair when we had our Deputy Conference, but was walking for her Official Visits and School. She was assigned 8 Chapters. She visited and inspected all of them. Sandra isn’t present today as she had knee surgery and will be having hip surgery soon.

The Chapter Seven School, “Golden Links of Opportunity”, was held in Lindale at the Lindale Masonic Lodge on October 8, 2013. The Fun Night was held on October 7th. 78 members attended the school day events.

Sandra sent 73 letters and traveled 3,398 miles.

Section Eight: Debra Albertson was the Deputy for Section Eight. She was assigned 9 Chapters. Debra visited and inspected all 9. Longview Chapter moved to Kilgore this year.

The Section Eight “Golden Links of Knowledge” School was held at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Kilgore on October 5, 2013. The Fun Night was held on October 4th. 117 members attended the school day events.

Debra wrote 175 letters and traveled 6,156 miles.

Section Nine: Diann Norton was the Deputy for Section Nine. Diann was assigned 8 Chapters. She visited and inspected all of them’

The Section Nine “Links to the Future” School of Instruction was held in Pittsburg at the Frank Sexton Masonic Lodge on October 10, 2013. The Fun Night was held on October 9th. 104 members attended the school day activities.

Diann wrote 144 letters and traveled 7,959 miles.

Section Ten: The Deputy for Section Ten was Martha Nesler. She was assigned 7 Chapters. She visited and inspected all of them.

The "Linking it Together" School of Instruction for Section Ten was held in Canton at the Castillian (Canton) Masonic Lodge on October 24, 2013. The Fun Night was held on October 23rd. The school day events were attended by 86 members. Martha wrote 30 letters and traveled 2,727 miles.

As District Deputy, I instructed at the 10 District One Schools and assisted in 3 others. I, also, attended the District One TMRC Patriotic Day in June. I wrote 140 letters and traveled around 3,420 miles.

All together, 752 letters were written and 45,870 miles were traveled.

On March 2,2014, District One held its Reunion Day. Fun and games were enjoyed during the afternoon. The "Polka Dot Penguin" dinner was attended by 175 members.

It has been a joy to work with these 10 wonderful Deputies. I Know the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are as proud of each of these lovely ladies as I am. They all worked hard to carry out the assignments that were given to them. Each one went above and beyond what was expected of them.

Margie Curry, you are a precious lady. What a joy it was to be with you this year as we traveled through District One. You opened your house and heart to us. You will always have a special place in my heart for all you did. Jerre Miller, we didn't have much time together, but it was great to get to know you better.

Everyone appreciated the lovely Humanitarian Program given by Charlotte Beall, District One Chairman.

Carolyn Martin, Our Grand Examiner, what a joy it was to have you as a roommate. We have built a special friendship and I look forward to seeing you often on the Eastern Star trail.

To the 4 other District Deputies, this has been an incredible journey and it has been an honor to know each one of you. We will always share a very special bond. I cherish your friendship.

The Deputies of District One and I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for your wonderful leadership. You have made this year so enjoyable with your guidance and humor. The membership has felt your warmth and love. Thank you, again, for giving us the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter I such a special way.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenlyn Lawrence, District Deputy Grand Matron - District One

I would like to invite Mary Bond, District Deputy Grand Matron - District Two, to give her report.

DISTRICT TWO GRAND CHAPTER REPORT

Mary Bond: Thank-you District Deputy Grand Matron-District One, Kenlyn Lawrence for all the work you and your Deputy Grand Matrons have done this year.

Big Spring Chapter #67 was honored to host the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron on September 7, 2013 at the Dorothy Garret Coliseum. We were pleased to have the membership across Texas in attendance as we shared the pride we have in our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Big Spring Chapter # 67 is very proud of the fact that we are the home chapter of accomplished Worthy Grand Patron, Trey Smith.

The five District Two Deputy Grand Matrons were assigned to make formal visits to 29 Chapters. There were five Schools of Instruction held in District Two. Here is a brief synopsis of the events and travel for each Deputy Grand Matron.

Section 1. 2 & 3 - Sandy Alford was assigned 9 Chapters. She made her official visits to each Chapter. Sandy examined the records of their Secretary and Treasurer. Sandy did revisit with one chapter to complete her report and made recommendation to another chapter to update their By-Laws. Sandy reports the Demise of Canyon City Chapter #105 in February 2014. School of Instruction "Reaching for the Stars" events was held on September 13-14, 2013 in Amarillo, Texas. Friday, September 13, 2013 was the "Playin' with the Penguins" Fun Night where we enjoyed relaxing, games and visiting with membership. Registration reported 85 members in attendance. Sandy wrote 39 letters, traveled 10,609 miles.

Section 4 & 5 - Renae Hendrick was assigned 5 chapters. She made her official visits to each Chapter. Renae examined the records of their Secretary and Treasurer. Renae reports the Demise of Brownfield Chapter #898 in February 2014. School of Instruction "Golden Circles of Knowledge" events was held on September 18-19, 2013 in Lubbock, Texas. Wednesday, September 18, 2013 was the "Penguins in the Peonies" Fun Night where all enjoyed relaxing, games and visiting with membership. Registration reported that there were 56 members in attendance. Renae wrote 61 letters, traveled 1983 miles.

Section 6 & 7 - Tamela Henington was assigned 7 chapters. She made her official visits to each Chapter. Tamela examined the records of their Secretary and Treasurer. Tamela reported the Consolidation of Burkburnett Chapter #655 and Blue Grove Chapter #978 with Faith Chapter # 713 during May 2014. School of Instruction "Linking Friends Together Forever" events was held on September 27-28, 2013 in Abilene, Texas. Friday, September 27, 2013 was the "Buddies-Binding and Bonding" Fun Night where membership enjoyed playing Bunko many for the first time. Registration reported that there were 120 members in attendance. Tamela wrote 53 letters, 58 cards and traveled 7221 miles.

Section 8 - Lynda Klein was assigned 6 chapters. She made her official visits to each Chapter. Lynda examined the records of their Secretary and Treasurer. Lynda was glad to report no Chapter demises or consolidation during her year. School of Instruction "Links of Knowledge" events was held on September 20-21, 2013 in Big Spring, Texas. Friday, September 20, 2013 was the "Penguins on Parade" Fun Night where membership enjoyed playing games and visitation. Registration reported that there were 68 members in attendance. Lynda wrote 86 letters and cards, she traveled 9238 miles.

Section 10 - Christel Fisher was assigned 2 Chapters. She made her official visits to each Chapter. Examined the records of their Secretary and Treasurer and no variances or recommendation were reported. Good news no chapters demised or consolidated in her section.

School of Instruction “Stars of Wisdom & Knowledge” events were held on September 9-10, 2013 in El Paso, Texas. Monday, September 9, 2013 was the “Yup, You’re Still in Texas” Fun Night where several learned a new card game. Registration reported that there were 50 members in attendance. Christel wrote 16 letters, traveled 2967 miles.

As District Deputy Grand Matron for District Two I attended the Fraternal Visits in Temple and Big Spring for our Worthy Grand Matron and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron. I instructed at five District Two Schools of Instruction during September. I attended at least two schools in District 1, 3, 4 & 5. I attended the TMRC Family Fun Day, and TMRC Halloween party. Also, went to Texas/Louisiana Luncheon. I with my other DDGM assisted in four other Schools with demonstrations and instructions on the subject of Introductions. I loved those schools where we jointly taught. I traveled 13,519 miles, wrote numerous e-mails enough to fill two 6 inch binders and 29 letters, plus several Thank-you notes.

District Two Reunion Banquet was held at the OES Temple in Abilene, Texas on March 8, 2014. We had 96 in attendance. We were privilege to have Past Most Worthy Grand Matron along with Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons as they had a Past Grand Matron/Past Grand Patron meeting that weekend in Abilene. Prior to the Banquet there was a bake sale and during the banquet a basket auction of baskets supplied by the five Deputy Grand Matrons and myself. Worthy Grand Patron donated a beautiful necklace to auction and some knives by Bobby Stringer. All the proceeds were collected by the Reunion Committee and the Picnic on the Brazos Committee. Then after expenses for the banquet accounted for there was \$357.81 given to the Arrangements Committee. This was a fun time for all that attended.

Summary of District Two:

Assigned 29 Chapters

Grand total of Correspondence is 418 +.

Grand total of travel is 45,537 miles.

Two Chapters demised.

Two Chapters consolidated.

On behalf of the 5 Deputies of District Two and myself, I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for selecting these five Deputy Grand Matrons (aka ... The Bond Girls) and myself. Your choices have made a smooth working team for you and our Grand Chapter. We have enjoyed traveling and representing you this year. I had my doubts at the first if I would be the right person for this position and you both said you had confidence in me. I am grateful that you both gave me the opportunity to prove your assurance of my skills to be justified.

I would like to thank Nell Casparis, Grand Ruth and Chris Pucket, Grand Warder for their representation of our District this year. You have made us proud.

I would like to state what an honor is has been to work with our Grand Examiner Carla Stringer. You have represented our District well with your Secret Work being shared from the heart and examinations this past four years.

To the other four District Deputies Grand Matrons it was such a relief that we had worked together before and now have a stronger bond that will continue on our OES Journey. Thank you for all the memories and looking forward to many more in the years to come.

Thank to my dear “Bond Girls” thank-you for your work, support and friendship this year. I want to thank my Deputy Grand Matrons for wonder organized and smooth running Schools of Instruction.

I thank our Humanitarian Chairman, Jean Harrison for an impressive program at each school and record keeping.

Special thanks to the secretaries of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. You loaded and unloaded merchandise at each school giving the membership unable to travel to Grand Chapter access to supplies and the opportunity to contribute to the special projects of the Worthy Grand Matron's.

I appreciate all the courtesies and support of Texas Grand Chapter membership. Thank you District Two membership of all your support and encouragement.

Again I want to say a final Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of serving with you this year.

I respectfully submit this report for District 2.

Mary Bond, District Deputy Grand Matron - District 2.

I now ask Sister Betty Hancock, District Deputy Grand Matron to bring her final report for District Three.

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 3

Betty Hancock: Thank you, Sister Mary Bond, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2.

It is my pleasure to present the report of District 3

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pleasure and pride that I present to you Betty's Empresses, the Deputy Grand Matrons from District 3. I can't thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron enough for selecting these wonderful ladies for me to work with this year. It has been an honor and privilege to work with them as they served our Order with dedication, loyalty and enthusiasm.

Sister Shelia Nowell and the 17 Chapters of Section 1 hosted the “Links of Learning” School of Instruction that was held on February 1, 2014 in Fort Worth with 310 members in attendance.

Sister Bonnie Peretti and the 8 Chapters of Section 2 hosted the “Penguins March Across Texas and Dance Across District 3” School of Instruction on February 6, 2014 in Weatherford. Despite the icy weather, there were 86 members in attendance.

Sister Stephanie Sizemore and the 4 Chapters of Section 3 hosted the “Peace Links us Together” School of Instruction on February 4, 2014 in Graham with a total of 52 members in attendance.

Sister Sandra Osborne and the 4 Chapters of Section 4 hosted the “March of the Penguins” School of Instruction in De Leon on February 11, 2014 with a total of 37 members in attendance. Sister Bobbye Straach and the 3 Chapters of Section 5 hosted the “Love Links us Together” School of Instruction in Brownwood on February 8, 2014 with 77 members in attendance.

Sister Jackalyn Fisher and the 5 Chapters of Section 6 hosted the “It’s Penguin Time in the Hill Country” School of Instruction in Marble Falls on February 18, 2014 with 93 members in attendance.

Sister Tami Martin and the 3 Chapters of Section 7 hosted the “Shining Bright with Star Knowledge” School of Instruction on February 20, 2014 in Copperas Cove with 71 members in attendance.

Sister Alice Zimmerman and the 8 Chapters of Section 8 hosted the “Emperor’s School” School of Instruction on February 22, 2014 in Temple with 252 members in attendance.

Sister Evelyn Ross and the 6 Chapters of Section 9 hosted the “The Colonizing of the Penguin Stars” School of Instruction on February 15, 2014 in Waco with 179 members in attendance.

Sister Barbara Huse and the 8 Chapters of Section 10 hosted the “Hope, Joy, Peace” School of Instruction on February 13, 2014 in Hillsboro with 92 members in attendance.

The Deputies of District 3 worked along with the Reunion Committee and the Picnic on the Brazos Committee to put on the District 3 Reunion Banquet on March 31 in Granbury. We had a total of 157 in attendance.

DETAILED REPORT OF DISTRICT 3 FOR 2013 - 2014

Chapters Assigned	67
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Demised or Consolidated	1
Chapters Inspected	67
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	45
Letters Written	1125
Miles Traveled	50,492

CHANGES IN DISTRICT 3

District 3 began the year with 67 chapters and ended with 66

June 1, 2014 - Marlin Chapter #386 consolidated with Lorena Chapter #1124

Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the membership as District Deputy Grand Matron for District 3 and for the faith you had in me to be able to achieve all that you required. You gave me 10 wonderful Deputy Grand Ma-

trons to work with making my job a lot easier. Thank you for your devotion to our order and your love for the membership. It is an example for us all to follow. This journey has been the “trip of a lifetime”.

Brother Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, I don't know if I have the words to express to you how great it was traveling with you this year. I'm not sure we could have made it without you supervising all our loading and unloading of the van and trailer. You gave me great encouragement along the way and had faith I could accomplish all I needed to. Your love and laughter made this journey a special memory in my heart. And, a special “Thanks” to Sister Lesa, Grand Esther, for letting us share you during our schools and throughout the year and for all of her assistance along the way.

Sister Donna Noe, Grand Examiner, District 3, didn't we have fun. I can't imagine anyone I could have enjoyed traveling with more than you. Thank you for your dedication to our order and for the hours you put in in the examining rooms. I wish you safe and rewarding travels as you continue on the journey as Grand Examiner of District 3.

Sister Judy Baker, Humanitarian Chairman, District 3, thank you for the wonderful programs you presented at each of our schools. You presented information about our Order that most of us didn't know. I could hardly wait for the next one to see what else you were going to tell us. The research you did showed your love and your dedication to our beautiful Order.

To Sisters Margie Curry, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron and Jerre Miller, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, it was great having you along on the road. You were always available to encourage and support when it was needed and you added to the laughter along the way. Thank you for being there.

To the District Deputy Grand Matrons - thank you for the love and support you gave to me. I would never have been able to take this journey without you. From day one there was a bond and we knew it would be a spectacular year. You are very special to me and I love you all so much.

To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 3 I say a very big “Thank You”. You have done all that was asked of you and have done it well. You have all worked very hard to make your Schools, Fraternal Visits and Fun Nights a great success. You have made this a very special year for me and I know the memories will be there for a lifetime.

To the Membership of District 3, thank you for every kindness and expression of support. Your tireless efforts are an inspiration. It has been my honor and privilege to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hancock
District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3

Now I have the pleasure to present my friend, cohort in crime and co-worker, Sister Linda Roy, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON REPORT DISTRICT 4

Linda Roy: Thank you Sister Betty Hancock:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

It is with much love and pride that I present the report for District 4. I want to thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honor you have given the Deputies of District 4 to serve the membership of our Order. It has been an honor and a delight to have worked with "The Golden Girls", Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4. What an exciting year that will remain with us always.

It is an honor to now recognize this group of dedicated Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4.

Mrs. Brenda Whitehead, and the 13 Chapters of Section 1 hosted the "Friendship's Golden Chain" School of Instruction on January 9, 2014 in Lufkin, Texas with 140 in attendance.

Mrs. Jeanette Rife-Cotton, and the 17 Chapters of Section 2 hosted the "Learning From the Stars" School of Instruction on January 18 in Port Arthur with 228 in attendance.

Mrs. Ann Dunn, and the 7 Chapters of Section 3 hosted the "Links of Love & learning" School of Instruction on January 7 in Livingston with 55 in attendance.

Mrs. Linda Lievsay, and the 12 Chapters of Section 4 hosted the "Link by Link We Grow in knowledge & Strength" School of Instruction on January 11 in Pasadena with 162 in attendance.

Mrs. Thelma Bethard, and the 12 Chapters of Section 5 hosted the "Fun on Ice" School of Instruction on January 16 in Houston with 111 in attendance.

Mrs. Susie Cohen, and the 8 Chapters of Section 6 hosted the "Links of Hope" School of Instruction on January 14 in Buffalo with 112 in attendance.

Mrs. Yvonne Wunsche, and the 11 Chapters of Section 7 hosted the "Winter Blitz" School of Instruction on January 4 in Willis with 175 in attendance.

Mrs. Doris Blackmon, and the 6 Chapters of Section 8 hosted the "Golden Lessons of Life" School of Instruction on January 30 in Caldwell with 137 in attendance.

Mrs. Donna Butler, and the 4 Chapters of Section 9 hosted the "Peony Garden of Knowledge" School of Instruction on January 21 in Sugar Land with 91 in attendance.

Mrs. Sharon Willingham, and the 11 Chapters of Section 10 hosted the "Learning Links" School of Instruction on January 23 in Texas City with 153 in attendance.

Total Attendance for the Schools of District 4 was 1,364.

The Deputies of District 4 worked along with the Reunion Committee and the Picnic on the Brazos Committee to put on the District 4 Reunion Banquet on March 15 at Monument Inn Restaurant in Deer Park. We had a total of 241 in attendance.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT 4

Chapters Assigned	102
Chapters Consolidated	1
Chapters Demised	1
Chapters instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	101
Schools Conducted	12
Schools Attended Officially	30
Schools Attended Unofficially	74
Letters Written	2,539
Miles Traveled	90,761

District 4 began the year with 102 chapters and ended with 100.

District 4 had one Demise. Crosby #261 demised on September 6, 2013.

District 4 had one Consolidation. South Houston #915 consolidated with Rosewyn #927 effective March 10, 2014.

Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter as District Deputy Grand Matron of District 4. This has been a year that I will never forget. I made many new friends, learned so much, visited chapters I had never been to before, and driving the van with you, navigating, and just helping you to do things, was truly an experience. It has been an honor to serve under your leadership. Your love for the Order and the kindness you show to the membership will always be a lasting memory.

Brother Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, you are most definitely A Guiding Star. One of a Kind. Thank you for all of your encouragement and especially all of the help in teaching how to load and unload, how to hook up and unhook, the van. Your love for the order and the membership always stood out. You were definitely the Rock, on our journey. Sister Lesa, Grand Esther, thank you for sharing your time with us during the schools and throughout our journey. Thank you for all of the time and effort you put into our plans and helping us with our ideas. You are special.

Sister Terri Rozell, Grand Examiner of District 4, without your perfect renditions, I would never have been able to go to sleep at night. We have been friends long before this year spent traveling together, but what a great year we had. Thank you for all your encouragement and support this year. Your devotion to the order and your rendition is an inspiration to our membership.

Sister Wanda Goodson, Humanitarian Chairman, District 4, thank you for the wonderful beautiful programs you presented at the schools. The programs were so meaningful and certainly

left a lasting impression on the membership.

Sister Margie Curry, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your love and support as we traveled together. Thank you for sharing ideas and for the laughter.

Sister Jerre Miller, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for sharing your thoughts and your suggestions. You are an example of a dedicated and hard working member.

District Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for always being there. We shared so much together. When we started on this journey, we were friends, and as the journey ends, we are bonded together. I will always cherish the memories we have together.

Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4, my hats off to each of you. You have done all that was asked of you and then more. You had wonderful schools and made my job so much easier. I could not have made this year without each of you. You are one of a kind and I am so glad that we were able to travel this journey together. You made my year. Thank you.

To the members of District 4, thank you for all of your love and support during this year. All that you did to make the schools a success and always willing to do whatever was asked of you, made my year. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Roy, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4

It is now my pleasure to invite my friend and co-worker, sister Gail Fuller, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5 to bring her report.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON REPORT DISTRICT 5

Gail Fuller: Thank you, my dear friend, Sister Linda Roy.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all.

This year has been a wonderful journey. I, along with the nine Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5 would like to express our love and appreciation for the honor of serving the membership in this capacity.

What a pleasure it is to bring my report for this Grand Chapter year and to introduce with much pride Gail's Gals - the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5.

Debbie McCullough and the five chapters of Section 1 & 2 hosted the "**Stars of Autumn**" School of Instruction in San Angelo on November 16, 2013 with 76 members present. Sister Debbie is enjoying time with her family in Alaska.

Joy Wilson and the six chapters of Section 3 hosted the "**Stars Shining in the Hill Country**"

School of Instruction in Kerrville on October 29, 2013 with 114 members present.

Doris Templin and the four chapters of Section 4 held the **“Marching With the Penguins on the Frio”** School of Instruction in Leakey at the Alto Frio Baptist Encampment on November 14, 2013 with 79 members present

Betsy Hemphill and the six chapters of Section 5 held the **“Learning the Path”** School of Instruction in Poteet on October 31, 2013 with 69 members present.

Ann Stuart and the eight chapters of Section 6 hosted **“The Chain of Stars”** School of Instruction in Austin at Ben Hur Shrine Center on November 23,2013 with 202 members present.

Janet Kramer and the ten chapters of Section 7 held the **“Forever Links of Friendship”** School of Instruction in San Antonio at the Alzafar Shrine Center on November 2, 2013 with 216 members present.

Kathryn Hairell and the nine chapters of Section 8 held the **“Chains of Time”** School of Instruction in Yoakum on November 5, 2013 with 86 members present.

JoAnn McLester and the six chapters of Section 9 hosted the **“Links to Understanding”** School of Instruction in Rockport on November 9, 2013 with 85 members present.

Mary Jane Laing and the three chapters of Section 10 held the **“OES Happy Feet”** School of Instruction in Edinburg on November 9,2013 with 37 members present.

Each of the nine Schools of Instruction held in District 5 were unique to their area and we had lots of fun - “Fun Nights” were just that “FUN NIGHTS”. The total attendance for our schools was 964.

I especially want to thank the membership for their interest and participation at the schools, it was greatly appreciated.

Statistical Report for District Five:

Chapters Assigned	.57
Chapters Demised	.1
Chapters Consolidated	.2
Chapters Instituted	.0
Chapters Inspected	.57
Chapters Not Inspected	.0
Schools Conducted	.9
Schools Attended Officially	.12
Schools Attended Unofficially	.44
Letters and E-mails Written	2,553
Miles Traveled	80,760

District 5 began the year with 57 chapters and ended the year with 54 chapters - in Section 1 - Winters Chapter #80 demised, in Section 5 - Devine Chapter #43 consolidated with Poteet

Chapter #913, in Section 9 - Independence Chapter #1044 consolidated with Aransas Pass Chapter #162.

Gail's Gals join me in extending our heartfelt appreciation.

Worthy Grand Matron- Sister Jayne Yenger-I'm amazed that you selected me to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron - District 5, but I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve our Order this way. Thank you for selecting the nine Deputy Grand Matrons you chose - I love each of them more than they know. This year has been a journey that we will always cherish and hold dear to our hearts. But most of all, thank you for your friendship and for being there in your special way when my husband died.

Worthy Grand Patron - Brother Trey, how do I thank you - your encouragement that you offered when I needed it the most, your positive attitude and your love of our Order and the membership was present at all times and your willingness to help us do whatever we had to do - you were great!

Our Grand Examiner of District 5, Linda Winn-Christenson, my friend and roommate - the late night chats or early morning prayers were always so encouraging. You give so much to the membership. I admire your love and dedication for our beautiful Order.

Humanitarian Chairman of District 5, Cathy Eidson - your program with the "yengeretts" was fun - you are just a great person to be around - even if we had to find a stool so we could see you - Thank you for being my friend and for always encouraging me.

To the Secretaries of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron- Margie Curry and Jerre Miller, thank you for all the work you did and do, you both did your best to keep all of us in line - thank you for just being you - we love you.

And Grand Esther - Sister Lesa - thank you for sharing your husband with us - he added so much on the trips - it was good not to have to pump gas or clean the windshield. You helped so very much with everything and we were so happy when you could join us on the school schedule and at other times!

To the membership of District 5 especially and to the membership all over the state - thank you so very much for the many acts of kindness and the kind expressions of love you have shown me. Your response to our "Team" teaching was outstanding.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve you the membership and to have fun doing it - this has been a great year and one that "United We Stood" with you the membership and with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fuller, District Deputy Grand Matron - District 5 2013 - 2014

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the five District Deputy Grand Matron's reports.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers, I want to say to the Tellers and Pages, thank you so much for your service. I know it is not an easy thing to do but you certainly did a wonderful job. And to the Teller Judges as well, thank you so much for all of your hard work. We appreciate your services. Let us thank them. (Applause) You may take your places in the Grand Chapter room again. Brother Lee Stallings, I invite you to bring us some words of wisdom.

PGP Lee Stallings: We're done. (Yay!) I just want to take a moment to thank the membership for staying with us through all the elections. I want to thank Paul Garner, James Walker and Shane Albrecht who did all the tabulations among other things. Buddy Baker for monitoring the tabulation table. Our Worthy Grand Patron mentioned the Table Monitors and the Judges but we also want to thank the Pages for picking up the ballots and getting them to the tables so we just thank everybody and like I said...we're done.

WGP Trey Smith: Brother Lee, thank you so much for stepping in for us. We appreciate your assistance so much. Brother Paul, another job well done. Thank you my friend. Sisters and Brothers, just so you'll know these Teller and Table Judges handled over 12,000 pieces of paper to make this election happen. I think that's just pretty incredible. (Applause) I also want to thank James Walker and Shane Albrecht for all of your help too. We appreciate you so much. Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron we have some thank you's to do.

WGP Trey Smith: Yes ma'am.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Grand Marshall would you present the members of the Executive and Arrangements Committee in back of Esther's Station. Y'all are going to have to cuddle up and get real close real quick. We're trying to get fast and furious here so get a little closer. You've worked together all these years so...I just want to say outstanding. What a wonderful year. Each one of you have been there each step of the way. We could not have taken this journey without your support. For some of you it was a little bit longer journey as you were there with me from the start. I could go on but I know we have to close soon. Just remember that each one of you are special to me and I thank you very much. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Trey Smith: For anyone who has never served on the Arrangements or Executive Committee you just can't believe what these people do to make a Session like this happen. The work starts so far back before everyone gets here. You performed all of your duties so well. It just could not have been any better to me that what it was. I thank you. You have completed your journey.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Let's show our appreciation for making this Grand Chapter come about. (Applause) Thank you Grand Marshall. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, could you take your Stations while they are making their way out. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the following Sisters and Brothers in back of Esther's Station. Brother Mike Hall, Sister Jettie Ferren, Sister Neva Corbin, Brother Bob Livingston, Sister Shirley Melton, Sister Greta Spradling, Sister Jerre Miller, Sister Becky Thorne, Brother Tom Briscoe, Sister Shelley Walker, and Sister Margie Curry. Tom Briscoe, are you here? If so, please make your way to the West.

WGP Trey Smith: Where is Tom Briscoe?

WGM Jayne Yenger: Well we're going to do this really fast so I'm not going to say a lot of words but you know what you mean, each of you, to the Worthy Grand Patron and myself. So we're going to call some names, we're going to call some states and then have you conducted to the East. Brother Mike Hall, Massachusetts. Sister Shirley Melton, Bolivia. Sister Jettie Ferren, Montana. Sister Neva Corbin, North Carolina. Brother Bob Livingston, you're going to South Dakota. Sister Greta Spradling to British Columbia. Sister Jerre Miller, I hope I can go with you because you are going to Australia. Now I just have a couple of words to say on this one. Sister Becky Thorne, now I've got a whole synopsis about this state and I would love to go because you're not allowed to pump gas in the state of New Jersey. Sister Shelley Walker, we had so much fun in the state of Washington, I knew you and James would want to go back. And Sister Margie Curry I hope I can go with you and I bet the Worthy Grand Patron would want to go too to the state of Mississippi. Now, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort these Sisters and Brothers to the East.

Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress in all our confusion we forgot one. Would you escort Sister Lesa Smith to the East. Would Cindy Briscoe please come to the East please.

WGP Trey Smith: Well Sister Lesa, Honey...I would love to read this to you but I can't. It's in Italian because you're the new Grand Representative to Italy. (Applause) The pin is in the mail.

WGM Jayne Yenger: No the pin is not in the mail. This is our newest Grand Representative Country and they have not come up with a pin yet so we're going to have to make do for a while. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers you will join with me in extending our newest Grand Representatives Grand Honors.

**(Grand Honors Given)
(One rap)**

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room. I now recognize Brother Jim Fentress. Is Jim here, Sister Cheryl? Are there others that would like to join him in the East?

(Pharrell's song "Because I'm Happy" was played)

Brother Jim Fentress: Are we happy? Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron I am Jim Fentress, Executive Committee Chairman for the 133rd Grand Chapter Session in Arlington and I'm still happy to do it! (Applause) As you can see we're happy to have District Three standing and supporting us today. On behalf of Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron-elect and Brother George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron-elect, it's my honor to invite the members of the Organization to attend our 2015 Session at the home of the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys. Our Session will be August 13th though the 15th at the Arlington Convention Center in Arlington, Texas and we would be happy for y'all to join us. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Brother Jim do you want to put that in the form of a motion?

Brother Jim Fentress: I guess I do, yes ma'am. I make a motion that we hold our Grand Chapter Session in Arlington, Texas in 2015.

WGM Jayne Yenger: And I bet there's someone that will second that.

WGP Trey Smith: I second the motion. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers we have a motion and a second to accept the invitation for the 133rd Grand Chapter Session to be held in Arlington, Texas. Do we have any discussion? (No!) All in favor please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Motion carried. (One rap) Sister Associate Grand Matron, do you have any comments?

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and I do want to clear one thing up, I am not older... I am the youngest but we are looking forward to having each and every one of you with us in Arlington for the 133rd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas and we will be Happy to see you there and we are looking forward to it. And when you come, bring a friend. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: And be back here in thirty minutes?

AGM Cheryl Albrecht: No, Worthy Grand Matron if I could take just a minute since we are running far behind. I would like to move installation back. I think we need to move installation back an hour. So the processional will start at 5:30 and the Installation will start at 6:00. Is that right? Okay, nevermind...processional will start at 6:00 and the Installation to start at 6:30. That's an hour later than what the program states. But we need to have time to get changed and maybe if you're lucky grab a cracker and a bottle of water or something because none of us ate while we were in the room, did we? (No). Thank you.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Let's show them how happy and excited we are. (Applause) Thank you. Thank you for that wonderful invitation. Worthy Grand Patron, I give the gavel back to you.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. To the members of Texas, I want to thank you for the privilege and honor of serving you this past year as your Worthy Grand Patron. You continue to inspire me daily and your prayers to get me through this Session were so appreciated. I will be eternally grateful to each one of you. To my chosen family I thank you for your generous words. To my Mom and Dad, you are generous beyond words, I love you and I thank God every day that you made the long haul with me. Lesa, you are the light of my life and my love. I could not have made this journey without you. I love you. Jayne, my Worthy Grand Matron, we are a pair, a pair of what I don't know (Laughter) but we fit together. My wish for you as I've said many times before, Live Well, Love Much and Laugh Often. And I pray that everyone remembers, God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, or sun without rain but he did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears and light for the way. United We Stand. (Standing ovation)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sisters and Brothers I'm just going to say thank you for all your cooperation throughout this Session and remember to have Joy for the Children, Hope for the Future, Belief in our Order and above all Peace for our Nations. Thank you. (Standing ovation).

WGP Trey Smith: Okay, Sisters and Brothers we have election results for the Board of Directors, District Four. Total votes cast 1,409. Needed to elect 705. Am I going too fast? (No) Debi Fincher 1,000. Vicki Hertenberger 409 votes. Sisters and Brothers, you have elected Sister Debi Fincher to serve on the Board of Directors, District Four. Sister Debi do you accept?

Sister Debi Fincher: Worthy Grand Patron it is with deep appreciation and with a humble heart that I will accept this position and do the best of my ability for the good of this Grand Chapter. Thank you. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Okay, Sisters and Brothers we have an election for the Board of Directors, District Two. Total votes cast 1,524. 1,524. Needed to elect 763. 763. Dawn Larson 374. Susan Dormady 1,150. Sister Susan Dormady you have been elected Board of Grand Examiners, District Two.

Sister Susan Dormady: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. It is with a humble heart and thanks to the membership that I do accept. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Okay for the Board of Directors, District Five. (Someone sneezed) Bless you. (Laughter) Total votes cast 1,495. 1,495. Needed to elect 748. 748. Rick Skidd, 606. Carlotta Fairchild, 889. Let's be kind please. Sister Carlotta Fairchild, you have been elected to the Board of Directors, District Five. Do you accept?

Sister Carlotta Fairchild: Worthy Grand Patron, yes I do accept and to my Sisters and Brothers I pledge to perform my duties to the best of my ability. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGP Trey Smith: Okay here's the big one. Not meaning them...the office. (Laughter) For the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Total votes cast 1,623. 1,623. Needed to elect 812. Melissa Hudman 1,005 votes. Sandra Zipp 618. Sisters and Brothers you have elected Melissa Hudman as Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter. (Applause) Sister Melissa.

Sister Melissa Hudman: Thank you and yes Worthy Grand Patron, I do accept and I look forward to working with the great membership of the state of Texas. Thank you.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers that concludes our elections and we do appreciate your patience and all of your support while we went through this process. There are lot of items in Lost and Found. There's like three pages so please go out and check that too before you leave. Please pick up any books that are back there for the Sentimental Journey.

WGM Jayne Yenger: To bring the Benediction for the 132nd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas is Brother David Dibrell, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Patron of Texas.

WGP Trey Smith: Sisters and Brothers please don't leave. We need a quorum to still close the Grand Chapter.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Grand Warder will you see that the doors are secure, please.

GW: (with raps) Brother Grand Sentinel by order of the Worthy Grand Matron you'll please

secure the doors. We need to secure the doors please.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Please allow our Grand Sentinel to close the doors please so we can close this Session. Thank you. Brother David.

PGP David Dibrell: Join with me as we go to the Lord in prayer. Most gracious heavenly Father, author of light and life, as we depart this Session, we pause to thank you for the service of those who have served Grand Chapter this year admirably and with great verve. We also thank you for those that are willing to serve next year. Go with them, guide and direct them and give them wisdom in all that they do so that we may gather again once again in another year. Thank you for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon each family unit. All these things we ask in thy holy name. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Jayne Yenger: We are about to call this 132nd Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and direct that we have no interruptions. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. (Three raps)

(Grand Choir sings “Whispering Hope”)

WGM Jayne Yenger: I now call the *United We Stand* Session of this Grand Chapter from Labor to Rest until 5:00 p.m. tonight at which time we will have our Installation...

WGP Trey Smith: Jayne, 6:00.

WGM Jayne Yenger: 6:00 p.m. I'm sorry...for the Installation of Officers 2014-2015. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel. We'd like to ask the Officers to turn in their badges to the Grand Secretary before you leave this Chapter room.

GW: Brother Grand Sentinel, the *United We Stand* Session of the 132nd Grand Chapter of Texas is called from Labor to Rest.

WGM Jayne Yenger: To this wonderful membership who have contributed their time and efforts for a successful Session, please accept my deepest gratitude. Thank you for staying with us so we could complete our business. Thank you. (One rap)

End of the 132nd Grand Chapter Session

COMPILATIONS

COMPILATION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

ADOPTED AT THE 2013 SESSION, NOW READY FOR THE SECOND VOTE

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: 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. (1) 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.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OUR CONSTITUTION

(To be presented at our 2014 Session to be held in Waco)

(Due for the first reading)

If adopted, shall become effective from and after the adjournment of the 2015 Session of Grand Chapter.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 ARTICLE VII, B, SECTIONS 1-4 ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3 b-d

Whereas, Our Ritual, on page 143, permits for the installation of Grand Trustees;

Whereas, the duties of the Grand Trustees are defined in the ritual as to “exercise a general supervision over the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter and carefully safeguard its funds against loss”;

Whereas, the Grand Trustees are elected and installed Grand Officers and will receive all the right and privileges thereof;

Whereas, the current Board of Directors are not members of the Corporate Board; therefore, the proposed Grand Trustees will NOT be members of the Corporate Board which is composed of the first eight elected Grand Officers, which are Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, and Associate Grand Conductress;

Whereas, the previous Board of Grand Trustees of the Grand Chapter of Texas consisted of 5 members, one from each district;

Whereas, our membership continues to decrease and age, it has become difficult to find members with the knowledge and experience necessary to oversee the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter of Texas and who are willing to commit to 5 years of service;

Therefore be it resolved that Article VII, B, SECTIONS 1 - 4 and Article XI. Section 3, b-d which now read:

ARTICLE VII

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION AND TENURE. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter consisting of ten members, two from each of the five O.E.S. Districts of Texas, and holding office for a term of five years, respectively, one retiring and her or his successor being elected each year. No elected member shall be eligible to succeed herself or himself as a member of said Board of Directors. No one District shall elect more than one member at a time, unless it would be necessary to fill an unexpired term.

SECTION 2. BY WHOM ELECTED. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by Grand Chapter.

SECTION 3. OFFICERS

- a. A Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and such other officers as the Board may desire shall be elected annually by the members of the Board immediately following the election of the members on said Board at that Session of Grand Chapter. The first year, the Chairman shall be from one of the previous Boards, and the Vice-Chairman from the other previous Board. Thereafter, the Board may elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, as they feel necessary. However, none of the three elected officers of the Board shall be from the same District.

- b. The Chairman shall not vote on matters before the Board except to decide a question or break a tie.

SECTION 4. DUTIES.

- a. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. Said Board shall supervise all the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter, consider all requests for appropriations and report thereon, with their recommendations, to Grand Chapter, and shall have such other powers and prerogatives, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Constitution or by law consistent with this Constitution. A detailed report of all funds expended, including the Contingency Funds, shall be made to the Grand Chapter at each Session.
- * b. FUNDS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS. The Board of Directors shall supervise the investments of all funds of the Grand Chapter of Texas including but not limited to the following:
 - (1) O.E.S. Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund – 501(C) (8) (Article 165 Code of Laws.)
 - (2) O.E.S. Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund Sub-Account (See Article 165-A Code of Laws)
 - (3) The Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund – 501(C) (3) Trust Account (See Article 164 Code of Laws)
 - (4) O.E.S. Endowed Membership Trust Fund (See Article 163-A Code of Laws)
 - (5) Mary C. Kennington Scholarship Trust Fund

- c. TRUST AGREEMENT. The Board of Directors is hereby authorized to enter into a Trust Agreement with a Bank or Trust Company, for management of the O.E.S. Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund 501 (C) (8) to establish a fund to be operated and maintained exclusively as a “pooled Income Fund” within the meaning of Section 642 (C) (5) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations there under, and to establish “Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust” within the meaning of Section 664(d) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations there under; and to establish “Charitable Remainder Unitrust” within the meaning of Section 664(d) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations there under, under said Board’s supervision, if, in their opinion they think same to be available and feasible.

- d. **BENEVOLENCES.** The Benevolences of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the following:
- (1) The Eastern Star Home of Texas
 - (2.) Benevolent Fund
 - (3.) Such other undertakings as shall, from time to time, be authorized by the Grand Chapter, provided that no new benevolent undertaking requiring special assessments upon Subordinate Chapters for its support shall ever be authorized by the Grand Chapter, except by amendment of this Constitution in the manner hereinafter provided.
 - (4) The Board of Directors shall have the management and control of The Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund – 501(C) (3) Trust Fund and of the Administration of the Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund, and such other benevolent undertakings not assigned to some other administrative agency, subject to such rules, regulations and restrictions as may be provided in this Constitution or by law, and shall have such other powers and prerogatives and perform such other duties as may be provided by law, consistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws.
- e. **ANNUAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.** The Board of Directors shall make a detailed report to Grand Chapter of the Benevolences under its control, including a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements, and such recommendations as it deems essential to the welfare of the work committed to its care. This Board shall submit a proposed benevolent budget for the coming year including the Benevolent Fund and The Eastern Star Home of Texas – 501(C) (3) Trust Fund.
- * f. **ANNUAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.** The Board of Directors shall make a detailed report to Grand Chapter of the Benevolences under its control, including a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements, and such recommendations as it deems essential to the work committed to its care. This Board shall submit a proposed benevolent budget for the coming year, including the Benevolent Fund, and the care of the O.E.S. residents in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

ARTICLE XI

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

- b. Appropriations of such funds, except as herein provided, can be made by the Grand Chapter only after proposals for such appropriations shall have first been considered and reported upon by the Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter a special agency herein set up for the purpose of supervising all financial affairs of the Grand Chapter; provided, however, that the powers of that agency to make appropriations shall be limited as herein provided. Said Board shall report to Grand Chapter on all items referred to it.
- c. During the vacation of the Grand Chapter, the Board of Directors shall exercise such powers as may be prescribed by law, consistent with this Constitution.
- d. In case of extreme emergency and by the majority vote of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may make appropriation not to exceed \$10,000.00.

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

B. Grand Trustees

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS.

- a. The Grand Trustees shall consist of six (6) members, one (1) from each of the five (5) O.E.S. Districts of Texas and one member from the state at-large.

SECTION 2. HOW ELECTED AND TENURE.

- a. Members of the Grand Trustees shall be elected by Grand Chapter.
- b. The Grand Trustees shall be elected for a term of 3 years. A Grand Trustee may serve no more than two elected terms.
- c. Should a vacancy occur, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any member appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron may be elected for no more than two elected terms.
- d. IMPLEMENTATION. At the Grand Chapter Session following the adoption of the amendment, the following elections will take place:
 - 1. 1 Grand Trustee from District 1 for a 3 year term
 - 2. 1 Grand Trustee from District 2 for a 3 year term
 - 3. 1 Grand Trustee from District 3 for a 2 year term
 - 4. 1 Grand Trustee from District 4 for a 2 year term
 - 5. 1 Grand Trustee from District 5 for a 1 year term
 - 6. 1 Grand Trustee for At-Large for a 1 year term

Any member of the current Board of Directors, may succeed themselves for this election and may serve for no more than two additional elected terms. Those elected in item d. above for less than a full 3 year term (Districts 3,4,5 and at-large), will be eligible to be elected for no more than 2 additional 3 year terms.

SECTION 3. OFFICERS

- a. A Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and such other officers as the Grand Trustees may desire shall be elected annually by the six Grand Trustees immediately following the election of the new Grand Trustees at that Session of Grand Chapter.

Section 4.

SECTION 4. DUTIES.

- a. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. Said Grand Trustees shall supervise all the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter, consider all requests for appropriations and report thereon, with their recommendations, to Grand Chapter, and shall have such other powers and preroga-

tives, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Constitution or by law consistent with this Constitution. A detailed report of all funds expended, including the Contingency Funds, shall be made to the Grand Chapter at each Session.

- *b. FUNDS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS. The Grand Trustees shall supervise the investments of all funds of the Grand Chapter of Texas including but not limited to the following:

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- (4) The Grand Trustees shall have the management and control of The Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund – 501(C) (3) Trust Fund and of the Administration of the Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund, and such other benevolent undertakings not assigned to some other administrative agency, subject to such rules, regulations and restrictions as may be provided in this Constitution or by law, and shall have such other powers and prerogatives and perform such other duties as may be provided by law, consistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws.

- e. ANNUAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. The Grand Trustees shall make a detailed report to Grand Chapter of the Benevolences under its control, including a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements, and such recommendations as it deems essential to the welfare of the work committed to its care. The Grand Trustees

shall submit a proposed benevolent budget for the coming year including the Benevolent Fund and The Eastern Star Home of Texas – 501(C) (3) Trust Fund.

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Article XI

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

- b. Appropriations of such funds, except as herein provided, can be made by the Grand Chapter only after proposals for such appropriations shall have first been considered and reported upon by the Grand Trustees of the Grand Chapter a special agency herein set up for the purpose of supervising all financial affairs of the Grand Chapter; provided, however, that the powers of that agency to make appropriations shall be limited as herein provided. Said Board shall report to Grand Chapter on all items referred to it.
- c. During the vacation of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Trustees shall exercise such powers as may be prescribed by law, consistent with this Constitution.
- d. In case of extreme emergency and by the majority vote of the Grand Trustees, the Grand Trustees may make appropriation not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.
Alma Lynn Bane
Vi Griffin

Henry S. Martin
John Creel

Mary Ruth White
David Dibrell

AMENDMENT NO.2

ARTICLE X Section 1. Grand Chapter Sessions and Matters related thereto. Page 39

WHEREAS August is a high tourism season and hotels are at their premium price and, WHEREAS, August is the busiest time for all educators preparing for the beginning of the school year and, WHEREAS, the first Thursday in August is usually booked for other activities and,

WHEREAS, August is usually the hottest month of the year and our older members are dealing with the heat issues.

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

SECTION 1. STATED SESSIONS. The Grand Chapter, except as hereinafter provided, shall meet in one Stated Session each year, the Ceremonial opening beginning at 1:00 o'clock P. M. on the first Thursday in August, at such place as the Grand Chapter may select, COMMENCING with the 2005 Session.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 1. STATED SESSIONS. The Grand Chapter, except as hereinafter provided, shall meet in one Stated Session each year, the Ceremonial opening beginning at 1:00 o'clock P.M. on Thursday in the month of October at such place as the Grand Chapter may select COMMENCING with the 2017 Session.

Karen Kidd	Trey Smith
Margie Curry	Jayne Yenger
Jo Ann Snow	Mary Bowst
Bess Caldwell	Faye Murphy

**AMENDMENT NO. 3,
CODE OF LAWS CHAPTER 2, ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS, page 51-52**

ARTICLE 3. ELECTIONEERING. Any person being a candidate for office in the Grand Chapter shall abide by the following:

WHEREAS, the code of Laws limits what information: "Any person being a candidate for office in the Grand Chapter shall abide by the following: "can inform the general membership as to her/his desire to be a candidate.

WHEREAS, much discussion about qualifications (especially for the Board of Directors) occurred during the 2013 Grand Chapter Session, we believe that many other persons desire to be informed of the qualifications for the office to which the person desires to be elected.

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 3. ELECTIONEERING. Any person being a candidate for office in this Grand Chapter shall abide by the following:

- *a. Each candidate may place an announcement of such candidacy in the Official Bulletin and one time only during the Grand Chapter year, specifying the office for which she/he is to be nominated. Such announcement shall not exceed one page in length and shall include a picture of the member, and resume of her/his Eastern Star Service, both in Subordinate and Grand Chapter, arranged chronologically, giving year of service and appointment, together with her/his education and employment history only. The cost of such Bulletin announcement shall be borne by the member to be nominated. A similar announcement may also be placed in the Advanced Annual Report at the same cost as a comparable announcement in the Official Bulletin.

(Explanation of change: the word "only" at the end of the second sentence in the 7th line of page 52 be OMITTED and insert the following sentence. "A resume of her/his qualifications for the office also be included in the announcement in the Official Bulletin

and Advanced Annual Report.”)

THEREFORE BE AMENDED TO READ:

- *a. Each candidate may place an announcement of such candidacy in the Official Bulletin and one time only during the Grand Chapter year, specifying the office for which she/he is to be nominated. Such announcement shall not exceed one page in length and shall include a picture of the member, and resume of her/his Eastern Star Service, both in Subordinate and Grand Chapter, arranged chronologically, giving year of service and appointment, together with her/his education and employment history. A resume of her/his qualifications for the office should also be included in the Official Bulletin and Advanced Annual Report. The cost of such Bulletin announcement shall be borne by the member to be nominated. A similar announcement may also be placed in the Advanced Annual Report at the same cost as a comparable announcement in the Official Bulletin

Subparagraphs: b, c, d and e will remain the same.

Respectively submitted,

Richard Ochs
Barbara Ochs

**AMENDMENT NO. 4,
CODE OF LAWS CHAPTER 10, GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS, PAGE 106 ARTICLE 152-F
DUTIES**

WHEREAS Our Code of Laws contain no guidelines or instructions with regard to Receiving a grievance or appeal, and

WHEREAS Grievances or appeals not received prior to the opening of Grand Chapter do not allow the appointed Grievances and Appeals Committee time to properly perform their duties as outlined, and Therefore,

We propose the following amendment to Chapter Ten, Article 152F of the Code of Laws which now reads:

ARTICLE 152-F DUTIES: The Committee on Grievances and Appeals shall consider all matters of controversy or grievance coming before Grand Chapter by appeal or in reports by the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron, or referred to it by Grand Chapter, including the matters of suspended officers and arrested Charters and Suspensions, and make recommendations thereon to the Grand Chapter.

- a. In all such matters, it shall have the right to hear and consider both oral and written testimony.
- b. An interested party shall be disqualified to act upon this Committee in her or his own particular case.
- c. An interested party may challenge for bias or prejudice or personal interest any member of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, and such challenge shall be heard and determined by the Grand Chapter. If the challenge is sustained by the Grand Chapter, such

member shall not participate in the proceedings respecting the matter out of which the challenge originated. In such case, the Presiding Officer of Grand Chapter shall appoint, from the members of Grand Chapter present, a substitute in that particular matter for the member of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals so disqualified by such challenge. If the challenge is not sustained by Grand Chapter, such member shall have the right to participate in the hearing on the matter in which the challenge originated.

BE AMENDED BY ADDING:

d. Any matter to come before the Committee by appeal must be received in writing by the Chairman of the Grievances and Appeals Committee and the Worthy Grand Matron at least 30 days prior to the opening of Grand Chapter. The document must be dated, state specifically the content of the appeal and the desired action as a result of the appeal and be signed by the member filing the appeal.

Vi Griffin	Lorrie Owens
Marlene Scholari	Thomas F. Griffin
Nancy Brown	Joyce Gilbert
Jean Hobbs	David Ouellette
Henry S. Martin	

AMENDMENT NO.5
CODE OF LAWS ARTICLE 157. PARLIAMENTARY USAGE FOR GRAND CHAPTER
(ALSO FOR SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.) Page 118, 119

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas is to be governed by Parliamentary Procedure as may be prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas shall have authority to make such laws, rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the “good of the Order” in the Grand Jurisdiction; and WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas shall be composed of Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons or their appointed representatives as well as Past Matrons and Past Patrons who act as the governing body of the Grand Chapter hearing and acting upon all legislation; and

WHEREAS, our Code of Laws allows for any and all laws to be amended as needed for clarification or for the betterment of the Order; and

WHEREAS, full reports and documentations are required to be given by our presiding officers; and

WHEREAS, any decisions made by our presiding officers have the force of law until the Grand Chapter Session where they are voted and passed by the Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Article 157f, page 118 states “refer to a Committee” is decided without debate; and

WHEREAS, Article 157 I, Page 119 states that any member may appeal from the decision of the chair and said decision may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present; and

WHEREAS, Article 157S, Page 119 states that the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall be the parliamentary authority for the Grand Chapter and shall govern the proceedings of the Grand Chapter in cases not covered by the Constitution and Code of Laws of this Grand Chapter;

WHEREAS, at the last Grand Chapter session in Arlington, Texas, a very serious situation occurred where two members of the Board of Directors were removed, a third member resigned, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas resigned from the Jurisprudence Committee, the membership was not allowed to be given the opportunity for justification or explanation of actions taken:

We, the undersigned wish to amend, Article 157 f,

WHICH NOW READS:

f. Undebatable Motions. A motion to reconsider, refer to a Committee, for the order of the day, for division of the question, for the previous question, to lay on the table, to call off, and to proceed to close shall be decided without debate. A motion to reconsider must be proposed by some one who voted on the prevailing side, and on the day on which the vote was taken, or on the next succeeding day. (In Subordinate Chapter, it must be made at the same session.)

BE AMENDED TO READ by adding the following in parenthesis after refer to a Committee:

f. Undebatable Motions. A motion to reconsider, refer to a Committee (unless it is of such serious nature that Grand Chapter needs to be made aware of the circumstances surrounding actions taken in the report BEFORE it is referred to a Committee and after hearing all documentation, that the Grand Chapter be allowed to vote by two-thirds majority as to whether the report be accepted or declined.

Yvonne Brownfield	Michele K. Hebert	Darrell Bryan
Robert Brownfield	Billie Walker	Carolyn Black
Lillian Furrie	Brenda Whitehead	Linda Starr
Louise Carmichael	Larry F. Whitehead	Walter Starr
Ann Kelly	Sue Johnson	Johnnie Faye Morris
Bess Caldwell	Suzanne Fitts	Dale W. Eldredge
Karen Kidd	Ruby Havard	Bobbie Williams
Jack W. Guy	Janice Wilroy	Amanda Duckworth
Linda Guy	Joe Wilroy	Sue Saunders
Barbara Cockerell	Joice Fae Pittman	Jerry D. Saunders
Betty Scruggs	Wm. C. Richardson	Elizabeth Wise
Dorothy High	Delois Richardson	Herman A. “Sunny” Wise
Dorothy Graham	Travis Havard	Sandy McMillan
Clyde B. Kelly	Sissy Fults	Ruby Langley
(Pattie) Natalie Kelly	Jackie Sue Smith	Brenda McDaniel
Helen Odom	Laurette Henry	James D. McMillan
Saralee Kersten	Rhonda Beamesderfer	John Brian
Joyce Boggs	Ken Beamesderfer	Sue Burt
Diane Lackey	Sylvia Ferguson	Frankie Johnson
Charles High	Suellen Abbot	Helen Ainsworth
Jimmy Hevron	Nell Thornton	Mary Spell

Helen Odom	Carolyn Humphreyks	Faye Cuniff
Jimmie Hail	Ernestine Bryan	Annette Clark
Judy Carrier	Elizabeth Warren	Sadie Jones
Mary Wells	Gene T. Baker	Steve Tucker
Doris Harkness	John Thomas Jones	Irene Duckworth
Sophie Londerman	George E. Hamilton	Iva Lee Hamilton
Jane Lenderman	Kelly Fondille	Sylvia Barr
Linda Bryant	Sandy Feazearl	Susan Williams
Jamie Williams	Mary Calvert	Marsha Currey
Bert Knisley	Debra Mulholland	Nelson Campbell
Helen Milner	Robert Cagley	Georgia Campbell
Marie Seets	Charles Seets	Donna Ott
Floyd Hall		

**AMENDMENT NO. 6,
CODE OF LAWS CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 159. REVENUES, page 120**

WHEREAS, the majority of the Grand Chapter monetary funds are permanently secured against the expenditure of principal capital,

WHEREAS, the membership has declined drastically over the past several years,

WHEREAS, the investment environment has become stagnate, as well as the revenues generated by royalties which have also declined,

WHEREAS, the Per Capita Assessment has not been raised since 1999,

WHEREAS, the Per Capita Assessment was lowered in 2006 by \$2.00 to its current rate of \$9.00,

WHEREAS, the funds available to provide care for our Ladies residing in TMRC is in serious decline,

WHEREAS, the funds for the Benevolent Fund are in decline,

WHEREAS, General Grand Chapter delegates assessed \$1.00 per member, per year of the General Fund during the Triennium Session of MWGM Rasmussen,

WHEREAS, Grand Chapter of Texas did not increase the per capita by this \$1.00 assessment,

WHEREAS, the cost of doing business on a daily basis has placed a strain on the General Fund,

It is proposed that Article 159, Paragraph (a), Subparagraph (1)-(3) be amended as follows:

WHICH NOW READS; Article 159. Revenues

- a. The Per Capita assessment shall be \$9.00 with distribution as follows:
 - 1. \$3.00 (three dollars) to the General Fund
 - 2. \$5.00 (five dollars) to the Eastern Star Home of Texas (501c3 Trust Fund)
 - 3. \$1.00 (one dollar) to the Benevolent Fund

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Article 159. Revenues

- a. The Per Capita assessment shall be \$15.00 with distribution as follows:
 - 1. \$5.00 (five dollars) to the General Fund
 - 2. \$1.00 (one dollar) to General Grand Chapter
 - 3. \$7.00 (seven dollars) to the Eastern Star Home of Texas (501c3 Trust Fund)
 - 4. \$2.00 (two dollars) to the Benevolent Fund

Deborah Land
Mickie Campbell

Ray Hargis
David Ouellette

Gerry Sturtz
Jean Hobbs

This document is for Information purposes only. It is intended to inform the Membership of the LOSS of members and per-capita income. It is not part of this Amendment

Per Capita ends with annual reports from Chapters on May 31st of each year.

Per Capita was \$11.00 distributed as follows:

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Gen Fund</u> \$3.40	<u>Gen Grand</u> \$0.10	<u>Ladies Fund</u> \$6.00	<u>Bene Aid</u> \$1.50
2001-2002	53,631	\$182,345.00	\$5,363.00	\$321,786.00	\$80,447.00
2002-2003	50,659	\$172,241.00	\$5,066.00	\$303,954.00	\$75,988.00
2003-2004	47,256	\$160,670.00	\$4,796.00	\$283,536.00	\$70,884.00
2004-2005	45,615	\$155,091.00	\$4,561.50	\$273,690.00	\$68,422.50

Per Capita was decreased by \$2.00 making Per Capita \$9.00 distributed as follows:

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Gen Fund</u> \$2.00	<u>Gen Grand</u> \$1.00	<u>Ladies Fund</u> \$5.00	<u>Bene Aid</u> \$1.00
2005-2006	43003	\$86,006.00	\$43,003.00	\$215,015.00	\$43,003.00
2006-2007	40910	\$81,820.00	\$40,910.00	\$204,550.00	\$40,910.00
2007-2008	39365	\$78,730.00	\$39,365.00	\$196,825.00	\$39,365.00
2008-2009	37489	\$74,978.00	\$37,489.00	\$187,445.00	\$37,489.00
2009-2010	35371	\$70,742.00	\$35,371.00	\$176,855.00	\$35,371.00
2010-2011	33841	\$67,682.00	\$33,841.00	\$169,205.00	\$33,841.00
2011-2012	32110	\$64,220.00	\$32,110.00	\$160,550.00	\$32,110.00
2012-2013	30380	\$60,760.00	\$30,380.00	\$151,900.00	\$30,380.00
2013-2014	28814	\$57,628.00	\$28,814.00	\$144,070.00	\$28,814.00

Proposal to increase Per Capita \$6.00 for a total Per Capita of \$15.00 to be distributed as follows:

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Gen Fund</u> \$5.00	<u>Gen Grand</u> \$1.00	<u>Ladies Fund</u> \$7.00	<u>Bene Aid</u> \$2.00
Estimated 2014-2015	30,000	\$150,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$60,000.00

AMENDMENT NO. 7
CODE OF LAWS DIVISION 5, CHAPTER 7, THE BALLOT, Article 220, page 162

WHEREAS, at the Grand Chapter Session held in August, 2013, an Amendment was passed by the membership changing the wording of Article 218, and

WHEREAS, the wording as it now stands for the following Article under Division 5, Chapter 7, The Ballot, is in conflict with the Amendment previously passed during the 2013 Session of Grand Chapter.

THEREFORE, we propose that ARTICLE 220 WHICH NOW READS:

DEGREES Article 220. DECLARATION OF THE BALLOT. Note: Use proper titles and pronouns in the blanks. W.M. "Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot upon the petition for the degrees _____. The report of the Committee is favorable (or unfavorable). Remember, the white balls elect and the black cubes reject. Be careful how you ballot. Only members of this Chapter may ballot upon this petition, and all members of this Chapter who are present are required to ballot. Sister Associate Conductress, you will prepare the ballot-box." ...

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

DEGREES Article 220. DECLARATION OF THE BALLOT Note: Use proper titles and pronouns in the blanks W.M. - "Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot upon the petition for the degrees _____. The report of the Committee is favorable (or unfavorable.)

Remember, the white balls elect and the black cubes reject. Be careful how you ballot. All members of this Chapter, when present in the Chapter room at the time of balloting are entitled to vote on the candidate(s) for the degrees. Sister Associate Conductress, you will prepare the ballot-box." ...

Deborah Land
Tava Smith

Chris Puckett
Marlene Scholari

AMENDMENT NO. 8
CODE OF LAWS DIVISION 5, CHAPTER 7, THE BALLOT,
Article 221, page 162-163

WHEREAS, at the Grand Chapter Session held in August, 2013, an Amendment was passed by the membership changing the wording of Article 218, and;

WHEREAS, the wording as it now stands for the following Article under Division 5, Chapter 7, the Ballot, is in conflict with the Amendment previously passed during the 2013 Session of Grand Chapter.

THEREFORE, we propose that ARTICLE 221 WHICH NOW READS:

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION Article 221. DECLARATION OF THE BALLOT.

W.M. "Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot upon the petition for Waiver of Jurisdiction from the Grand Jurisdiction of _____ in case of _____ who desires to make application to that Grand Jurisdiction for the degrees of the Order The report of the Committee is favorable (or unfavorable.) Remember, the white balls grant and the black cubes refuse the waiver. Be careful how you ballot. Only members of this Chapter may ballot upon this petition, and all members of this chapter who are present are required to ballot. Sister Associate Conductress, you will prepare the ballot box." ...

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS;

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION Article 221. DECLARATION OF THE BALLOT.

W.M. "Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot upon the petition for Waiver of Jurisdiction from the Grand Jurisdiction of _____ in case of _____ who desires to make application to that Grand Jurisdiction for the degrees of the Order. The report of the Committee is favorable (or unfavorable). Remember, the white balls grant and the black cubes refuse the waiver Be careful how you ballot. All members of this Chapter, when present in the Chapter room at the time of balloting are entitled to vote on the Waiver of Jurisdiction. Sister Associate Conductress, you will prepare the ballot-box." ...

Deborah Land
Tava Smith

Chris Puckett
Marlene Scholari

**AMENDMENT NO. 9,
CODE OF LAWS DIVISION 5, CHAPTER 7, THE BALLOT,
Article 222, page 163**

WHICH NOW READS:

AFFILIATION BY TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP
OR BY DEMIT

Article 222. DECLARATION OF THE BALLOT.

W.M. - "Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot upon the petition for affiliation By TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP (OR BY DEMIT) of Sister (or Brother) _____. The report of the Committee is favorable (or unfavorable.) Remember, the white balls elect and the black cubes reject. Be careful how you ballot. Only members of this Chapter may ballot upon this petition, and all members of this Chapter who are present are required to ballot. Sister Associate Conductress, you will Prepare the ballot-box." ...

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

AFFILIATION BY TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 222. DECLARATION OF THE BALLOT.

W.M. - "Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot upon the petition for affiliation By TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP (OR BY DEMIT) of Sister (or Brother) _____. The report of the Committee is favorable (or unfavorable.) Remember, the white balls elect

and the black cubes reject. Be careful how you ballot. All members of this Chapter, when present in the Chapter room at the time of balloting are entitled to vote on the Affiliation by Transfer of Membership (or by Demit). Sister Associate Conductress, you will prepare the ballot-box.”...

Deborah Land
Tava Smith

Chris Puckett
Marlene Scholari

**AMENDMENT NO. 10 CODE OF LAWS
DIVISION 5, CHAPTER 7, THE BALLOT,
Article 223 a. page 163-164**

WHEREAS, at the Grand Chapter Session held in August, 2013, an Amendment was passed by the membership changing the wording of Article 218, and;

WHEREAS, the wording as it now stands for the following Article under Division 5, Chapter 7, The Ballot, is in conflict with the Amendment previously passed during the 2013 Session of Grand Chapter.

THEREFORE, we propose that ARTICLE 223a WHICH NOW READS:

REINSTATEMENT Article 223. DECLARATION OF THE BALLOT

A. REINSTATEMENT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

W.M.. - “Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot upon the Petition for Reinstatement of our suspended member, Sister (or Brother) _____. The report of the Committee is favorable (or unfavorable.) Remember, the white balls grant reinstatement, and the black cubes refuse reinstatement. Be careful how you ballot. Only members of this Chapter may ballot upon this request, and all members of this Chapter who are present are required to ballot. Reinstatement is granted by a favorable vote of TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY of members present. Sister Associate Conductress, you will prepare the ballot-box”...

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS;

REINSTATEMENT Article 223. DECLARATION OF THE BALLOT

A. REINSTATEMENT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

W.M. - “Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot upon the Petition for Reinstatement of our suspended member, Sister(or Brother) _____. The report of the Committee is favorable (or unfavorable.) Remember, the white balls grant reinstatement, and the black cubes refuse reinstatement. Be careful how you ballot. All members of this Chapter, when present in the Chapter room at the time of balloting are entitled to vote on the Petition for Reinstatement. Reinstatement is granted by a favorable vote of TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY of members present. Sister Associate Conductress, you will prepare the ballot-box.”...

Deborah Land
Tava Smith

Chris Puckett
Marlene Scholari

AMENDMENT NO. 11,

**CODE OF LAWS DIVISION 5, CHAPTER 7, THE BALLOT,
Article 223 b., page 164**

WHEREAS, at the Grand Chapter Session held in August, 2013, an Amendment was passed by the membership changing the wording of Article 218, and:

WHEREAS, the wording as it now stands for the following Article under Division 5, Chapter 7, The Ballot, is in conflict with the Amendment previously passed during the 2013 Session of Grand Chapter.

THEREFORE, we propose that ARTICLE 223b WHICH NOW READS;

REINSTATEMENT Article 223. DECLARATION OF THE BALLOT.

B. REINSTATEMENT FOR OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

W.M. "Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot upon the Petition for reinstatement of our suspended member, Sister(or Brother) _____. The report of the Committee is favorable (or unfavorable.) Remember, the white balls grant reinstatement, and the black cubes refuse reinstatement. Be careful how you ballot. Only members of this Chapter may ballot upon this request, and all members of this Chapter who are present are required to ballot. Reinstatement requires a UNANIMOUS VOTE of members present. Sister Associate Conductress, you will prepare the ballot-box."

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS;

REINSTATEMENT Article 223. DECLARATION OF BALLOT

B. REINSTATEMENT FOR OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

W.M. - "Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot upon the Petition for reinstatement of our suspended member, Sister (or Brother) _____. The report of the Committee is favorable (or unfavorable). Remember, the white balls grant reinstatement, and the black cubes refuse reinstatement. Be careful how you ballot. All members of this Chapter, when present in the Chapter room at the time of balloting are entitled to vote on the Petition for Reinstatement. Reinstatement requires a UNANIMOUS VOTE of members present. Sister Associate Conductress, you will prepare the ballot-box.

Deborah Land
Tava Smith

Chris Puckett
Marlene Scholari

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Texas own Past Grand Matron, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, was elected Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the 46th Triennial Assembly and in Fort Worth, Texas at the 47th Triennial Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this place of service is an honor for the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, the right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter is elected at each Triennial Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Sister Alma Lynn Bane does not desire to be re-elected to serve as the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Sister Alma Lynn Bane desires to serve as Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter for 2015 - 2024 by election to a Nine Year Term for that office; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association have voted to support Sister Alma Lynn Bane for election to Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter.

THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

The Grand Chapter of Texas support and nominate Sister Alma Lynn Bane for election to the position of Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter at the 2015 General Grand Chapter 48th Triennial Assembly to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Nicklas, PGM

Bill Wyatt, PGP

Elise B. Hammack, PGM

Mary Ruth White, PGM

Richard Ochs, PGP

Naomi Wolfe, PGM

Vi Griffin, PGM

Nancy Brown, PGM

Sharon Fentress, PGM

David B. Dibrell, PGP

Jimmie Lee McMahon, PGM

Henry S. Martin, PGP

Doris J. Hester, PGM

Nelson Campbell, PGP

Karen Morgenthaler, PGM

K. Drescher, Jr. PGP

Glenn Whitaker, PGP

Bess Caldwell, PGM

DIVISION VI FORMS AND CEREMONIES
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WHEREAS, a complete and thorough investigation prior to balloting on a candidate or members for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

WHEREAS, a new form to assist those chapters who need a courtesy investigation by another Chapter in Texas.

WHEREAS, to circle the one that applies to their petition with signatures of the committee with the seal of the chapter performing the investigation.

(See attached form on next page)

Respectfully submitted

Marlene Scholari

Tava Smith

Charlotte Beall

Jane Pyle

Grand Chapter of Texas – Order of the Eastern Star

COURTESY INVESTIGATION

For

Petition for Degrees Demit Transfer Dual/Plural Reinstatement
(Circle the one that applies)

The Committee to whom the name of _____
was referred, has made the necessary and proper inquiries touching the qualifications,
eligibility, character and standing of the petitioner and his/her fitness to the Order. The
undersigned Committee reports favorable / not favorable for his/her admission hereto.
Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

Investigating Committee:

Chairman

Chapter Seal

_____ Chapter No. _____
Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

Signed:

Secretary

Form 107-S

DIVISION VI FORMS AND CEREMONIES
page 191 Form 141-S2 Petition for Dual/Plural From Other Grand Jurisdiction

WHEREAS, the adoption of plural membership at the last Grand Chapter Session in Texas 2013

WHEREAS, no forms were available to accommodate the Dual or Plural members from other Grand Jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, this will allow members from another Grand Jurisdiction to become members in Texas by the appropriate petition.

(See attached form on next page)

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Scholari
Tava Smith

Charlotte Beall
Jane Pyle

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS

PETITION FOR DUAL/PLURAL MEMBERSHIP FROM OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of _____ Chapter No. _____ of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

I, _____, solicit affiliation with your Chapter.

If the petition be granted, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to the laws of your Chapter. This petition is accompanied by my CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING from _____ Chapter No. _____ under the Grand Jurisdiction of _____ of which I am a member in good standing.

I have visited this chapter within the preceding twelve months.

I have resided within the State of Texas three (3) months, or the Jurisdiction of _____ for three (3) months.

Do you belong to any order or organization making membership in the Order of the Eastern Star a requisite for membership there? _____

If so, give the name of such organization _____.

I understand and agree that Annual Dues must be paid in both the Parent Chapter to which I belong as well as in the Chapter in which I now seek Dual/Plural Membership. A member holding Dual/Plural Membership who is suspended for non-payment of Dues in the Parent Chapter will ALSO be suspended in the Dual/Plural Chapter. If suspended from Dual/Plural Chapter for non-payment of Dues, the suspension would not affect the Parent Chapter.

Recommended by: _____

Signed: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Date: _____, 20 _____

If the petitioner is a Brother, the following must be filled in:

I am a member in good standing of _____ Lodge No. _____ A.F. & A.M., located at _____.

Notice: Name and address of the Secretary of the members Chapter must be designated below at the time of filing Petition of Dual/Plural Membership.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

_____, 20 _____

_____ members of this Committee have visited and conversed with the petitioner since said petition was referred. She / He is eligible. The Committee reports _____.

Signed: _____

NOTICE TO CHAPTER OF DUAL/PLURAL MEMBERSHIP

_____, 20 _____

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of _____ Chapter No. _____ O.E.S., State of _____ Secretary _____

Notice is hereby given you that _____ a member of your Chapter, has applied to _____ Chapter No. _____ O.E.S., _____, Texas for dual/plural membership in said Chapter, and said application has been acted upon favorably by Said Chapter.

On _____, 20 _____. She / He became a dual/plural member of this Chapter.

_____, Secretary
_____ Chapter No. _____

(SEAL)

Form 141-S2

The One Hundred Thirty-Third
Installation of Grand Officers
2014-2015
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star



Waco Convention Center
Waco Texas
Saturday, August 9, 2014
5:30 P.M.

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. George Gwaltney
Worthy Grand Patron

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

Presents

*The One Hundred Thirty-Third
Installation of Grand Officers
2014-2015*

“Friends Always Near”

*Waco Convention Center
Waco, Texas
Saturday, August 9, 2014*

*Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht Mr. George Gwaltney
Worthy Grand Matron Worthy Grand Patron*

Honored Guests

Mrs. Jayne Yenger and
Worthy Grand Matron
2013-2014

Mr. Trey Smith
Worthy Grand Patron
2013-2014

General Grand Chapter Officers in Texas

Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Mr. Henry Martin
Right Worthy Grand Sentinel

*General Grand Chapter Committee
Members in Texas*

Mrs. Vi Griffin
Public Relations

Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
Support our Military

Mr. Nelson Campbell
Cancer

Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Heart

Mr. Jerry Martin
Scottish Rite Charities

Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt
Shrine Charities

*General Grand Chapter Special
Appointments In Texas*

Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the MWGM in Mexico

Betty Benham, Bobbi's Forever Friend

Janice Herridge, Bobbi's Forever Friend

H. Lee Stallings, John's Matador

K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., John's Matador

Past Grand Matrons of Texas

Mrs. Patricia Major Neinest
Mrs. Beulah Speer
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham
Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe
Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Mrs. Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek
Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Mrs. Annette Curry

Mrs. Elise B. Hammack
Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Dr. Effie Mae Davis
Mrs. Alma Carter
Mrs. Betty Y. Friend
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan
Mrs. Doris J. Hester
Mrs. Nancy Brown
Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Mrs. Jayne Yenger

Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Mr. Murray Watson
Mr. Kenneth Gregory
Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker
Mr. Ed Warner
Mr. Jerry Trees
Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.
Mr. William A. "Bill" Crews

Mr. Richard Ochs
Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Mr. Harold Trammell
Mr. John Creel
Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Mr. David B. Dibrell
Mr. Trey Smith

***Note to all Honored and Distinguished Guests—
please be in the West at 5:00 P.M. You will be presented
in the Processional through the Labyrinth
to your place of Honor.***

Distinguished Guests

General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees

*Present and Past Grand Matrons and Present and Past
Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions*

Visiting Grand Officers

Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter

*Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron
and the Most Worthy Grand Patron*

Most Worshipful Jerry L. Martin,

Most Worshipful Grand Master

And

Right Worshipful Michael Wiggins

Deputy Grand Master

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

*Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Nature
and Supreme Liaison to Mexico
and*

*Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls*

*Miss Allison Frazee, Grand Worthy Advisor
Grand Assembly of Texas
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls*

*Mr. Michael L. Sampson
Personal Representative of the Grand Master of
DeMolay for the State of Texas*

State Master Councilor, DeMolay in Texas

Special Guests

Worthy Grand Matron-Elect's Family

Worthy Grand Patron-Elect's Family

Crescent Chapter #820

Schertz Chapter #911

Installation Program
5:00 P.M.

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Trish Henderson
South Fort Worth Chapter #835

Processional
5:30 P.M.

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, GGC
Past Grand Matron

Processional Grand Marshal

Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
Support Our Military Committee, GGC
Past Grand Matron

Call to Order

Mrs. Jayne Yenger
Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Trey Smith
Worthy Grand Patron

General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees

*Present and Past Grand Matrons and
Present and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions*

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

*Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron
and the Most Worthy Grand Patron*

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas and Other Masonic Dignitaries

Distinguished Guests of other Fraternal Organizations

State Presiding Officers of other Fraternal Organizations

*Presentation of the 2014-2015 Board Members
Board of Grand Examiners*

Mrs. Carolyn Martin District 1
Escorted by Mr. Henry Martin

Mrs. _____ District 2
Escorted by Mr. _____

Mrs. Donna Noe District 3
Escorted by Mr. Dan Noe

Mrs. Terri Rozell District 4
Escorted by Mr. Paul Halpin

Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson District 5
Escorted by Mr. Victor Christenson

Mrs. Laura Sharp Grand Examiner at Large
Escorted by Mr. Richard Sharp

Board of Directors

Mrs. Becky Austin District 1
Escorted by Mr. Don Austin

Mr. Ray Hargis District 1
Escorted by Mrs. Linda Hargis

Mrs. Audri Rowell District 2
Escorted by Mr. Don Reynolds

Mrs. Deborah Land District 2
Escorted by Mr. Allen Rodgers

Mrs. Jean Hobbs District 3
Escorted by Mr. Bruce Hobbs

_____ District 3
Escorted by _____

Mrs. Gerry Sturtz District 4
Escorted by Mr. William J. "Bill" Sturtz

_____ District 4
Escorted by _____

Mr. David Ouellette District 5
Escorted by Ms. Gayle Adams

_____ District 5
Escorted by _____

Presentation of 2014-2015 Grand Officers

Mrs. Kaye Swain Escorted by Mr. Ron Mietzner	Fraternal Correspondent
Mr. R. W. "Bob" Royall Escorted by Mrs. Mary Frances Royall	Grand Sentinel
Mr. Darrell Albrecht Escorted by Mrs. Jennifer Hughes	Grand Warder
Mrs. Barbara Grant-Scott Escorted by Mr. Melton Wright	Grand Electa
Mrs. Laverne Hadley Escorted by Mr. Wayne Hadley	Grand Martha
Mrs. Nannette Gwaltney Escorted by Mr. Jason Brandt	Grand Esther
Mrs. Cindy Echols Escorted by Mr. Tommy Echols	Grand Ruth
Mrs. Elaine Rowland Escorted by Mr. William "Bill" Rowland	Grand Adah
Mr. Daniel Caldwell Escorted by Mrs. Kristi Bridgewater	Grand Organist
Mrs. Loretta Booth Escorted by Mr. William "Bill" Booth	Grand Marshal

Mrs. Norma Phillips Grand Chaplain
Escorted by Mr. Dwight Phillips

Mrs. _____ Associate Grand Conductress
Escorted by Mr. _____

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer Grand Conductress
Escorted by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer

Mrs. Lorrie Owens Grand Treasurer
Escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens

Mrs. Marlene Scholari Grand Secretary
Escorted by Mr. Joseph Scholari

Mr. William "Billy" Clabaugh Associate Grand Patron
Escorted by Mrs. Jane Clabaugh

Mrs. Jerre Lucas Associate Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock

Mr. George Gwaltney Worthy Grand Patron
Escorted by Mrs. Marion "Meg" Kutac

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht Worthy Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. Nicklas Albrecht

Star Point Presentation

<i>Narrator</i>	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe Past Grand Matron
<i>Adah</i>	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon Past Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron
<i>Ruth</i>	Mrs. Betty Benham Bobbi's Forever Friend, GGC and Past Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron
<i>Esther</i>	Mrs. Annette Curry Past Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Bill Crews, Past Grand Patron
<i>Martha</i>	Mrs. Mary Ruth White Past Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., John's Matadors, GGC and Past Grand Patron
<i>Electa</i>	Mrs. Doris Hester Past Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Jack Guy, Past Grand Patron

Presentation of the Bible

Mr. David Albrecht

Presentation of the Bible Marker

Mr. Kevin Albrecht

Presentation of the Square & Compasses

Mr. Shane Albrecht

Flag Presentation

Narrator

Mr. Bill Wyatt
Shrine Charities Committee, GGC
Past Grand Patron

United States

Mr. H. Lee Stallings
John's Matador, GGC
Past Grand Patron

Canadian

Mr. Ed Warner
Past Grand Patron

Texas

Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker
Past Grand Patron

Christian

Mr. Nelson Campbell
Cancer Committee, GGC
Past Grand Patron

Eastern Star

Mr. Henry Martin
Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, GGC
Past Grand Patron

Masonic

Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Scottish Rite Charities Committee, GGC
Past Grand Patron

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Richard Ochs
Past Grand Patron

National Anthem

In Unison

Opening of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Jerre Lucas
Grand Conductress

Invocation

Mrs. Nancy Brown
Past Grand Matron

Presentation of Installing Grand Officers

Installing Grand Officer

Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Past Grand Matron

Assisting Installing Grand Officer

Mr. Jerry Trees
Past Grand Patron

Installing Grand Chaplain

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary, GGC
Past Grand Matron

Installing Grand Marshal

Mrs. Vi Griffin
Public Relations Committee, GGC
Past Grand Matron

Installing Grand Organist

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Past Grand Matron

Installing Grand Secretary Pro-Tem

Mrs. Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron

Installation of Grand Officers

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

Greetings

Mr. Michael Wiggins
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM

Greetings

Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM

Greetings

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

Greetings

Mr. Michael L. Sampson
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Greetings

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Supreme Nature & Supreme Liaison to Mexico
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Mrs. JoAnn Weaver
Supreme Deputy in Texas
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Presentation of Rainbow Bibles

Miss Allison Frazee
Grand Worthy Advisor
And
Rainbow Girls of Texas
Grand Assembly of Texas
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Presentations

Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel

Mrs. Jayne Yenger
Immediate Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron's Jewel

Mr. Trey Smith
Immediate Past Grand Patron

Past Grand Matron's Jewel

Mr. Trey Smith

Past Grand Patron's Jewel

Mrs. Lesa Smith
Mrs. Jayne Yenger

*Message and Dedication of the
Worthy Grand Matron*

Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron

*Message and Dedication of the
Worthy Grand Patron*

Mr. David B. Dibrell
Past Grand Patron

*Presentation of Worthy Grand Matron's
Colors, Flowers And Emblems*

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend
Past Grand Matron

*Presentation of Worthy Grand Matron's
And Worthy Grand Patron's Scriptures*

Dr. Effie Mae Davis
Past Grand Matron

*Dedication of the Worthy Grand
Matron's Music*

Mr. Bill Rhyan
Past Grand Patron of Arizona

*Presentation of the Worthy Grand
Matron's Music*

"The Fantastic Friends March"

Written and Performed by
Mr. Daniel Caldwell

*Dedication of the Worthy Grand
Patron's Music*

Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Past Grand Patron

*Presentation of the Worthy Grand
Patron's Music*

"March of the Four Winds" Written by Mrs. Evelyn Joyce Hopkins Reiffert
Performed by Mr. Daniel Caldwell

Presentation of Humanitarian Program

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Past Grand Matron

Address of the Worthy Grand Patron

Mr. George Gwaltney
Worthy Grand Patron

Address of the Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Worthy Grand Matron

Benediction

Mr. Carl Larson
Past Grand Patron of Connecticut

RECESS

Thank you for sharing this special evening with us.

*Those who are not members of the
Order of the Eastern Star will please retire at this time.*

<i>Call from Rest to Labor</i>	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht Worthy Grand Matron
<i>Proving of the Grand Chapter</i>	Mrs. Jerre Lucas Associate Grand Matron
<i>Presentations</i>	Chairman, Board of Directors
<i>Retiring of the Flag</i>	Mrs. Loretta Booth Grand Marshal
<i>Ritualistic Closing of the 132nd Session of Grand Chapter</i>	
<i>Closing Ode</i>	“Evening Prayer”
<i>Mizpah Benediction</i>	In Unison
<i>Closing of the Holy Bible</i>	Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer Grand Conductress

Sunday, August 10, 2014

All 2014-2015 Candidates will meet with the Worthy Grand Matron at 7:30 a.m. before the Breakfast for a review of candidate rules.

The “Sunrise on the Brazos” Breakfast honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Brazos Ballroom, Waco Convention Center.

Deputy Grand Matron Conference will begin at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, August 10, 2014, at the Waco Convention Center. Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, and Elected Board Members are invited to attend.

Crescent Chapter #820

Cordially Invites You to Attend

*“The FANtastic Journey Begins”
Banquet and Fraternal Visit of*

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht

Worthy Grand Matron

And Honoring

Mr. George Gwaltney

Worthy Grand Patron

Saturday, August 23, 2014

*Fort Worth Masonic Temple
1100 Henderson Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102*

*Banquet 5:00 P.M.
Fraternal Visit 7:00 P.M.*

Ticket Chairman

Mrs. Hilda Franklin

5813 Diamond Oaks Drive South

Fort Worth, Texas 76117

817-834-4931

hilda710@sbcglobal.net

Banquet Donation \$25.00

Ticket Deadline August 16, 2014

Please Enclose a SASE with your 2014-2015 Title

Schertz Chapter #911

Cordially Invites You to Attend

The Banquet and Fraternal Visit of

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht

Worthy Grand Matron

And Honoring

Mr. George Gwaltney

Worthy Grand Patron

Saturday, September 6, 2014

Alzafar Shrine Temple
901 North Loop 1604 West
San Antonio, Texas 78232-1040

Banquet 6:00 P.M.
Fraternal Visit 7:30 P.M.

Hotel Accommodations

Hampton Inn
2127 Gold Canyon Drive
San Antonio, Texas
210-404-1144 (Mention Order of the Eastern Star)
Room Rate: \$84.00 + Tax
Reservation Deadline: September 1, 2014

Ticket Chairman

Sandra Phillips
3309 Harvest Dr.
Cibolo, Texas 78108
830-632-9757

Banquet Donation \$20.00
Ticket Deadline August 27, 2014
Please Enclose a SASE with your 2014-2015 Title

**The Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
133rd Grand Chapter of Texas
Installation of Officers 2014-2015
“Friends Always Near”
August 9, 2014
Waco Convention Center, Waco, Texas**

Musical Prelude:

**Susie Smith
Worthy Matron
Tomball Chapter No. 838**

Mistress of Ceremonies

**Rennie Ofton
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, GGC**

Processional Marshal:

**Joyce Nicklas
Past Grand Matron of Texas and
GGC Support Our Troops**

Motto: Friends Always Near (FAN)

A white picket fence was around the Chapter room floor. White lanterns adorned each corner post. A banner was hung behind the stage with “Friends Always Near” and fans. The altar cloth was a beautiful blue with fans on each side that had been hand beaded. There were also fans at the back of each Star Point. Blue and white fans and flowers adorned the front of the stage and blue and white fans were around the arch. A beautiful quilt with fan patterns was hung in front of the sound stage. The new Grand Officers were in a beautiful cobalt blue gown trimmed in silver.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Welcome to the 133rd Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron-elect, Sister Cheryl Albrecht and our Worthy Grand Patron-elect, Brother George Gwaltney, I extend their sincere appreciation to each of you for your presence tonight. We have been enjoying the lovely music of Sister Susie Smith, Worthy Matron of Tomball Chapter No. 838. Will you join me in thanking her for sharing her beautiful talent with us this evening. (Applause) Sister Joyce Nicklas will be our Processional Marshal and she is a lovely lady and we are very excited that she is helping us here this evening. As we begin the proceedings for a new year of service, we extend our congratulations and sincere thanks to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the wonderful year that has just concluded. Sister Processional Marshal, it is my privilege to invite you to present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause) Sister Jayne is escorted by her son, Joey and Brother Trey is escorted by his lovely wife, Lesa. I was going to call them up but they're all up. It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

**(Grand Honors Given)
(One rap)**

Sister Jayne, I present to you the gavel that you may call this Session to Order.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I call this Session to Order for the purpose of Installation of Officers.
(One rap)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Thank you. We will proceed with the presentation of our honored and distinguished guests. We have Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. No? The General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees. These are Texas finest and we sent our very best. Let's give them a hand. (Applause)

Sister Processional Marshal you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas or visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Do we have Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons to introduce?

Please present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons of other Jurisdictions. (Applause)

Sister Processional Marshal you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. (Applause) Aren't they all wonderful? (Applause)

Sister Processional Marshal you will present the Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter. (Applause) Sister Processional Marshal you will present the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas and other Masonic Dignitaries. (Applause)

Sister Processional Marshal you will present the Distinguished Guests of Other Fraternal Organizations. (Applause)

Our Worthy Grand Matron-elect is a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820 in Fort Worth. You will have the opportunity to greet the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron just a little later in the program but it's my pleasure to ask the Processional Marshal to present the members of Crescent Chapter. They're up here already? These are the members here from Crescent Chapter to support our Worthy Grand Matron-elect. (Applause)

The Worthy Grand Patron-elect is a Past Patron of Schertz Chapter #911. It is my pleasure to present Mrs. Ann Teague, Worthy Matron and Mr. Chris R. Iacovino, Worthy Patron and the members of Schertz Chapter. (Applause)

Sister Processional Marshal you will present the family of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect. (Applause)

Sister Processional Marshal you will present the family of the Worthy Grand Patron-elect. (Applause)

You know every leader in any organization has a support team and it is my pleasure to present the support team to you tonight. First we will talk about the presentation of the Boards. The Board of Grand Examiners is composed of six members, elected annually who are responsible for the Proficiency Examinations of our members. I am pleased to present them. Please hold your applause until all have been presented. Thank you.

Mrs. Carolyn Martin, District One escorted by Mr. Henry Martin
District Two, Mrs. Susan Dormady escorted by Mr. Bill Dormady

District Three, Mrs. Donna Noe escorted by Mr. Dan Noe
District Four, Mrs. Terri Rozell escorted by Mr. Burley Jones
District Five, Mrs. Linda Winn Christenson escorted by Mr. Victor Christenson
And our Grand Examiner at Large Mrs. Laura Sharp escorted by Richard Sharp.
Let's welcome them all to the team. (Applause)

The Board of Directors is composed of ten members, two from each District, each elected for a term of five years. Among the many responsibilities of this Board is caring for the finances of Grand Chapter. Again, please hold your applause until the entire Board has been presented.

Mrs. Gerry Sturtz, Chairman, escorted by Mr. William "Bill" Sturtz
– Oh, let's go by District. Sorry.

Mrs. Becky Austin, of District One, she's Vice-Chairman and is escorted by Mr. Don Austin. Another of District One is Mr. Ray Hargis escorted by Mrs. Linda Hargis
District Two is represented by Mrs. Audri Rowell escorted by Mr. Don Reynolds, she is the Secretary

Another District Two is Mrs. Deborah Land escorted by Mr. Allen Rodgers
District Three is represented by Mrs. Jean Hobbs, escorted by Mr. Bruce Hobbs
District Four is represented by Mrs. Gerry Sturtz, Chairman.....

Mrs. Jerri Young from District Three escorted by Mr. Frank Knight, sorry
District Four is represented by Mrs. Gerry Sturtz escorted by Mr. William "Bill" Sturtz, she is the Chairman for this next year

District Four is represented by Mrs. Debi Fincher escorted by Mr. Mike Fincher
District Five is represented by Mr. David Ouellette escorted by Ms. Gayle Adams
District Five is represented by Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild escorted by Mr. Bill Crews.

Let's welcome them please. (Applause)

In addition to the eight installed Grand Officers who are elected by the members of Grand Chapter and compose the Corporate Board, the Worthy Grand Matron-elect has the privilege to select those to serve in the Appointed Offices and to serve as Fraternal Correspondent. It is my honor to present the Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent.

Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Kaye Swain, a Past Matron of Lorena Chapter #1124, escorted by Mr. Ron Meitzner, Past Patron of Lorena Chapter #1124.

Grand Sentinel, Mr. R. W. "Bob" Royall, a Past Patron of Huffman Chapter #1112, escorted by his mother, Mrs. Mary Frances Royall, Past Matron of Huffman Chapter #1112.

Grand Warder, Mr. Darrell Albrecht, Worthy Patron of Crescent Chapter #820, escorted by Mrs. Ginger Byrd, Past Matron of Castleberry Chapter #1028

Grand Electa, Mrs. Barbara Grant-Scott, a Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747 escorted by her son Mr. Melton Wright.

Grand Martha is Mrs. Laverne Hadley, a Past Matron of Ruth Chapter #20 escorted by her husband, Mr. Wayne Hadley.

Grand Esther, Mrs. Nannette Gwaltney wife of the Worthy Grand Patron-elect and Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911 escorted by their son-in-law, Mr. Jason Brandt and her grandson, Mr. Jonathan Brandt.

Grand Ruth is Mrs. Cindy Echols, Past Matron of Lubbock Chapter #76 escorted by her husband Mr. Tommy Echols, Past Patron of Lubbock Chapter #76.

Grand Adah Mrs. Elaine Rowland, a Past Matron of El Campo Chapter #535 escorted by her son, Mr. William "Bill" Rowland, Past Patron of El Campo Chapter #535.

Grand Organist is Mr. Daniel Caldwell, a Past Patron of Bonham Chapter #852, escorted by his mother Mrs. Kristi Bridgewater, Worthy Matron of Bonham Chapter #852.

Grand Marshal, Mrs. Loretta Booth, Worthy Matron of Crescent #820 escorted by her husband, Mr. William "Bill" Booth.

Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Norma Phillips, a Past Matron of Bellaire Chapter #1021, escorted by her husband, Mr. Dwight Phillips, Past Patron of Bellaire Chapter #1021.

Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Melissa Hudman, a Past Matron of Loyal Chapter #648 escorted by her husband Mr. Richard Hudman, Past Patron of Loyal Chapter #648.

Grand Conductress, Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Past Matron of Cypress Chapter #1102 escorted by her husband Mr. Gary Mosmeyer, Past Patron of Cypress Chapter #1102.

Grand Treasurer is Mrs. Lorrie Owens, Past Matron of Lewisville Chapter #935 escorted by her husband Mr. Jerry Owens, Past Patron of Lewisville Chapter #935.

Grand Secretary Mrs. Marlene Scholari, Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959 escorted by her husband Mr. Joseph Scholari, Past Patron of Ferris Chapter #508.

Associate Grand Patron Mr. Billy Clabaugh, Past Patron of Carthage Chapter #747 escorted by his wife Mrs. Jane Clabaugh, Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747.

Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911 escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock, Past Patron of McLennan Chapter #639.

Worthy Grand Patron Mr. George Gwaltney, Past Patron of Schertz Chapter #911 escorted by his daughter Mrs. Marion "Meg" Kutac.

And Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820 escorted by her grandson, Mr. Nicklaus Albrecht. (Applause)

We have a very special program which we present each Grand Chapter and in our own Chapters about the Star Point Emblems. The lessons and principals taught by the Heroines of our Order are Scriptural. We are admonished to let the virtues of these tried and true servants of God be reflected throughout our lives. The narration of the Star Point emblems will be presented by Sister Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron, assisted by additional Past Grand Matrons.

(The emblem presentations were presented by:

Adah's emblem is presented by Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and a Member of the House of Gold, IORG, escorted by Mr. John Creel, PGP.

The Sheaf of Ruth is presented by Mrs. Betty Benham, Bobbi's Forever Friend and PGM, escorted by Mr. Kenneth Gregory, PGP.

The Crown and Scepter of Esther is presented by Mrs. Annette Curry, PGM escorted by Mr. Bill Crews, PGP

The Broken Column is presented by Mrs. Vi Griffin, Public Relations Committee, GGC and PGM escorted by Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., a Matador and PGP.

The Cup is presented by Mrs. Doris Hester, PGM escorted by Mr. Buddy Baker, PGP.

PGM Naomi Wolfe:

EMBLEM PRESENTATION GRAND CHAPTER

(The lights are blinked and lowered as a few lines of music
“Dear Hearts and Gentle People” is being played)

Family! Friends! A family reunion, how exciting !! a time of seeing family and friends, a time of remembering, a time of celebrating, a time of joy and love, a time of sharing our good times and our bad and a time of repeating our favorite stories. We have biological families, our adopted families, our Church families, our community families and our Eastern Star and Masonic families. Put them all together and they’re all a part of God’s family.

Tonight we want to pay tribute to some special Biblical family Members. Listen as I repeat in short form some of what they each shared with me.

They would of like to have told you their stories themselves but they and we might have a hard time translating the language they used to the language we use today.

(The blue spotlight is on Adah and her escorts as they enter from the south curtains)

ADAH

I’m Adah’s mother. Let me tell you about our daughter. Adah was a good, Happy and obedient child, an ideal daughter. Her father and I were very very proud of her. Adah was a strong Christian who loved the Lord our God, all her family and her friends. She had a strong sense of duty and devotion for her father. When her father made that rash promise of sacrifice to the Lord, when asking God for his help in a battle, I’m sure he had no idea the sacrifice would be our only child. Adah didn’t hesitate when told of the vow he had made, but willingly sacrificed her life to preserve her father’s honor and his promise to God. Fidelity, which your station of Adah’s represents, means: faithfulness, loyalty and truthfulness, which represents our daughter well. The sword and veil united is a most appropriate emblem to represent our daughter and her sacrifice. The color blue means self-sacrifice, integrity and obedience. I’m so glad the violet flower is dedicated to our Adah because it is associated with meekness and humility. My thanks to Robert Morris for using our daughter’s life as an example in the teaching of the Eastern Star. May each of you also have the courage and conviction to face life’s obligations, to be trustworthy, be faithful to your promises and THE LAST LINE WAS UNINTELLIGIBLE ON THE PRINTOUT.

(the red spotlight is on Electa and her escorts as they enter from the north curtains.)

ELECTA

The Second Epistle of John was addressed to me, although I was just referred to as the Elect lady. You know me as “Electa”, which means honorable lady - Called of God. I accepted Christ

and his teachings and felt it was my Christian duty to raise my children with strong Christian beliefs and to share these beliefs with as many people as possible. Even facing imprisonment, torture and death I shared the good news of God's love and that we should love one another, be generous with our giving and caring, and to do so with loving kindness and to always speak the truth. Be forgiving, as you would be forgiven, be understanding as you would want to be understood and be helpful as you would appreciate being helped. Let your love of God be reflected in your actions, deeds and words. This takes courage and a devout faith. The cup you use as the emblem of the station of Electa represents both joy and sorrow, it teaches you to extend generous aid to the victims of poverty and those in distress. Red, the brilliant color represents me will as it is the color of fervency, hospitality and love. I am especially pleased with your founder for selecting the red rose as the flower to remind you of me and of love. If you would teach God's love and show love to others, then your lives would be true examples of Charity, Truth and loving Kindness.

(the yellow spotlight is on Ruth as she and her escorts enter from the south curtains)

RUTH

I am Ruth. I am the great grandmother of King David and I'm an ancestor of Jesus, the Christ. But, of course during my lifetime I wasn't aware of what was to be. I grew up in a very wealthy family, mostly in land and cattle. We of Moab, were idol worshipers, I didn't know the God my husband's family knew as I was growing up. I soon learned their faith and their God. This faith is what sustained me when my husband, my brother-in-law, and father-in-law all died. I loved my mother-in-law, Naomi and I loved her God, now my God too, and was determined to stay with her and provide for her even in a land of strangers and traditions so different than those in the country of my birth. Of course there were no nice or easy jobs available. But, my love of Naomi and the feeling I felt in my heart, that it was my duty to care and provide for her, made me willing to do whatever was necessary. Although Naomi tried to get me to go back to my homeland, I stayed with her. It was custom in this country, now my country too, to allow the poor people to search through the fields for any grain the harvesters had missed or left in the fields after the harvest and gather it for themselves. I got permission to do this and although it was considered a

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sustain us. The sheaf represents my toiling in the fields and some say the doing of good deeds for your friends. The ripe grains then, just like the ripe grains today were of a yellow/golden hue and yellow is to remind us of constancy. The beautiful yellow jasmine flower has a associated meaning of humbleness, which relates to my gathering of the grain after the harvest. When you think of me Ruth, or think of Naomi I would like for you to think of loyalty and friendship of love for one another and convictions of right and duty.

(the green spotlight is on Martha and her escorts as they enter from the north curtains.)

MARTHA

Our home was a humble home. There were three of us children; my sister Mary my brother Lazarus and myself, Martha. When Jesus and his followers would visit our home I'd try to make sure everything was just right and all their needs met. But, Mary would just sit and listen to Jesus and not help with the household duties. I talked to Jesus one time about this and he told me the most important duty we have is to learn the lessons he was teaching and apply them to our lives. When Lazarus became ill I sent word to Jesus that he was ill just to inform him because they such good friends. Lazarus died and after he had been buried four days Jesus came to see us. I told him I knew that if he had come earlier my brother would not of died because I had faith in him that he could and would heal Lazarus. And Jesus answered me that my brother would rise again. I thought he was talking about the resurrection at the last day but he meant there and then also. The broken column you use to represent my life is so appropriate for the uncertainly of human life. Green, my favorite color is nature's emblem of life and beauty and should remind you of the trustful faith I had. The flower used to represent me doesn't bloom. It's the green fern, which represents eternal life not only to Eastern Star members but also to the Masons. Even in the face of grief, sorrow and troubles, a firm faith in God will bring you strength.

(the white spotlight is on Esther and her escorts as they enter from the south curtains.)

ESTHER

You know me as Esther, I was a wife, just like most of you ladies here. My original name was Hadassah (Had-assh-ah) so I'm glad it was changed to Esther, which means star. After my parents died when I was very young my Uncle Mordecai adopted me. He had me properly trained in the religious concepts of our race, which was Jewish, and in the proper social graces. When it was time for the King to select someone to be his wife, I was among the ones for him to consider, and was told NOT to reveal the fact I was a Jew, so I didn't. I became the chosen one, to be the King's wife. Even as the wife of a King there were certain rituals I had to follow when it was my desire to see or speak to him. After I found out about his plans to destroy my entire Jewish race, I knew I had to do something to try to save them, even if it meant losing my title as a Queen and my life of luxury or being put to death myself. I chose to risk both. After a couple of banquets which I had planned, with all the Kings favorite foods and even had his favorite waiters serve him, I confessed to being Jewish and told him that I myself and all my race would be destroyed if he followed through on an edict he had been deceived into making. He relented and all my people were saved. The **THIS LINE WAS UNINTELLIGIBLE ON THIS PRINTOUT.** permission to speak to the King, are still being used today to remind you to temper power with justice. The color of white is associated with the story of my life as it is a symbol of Light, Purity and Joy. The white lily, my flower, represents purity of peace and purity of purpose and is a very good flower to remind you, your thoughts, your words and your actions should be pure.

As the emblems of our Biblical sisters are placed on the pedestals and when we see them in our Chapter rooms may we be reminded of their significance and the lessons they represent.

THE BIBLE

The Bible God’s Holy Word. The greatest book ever written. The Bible is many things to many people. May it be to each of us our main source of faith and love, our guide in our journey in life, the inspiration of our thoughts, give us strength in our times of need and our support and comfort in life and death. The Bible is encircled by the heroines of our Order. We are reminded it is the source of all our teachings and beautiful lessons and we should exemplify in our lives the fidelity of Adah, the constancy of Ruth, the loyalty of Esther, the faith of Martha and the love of Electa.

Our Square and Compasses

The Square represents the moral law that dictates our relationship with others and guides our actions here on earth. The compasses signify our endless pursuit of spiritual understanding and our relationship to God. Together, the Square and Compasses should constantly remind the Freemason of the balance required between the earthly and the spiritual, that our spiritual nature should rule and govern our earthly nature knowing that in the end He will dispense impartial justice and will either reward or punish us in the everlasting life according to our obedience to His divine commands while on this earth.

It is by the consent of the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M. that we are allowed to place the Square and Compasses on our Altar that we may share the spiritual relationship with God.

No matter what kind of a reunion you attend here on earth and no matter how much you enjoy it, the reunion in heaven will be the most glorious reunion of all. For we are all a part of God’s family. Please join in the singing of “I’m So Glad I’m a Part of The Family Of God”. (as the singing begins all those in the presentations will exit using the entrance to the Chapter room)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Thank you for the program Sister Naomi. We never have a meeting in our Chapter without a Bible present and the words shining from there give us the strength to do as Christ would want us to do on earth. We will now have the presentation of the Bible on the altar by the Albrecht’s son. As the word of God is ideally the center of our lives, the Holy Bible is placed upon the Altar in a position of honor in every Chapter room. The stories of the heroines of our Order and the lessons they teach are found within the pages of this Book. The Bible being used tonight was presented to the Worthy Grand Matron-elect by Sisters Virginia Keasling, Mary Nan Anderson, Brenda Ruiz, Cathi Cannon, and Gerry Sturtz. The Bible is presented by Mr. David Albrecht, son of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect. Brother David would you stay there please.

During our deliberations, our Bible is always opened to the Second Chapter of St. Matthew, where we read, in part, "...we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship him." To mark this place in our Bible, the Worthy Grand Matron-elect is using a special Bible Marker made for her when she served as Worthy Matron of Crescent Chapter by Mrs. Doris Moore. It is presented by Mr. Kevin Albrecht, son of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect.

Upon the pages of our open Bible, we reverently place the time honored implements of our Masonic Brothers, the Square and Compasses. This is a cherished privilege granted to us by the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Presenting the Square and Compasses is Mr. Shane Albrecht, Past Master of Stockyard Lodge #1244 and the son of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect.

We do not consider the decorations of our Chapter room complete without our flags of our Country and the Christian Flag in many instances and tonight we will hear the stories about the flags from Mr. Bill Wyatt, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Patron of Texas who will present our Flag Presentation.

PGP Bill Wyatt: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Throughout the years, our flag has flown reminding us of our rich history and the sacrifices that were made to make this country great. We pledge allegiance to the flag as an expression of our loyalty and love for our country. Please stand for the presentation of our flags. (Three raps)

Across America and around the world, the United States Flag symbolizes the freedoms we enjoy. May we never take lightly the blood that continues to be shed to preserve the freedoms we enjoy daily. Proudly presenting the flag of this great nation is Brother Lee Stallings, Matador of our Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The Canadian Flag of our neighbors to the North is emblazed with the bright red Canadian maple leaf. Our flags fly side by side in a steadfast spirit of peace and fraternal friendship. The Canadian flag is presented by Brother David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron of Texas and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

No other state has such a heritage of sacrifice for freedom as Texas. Our flag is one of the most readily recognized of all the state flags. With great pride, the flag of the Lone Star State is presented by Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The cross on the Christian flag represents the sacrifice of our Savior and is symbolic of our Faith. It is the universal emblem of the Christian religion. The Christian flag is presented this evening by Brother Nelson Campbell, member of the Cancer Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The beautiful emblematic Star of our Order displayed on a background of pure white to remind us of the lessons taught by the heroines of our Order. Brother Henry Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and Past Grand Patron of Texas presents our Eastern Star Flag.

We honor our Masonic Brothers as the foundation of the entire Fraternal Family. The Masonic flag will be presented by Brother Jerry Martin, member of the Scottish Rite Charities Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas. Brother Jerry is also Most

Worshipful Grand Master of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: (Three raps) We will now join in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and we'll sing the National Anthem.

PGP Richard Ochs:

(Pledge of Allegiance)

(National Anthem was sung)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Sister Grand Conductress, you will open the Holy Bible. Our invocation will be voiced by Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Nancy Brown: Our most precious heavenly Father who placed the star in the East, we come to you tonight praising your holy name. We thank you for the guidance you have given the Order of the Eastern Star from its inception until now. And we pray that your guiding hand will be upon our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron as they shepherd us this year. Grant them the wisdom and strength to accomplish the tasks before them. We commit to you dear Lord the entire slate of officers to be installed tonight. May they each be surrounded by your unfailing love. Heavenly Father we also pray for the membership of this great Jurisdiction. May we see a new enthusiasm erupt across the state as never before. May we daily live the Obligation we took at the altar. And may we continue to be an Organization who's God is the Lord. In your Son's Holy name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: (One rap) It is the privilege of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect to select the Installing Officers for her installation. Our Worthy Grand Matron-elect has selected Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron of Texas and her Mother to serve as Installing Grand Officer for this evening. This is a very rare privilege for a Past Grand Matron to still be active and have this very meaningful moment for any Mother and Daughter. I thank a loving God on your behalf. I introduce Sister Sharon. Sorry we have a little mechanical activity.

PGM Sharon Fentress: The sound man told me what to do, I just have to pay attention. Thank you our wonderful Past Most Worthy Grand Matron for the very beautiful way that you have opened this Grand Installation of Officers. We are always honored and privileged to have you be with us and to be a part in any activity of which we partake. I hope you know how much the Grand Chapter of Texas loves and appreciates you. I'm looking to see where she left me. It is my pleasure to present to you the other Installing Grand Officers who will be assisting in the installation tonight. And we have an Assisting Installing Grand Officer, Mr. Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron. Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter and of course our Past Grand Matron, and she will be acting as our Installing Grand Chaplain. Brother Jerry will be the Assisting Installing Grand Officer. Sister Vi Griffin, Public Relations Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron will be our Installing Grand Marshal tonight. Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Installing Grand Organist, Past Grand Matron of Texas and Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron who will be serving as our Installing Grand Secretary Pro-Tem. Thank each one of you for your participation tonight. Thank you. Installing Grand Marshal.

PGM Vi Griffin: Past Grand Matron.

PGM Sharon Fentress: You will invite the Grand Officers to be installed to enter the Grand Chapter room. Pardon me? They haven't retired yet, is that what you're telling me? Okay, I'm told we need a slight recess to prepare. Of course we do, we need to put the emblems on the altar, so I will call a recess for just a few moments. (One rap) Installing Grand Marshal you are to invite the Grand Officers to be installed to enter the Grand Chapter room.

(INSTALLATION OF 2014-2015 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS)

PGM Sharon Fentress: Will the Grand Warder and the Grand Sentinel approach the Grand East. (One rap)

GW Darrell Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, this is a little token from Bob and me and knowing that it is necessary for you to have a gavel to seat the Chapter. This gavel was made especially for you by our friend, Rex Parkinson, Past Patron of Marshall Chapter No. 356.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Oh, how pretty. Thank you. (Applause) (Three raps) Sister Grand Conductress, you will close the holy Bible.

(Closing of the Bible)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: (One rap) At this time we will have the Drill Team to remove the chairs before we begin our program.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Wasn't that a beautiful installation? Let's give them a hand. (Applause) Without the assistance and support of our Masonic Brothers, we could accomplish very little. We are honored this evening to have the Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, also a member of Caddo Mills Chapter #82 in attendance this evening. It is my privilege to introduce Mr. Michael Wiggins, Deputy Grand Master and I invite you to bring greetings to this assembly. Sir.

Deputy Grand Master Michael Wiggins: Thank you, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. I appreciate the opportunity to be here with you this evening. Worthy Grand Matron and Brother George let me be one of the first to congratulate you on your election and installation as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I wish you and your Grand Officers success in the coming year. And I look forward to serving with you in 2015. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl, may you guide our Grand Chapter with wisdom, with strength, with beauty during your term of office. Congratulations. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: 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. A special friend of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and their families, please welcome Most Worshipful Jerry L. Martin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM. We await your greetings Brother Jerry.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Jerry L. Martin: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee members, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, visitors, wow what a night! On behalf of the approximately 837 Lodges and 80,000 Masons of the Grand Lodge of Texas I bring you greetings tonight. Tonight you've seen history made and history beginning. One hundred thirty two years of this Grand Chapter concluded and now the hundred and thirty third has begun. And you, the new officers installed tonight have the task of carrying on that heritage. All those who came before you for a hundred and thirty two years, all of those who gave so much to keep this Order alive. Think about the hard times. Think about all the wars that happened. All the men that it took away, and the women. Think about the great depression when it was hard enough to put food on the table to pay money for that. Yet the members of the Order of the Eastern Star thought it important enough to keep paying those dues and keep the Order going. You are tasked with carrying on that history so that you can pass it on to the next generation. And Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, having traveled this road before, I know that you are going to encounter some bumps here and there. There will be some hard times. But the goodness of the membership of this Order and the divine help from above will get you through it all. And I have full confidence in your skill and capacity to complete your task. I wish for all of you a most successful year ahead and I want to especially remind Sister Cheryl and Brother George that I expect them to be at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication on Thursday in December where you will be received and we'll ask you to bring greetings at that time. Congratulations and best wishes to you this year. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Our ties with General Grand Chapter are strengthened by the active participation of our Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in the International endeavors of our Order. To bring greetings from the General Grand Chapter Family this evening is Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas and the best Secretary we've had up there.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you Sister Rennie. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers, our family and friends. On behalf of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Groebler, I bring you greetings especially to this Third Texas Triennium, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The greetings come from 57 other Grand Chapter Jurisdictions and the 76 Subordinate Chapters directly under General Grand Chapter. We wish for you, your corps of Officers and your Committees, a Fantastic year of service to our Order. We wish for you Godspeed, safe travels and much love in your journey around this state and when you do venture across the state line and visit other Jurisdictions. I am especially honored to have been asked to bring these greetings on behalf of your Texas General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. We stand here to serve, not only our Order in Texas but our Order throughout the world. Sister Cheryl and Brother George if I could leave you with just one thought, one from a favorite author of mine, Corrie ten Boom, "Don't bother to give God instructions, just report for duty." Thank you my Sisters and Brothers. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Realizing that the future of our Order to a great extent rests in the hands of our youth, we are extremely proud of our Fraternal Youth Organizations. We are honored with the presence of members of these youth organizations in Texas and will hear greetings from their representatives. It gives me great pleasure to present to you Mr. Michael

L. Sampson, Executive Officer of DeMolay for the State of Texas and John Parker, State Master Councilor, Texas DeMolay.

Executive Officer Michael Sampson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers Past and Present, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, guests and visitors, and my Sisters and Brothers. It is indeed an honor for me to be here tonight on behalf of the Texas DeMolay. I look around this room and see the many faces of supporters of DeMolay, Rainbow and our great Order of the Eastern Star. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on behalf of Texas DeMolay, I congratulate you on being elected and installed in your respective positions of leadership and we look forward to a year of service and leadership from you both and Texas DeMolay stands ready and willing to help you during your year. Thank you very much and at this time I would like to introduce our new State Master Councilor, John Parker for his words of greeting.

State Master Councilor John Parker: Thank you, Dad Sampson. Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Grand Officers Past and Present, Distinguished East, members and visitors. It is indeed an honor and privilege to bring greetings to this Grand Chapter on behalf of Texas DeMolay. As you may notice, this is my first opportunity to speak as State Master Councilor so please bear with me during these growing pains. (Laughter) I'd like to start by extending my congratulations to the immediate Past Grand Matron...the immediate Past Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and for their service and for a job well done this past year. I know the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star is better because of both of your hard work and dedication. Secondly I would like to wish the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron the best of luck during their upcoming year and thank you for your dedication and your future hard work during your Grand year. I would like to personally extend my assistance and the assistance of Texas DeMolay to you and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star with any project you feel that we could be of added service to. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to help you and the Masonic family. We pledge our hard work and together we will preserve our great Masonic family into the future. At this time I would like to introduce the other State Officers here present tonight. Our State Sweetheart Jessica Lindquist, our Deputy State Master Councilor, Tony Peebler, and our State Jr. Councilor, Cody Jones. Thank y'all for coming tonight. (Applause) I would like to briefly share with you some experiences I have personally had with my Eastern Star family. For as long as I can remember, I have been attending installations, BBQ's and pancake breakfasts with Willis Chapter and Garden Oaks Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Garden Oaks Chapter has now merged with Oak Forest Chapter and they are all my family. I've passed out plates and eating utensils, I've picked up plates and cleaned tables when the people have finished eating. I've swept and mopped the floor or at least what I thought was sweeping and mopping. (Laughter) I've set up and taken down chairs and I would say, I'm a future Sister in training. (Laughter) Some of my fondest memories I have, have been with Ms. Heather, Ms. Angela and Ms. Vi. And all of the laughs and fun times we had with each other. Ms. Bonnie Louise always sending me Presidential Dollar coins and Ms. Sarah always feeding me and treating me like I'm her own son. But most of all I've experienced the true feelings of family anytime I was with these ladies or with the Eastern Star Chapters. I remember the late Brother Jack Wright, he was picking with me and playing with me at an installation. I was about five or six at the time. I was sitting and playing with my Gameboy, but always with the sound turned off...Dad...he asked me, "John, how long have you been going to installations?" to which I answered that I could not remember as this is part of my family. He told me how impressed he was with me no matter how

deeply involved with my game I was, I had not missed a single gavel and that I knew how many gavels it took to get you up and down at an Eastern Star Installation. At that young age I did not understand what Mr. Jack was telling me until my Dad explained it to me. I stood up every time I needed to and sat down when I needed to, all to the sounds of the gavel. And I had never realized this. This is just a normal action with you all as a Masonic family. Many great things rub off on you when you are around good and faithful people. I could go on and on but I won't. It is troubling to me today to think that we have fewer and fewer Chapters at a time I think this world could really use more Chapters. Currently we have twenty two active Chapters in the state and I know at this time there is a new Chapter that is going to form in Houston. Currently we have approximately 730 members of the Order of DeMolay in Texas. And it is my hope that we'll see that number increase this year, as this is one of my many goals for the year. I would like to invite everyone to visit the Texas DeMolay booth and briefly talk with the young men. Last month we had our annual Conclave and I think it was one of the best in years. All the brethren had a great time competing in the sporting events as well as the Ritual Competition. I'm very excited about what this year will bring. Once again we are in partnership with "Relay for Life" to help with the research for cancer. In closing I would like to thank you again for affording me the opportunity to address this Grand Chapter and once again I will make you a promise that I will get better and better in my presentations as I continue through my year. (Laughter) We as DeMolay close out an honored clad prayer "God Bless Mother, God Bless Father, God Bless the purposes of DeMolay". Tonight I would like to include "God Bless the Order of Eastern Star". Thank you. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: We always look forward to watching the beautiful young ladies of Texas Rainbow and they never disappoint us. It is a pleasure to present Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and Member of the House of God and Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and they have brought with them Ms. Allison Fraze, Grand Worthy Advisor. Aren't we glad? Let's welcome them. (Applause)

Past Supreme Inspector Marlene Dibrell: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, very Distinguished East, distinguished Sisters and Brothers, thank you sincerely for this opportunity to bring greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Remember inspire, influence and impact because you in Eastern Star inspire our Girls with your teachings which are our teachings of love, religion, nature, immortality, fidelity, patriotism and service. And you influence our Girls in our communities when you live and share the worth of our Organization. So when we combine inspire and influence we have impact. The impact that Eastern Star is making with the fruits of your love and service your teaching and leadership, as you support our Rainbow Girls and Assemblies. So this new Eastern Star year brings tremendous opportunities for our Orders. Eastern Star is a *Friend Always Near* and our Rainbow Girls consider that Eastern Star is a friend who is near in all ways. We congratulate Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George. We are aware and appreciate your personal interest and your support in the past. Your presence at our activities, your service on our Advisory Boards, we honor you. This new year will emphasize our friendships and Rainbow pledges to you our support in all of your aims and purposes in projects. Rainbow will always be nearby as we join together and join hands in our journey of love and service. There is a ripple effect in all that we do; what you do touches me and what I do touches you. May the ripple effect of our actions in this new Eastern Star year be an energizer in a Fantastic take-off. With our relationship between our Chapters and Assemblies as we may continue to inspire, influence and impact our beautiful young ladies in the International

Order of the Rainbow for Girls for the support that true friendship brings. Thank you so very much. (Applause)

Supreme Deputy JoAnn Weaver: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East and my Sisters and Brothers. I'm very pleased and blessed to bring greetings on behalf of the International Rainbow for Girls and all the members in Texas Rainbow. Thank you for the invitation to participate in this beautiful installation this evening. It is an honor to be a part of this beautiful celebration. Rainbow Girls look to you as the continued pathway of our Rainbow lessons. Because of the examples of charity and service and right living which are the teachings within our Fraternal family. Texas Rainbow would like to thank you for again being our sponsoring Orders and supporting our young ladies with your dedication, love and extraordinary service. You have shown great support this weekend by purchasing many very cute clown fish as well as our little mermaids from the Rainbow table which in turn supports the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Thank you for being true and faithful friends of Rainbow as together we help our young ladies become the very best person they can be. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron we are looking forward to the support that you will give to Texas Rainbow this 2014-2015 Grand Chapter year. In turn we promise to support you and hope to be of service as needed. We especially invite you to the 2015 Grand Assembly Session right here in Waco as we will be planning our 92nd Celebration and look forward to honoring you both at that time. It is now my pleasure to invite the Rainbow Girls of Texas to enter this Grand Chapter room. (Applause)

Rainbow Girls' Beautiful Drill

Supreme Deputy JoAnn Weaver: Sister Drill Leader you will conduct the Worthy Advisor, Ms. Allison Frazee to the altar. Assisting Drill Leader you will conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the altar.

Presentation of the Bibles to the WGM and WGP by Grand Worthy Advisor Ms. Allison Frazee (Applause)

Supreme Deputy JoAnn Weaver: We would now like to sing "My Rainbow".

Everyone sings "My Rainbow" (Applause)

Supreme Deputy JoAnn Weaver: Thank you Rainbow Girls for coming from all parts of this wonderful state for your beautiful presentation this evening. You are incredible young ladies and do remember that each of you have a very special place in my heart. Thank you and you may retire. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: The jewels of the Offices of Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are reminders of the honor and responsibility belonging to these Offices. The immediate Past Grand Matron, Sister Jayne Yenger, will now make the presentation of the traveling jewel to the Worthy Grand Matron.

Past Grand Matron Jayne Yenger: Sister Cheryl, you know that we just found this jewel last year before we were installed. It had been lost for over 50 years and when we went to check some Past Grand Matron's Jewels that had been locked in the safe and examined them Trey found that this was the Jewel that had been lost. It was my honor to wear it this past year with much pride and it is my honor to present it to you now and I know you will enjoy it as well.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you.

PGM Jayne Yenger: Wear it with pride.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Brother Trey do you have a presentation at this time?

PGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Patron, first of all I want to offer my congratulations to you. I want you to know that as far as we know this is the original Worthy Grand Patron's Jewel. So guard it with you life. (Laughter) I know I did. When it was passed on to me it was expressed that it was a heavy Jewel. It's not heavy, if you let the membership of Texas keep you up. They'll lift you up, they'll lift this Jewel up. It is a symbol of your office but it's one of the best offices a man could ever have in Eastern Star and I fully hope that you enjoy it as much as I did. Best wishes.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Trey. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: The immediate Past Grand Matron has often said "United we Stand." As a continuation of the theme, her Past Grand Matrons' Jewel will be presented by her Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Trey.

PGP Trey Smith: She has not seen this Jewel, at all. She gave me some pieces and parts that were very special to her. And this is a Jewel that is made up of family pieces. And we talked about it a lot on the road what we wanted it to be like especially if times were a little bit difficult, because then I said "you know, feel better because just think about it, we get a big pin at the end". (Laughter) Sounds like a great plan, doesn't it? Well, this is your Past Grand Matron's Jewel. And it is my honor and my pleasure to pin this on you somewhere. May you wear it with as much pride and as much love as went in to making it. I know your family and I know that Paul would be so proud of you. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Sister Jayne can we have remarks from you at this time?

PGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Brother Trey. The time goes so fast and yes we did talk about this pin. And I know that Brother Paul would be proud. Thank you so much. Sister Cheryl, I want you to know that this year is going to go really fast for you. But you are looking out upon a wonderful, wonderful membership. They'll receive you well and just enjoy every moment because they are the ones that make it special. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: As they have stood united throughout the past year, they continue tonight. To present the Past Grand Patron's Jewel are Sisters Jayne Yenger and Lesa Smith.

Sister Lesa Smith: He has been bugging me and bugging me to see this Jewel. And just like

he told Sister Jayne, he has not seen his Jewel. He put it together through drawings and drawings and drawings again, gathered some stones from multiple places and the last time he saw this Jewel it was in a couple of different pieces because it was still wax. I told the jeweler that made this Jewel, I said “Gerald don’t you dare show him that pin. I don’t care how much he asks you, he doesn’t need to see it.” And I told Gerald I would take his left finger or something if he shows it to him. So, Mr. Smith...

PGP Trey Smith: Mrs. Smith. (Laughter)

Sister Lesa Smith: I am so excited to present this Jewel to you.

PGP Trey Smith: You can’t be as excited as I am. (Laughter)

Sister Lesa Smith: I know that you will wear it with pride. I know you are so excited to have this Jewel in your possession and I am truly honored to give it to you. The back row can’t stand it cause they don’t know what it looks like. So, this is a picture moment because he may pass out.

PGP Trey Smith: Oh my Lord. My gosh. Oh my.... (Applause) Oh my gosh.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Oh, wow. Well Trey will we hear remarks from you?

PGP Trey Smith: Sister Lesa. I’ve been sitting here all night with something for you too. I was going to make you a Past Grand Esther’s Jewel and I still might but probably not for a while. But I wanted to present something to you because of everything you did for Sister Jayne and I while we were in office, before we were in office and you’ll do after we were in office because you love us and I love you. And I hope enjoy wearing this as much as I had designing it for you.

Sister Lesa Smith: Oooohhhh...Oh, it’s beautiful! Oooohhhh... (the gift was a beautiful ring)

PGP Trey Smith: Well, put it on.

Sister Lesa Smith: I have to take one off. Oooohhh....(Laughter) Oooohhh, how pretty. Oh my gosh....It’s beautiful. Gorgeous..

PGP Trey Smith: So that’s your gift. I would like to say how much I appreciate the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter one more time and I want you to know my Jewel is made up of my mother’s original wedding ring in the center, her stone. But every other piece of this, I saved my love gifts from last year and this year and so essentially you gave me this gift and you gave me this Jewel. I kept up with each school and I laid out the stones by the school schedule and each one of you contributed to this gift for me and that’s very special to me and I appreciate it. I just can’t thank you enough. Thank you. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Each Grand Chapter year is different from the other Grand Chapter years as each Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron puts their individual touches on their year of service. The individual portions of the program for 2014-2015 will be presented by our Past Grand Matrons. To present the Message and Dedication of the Worthy

Grand Matron is our own Texas Lady, Sister Bess Caldwell.

PGM Bess Caldwell: *Message of the Worthy Grand Matron:*

"I am so humbled and honored to be serving as your Worthy Grand Matron with the sweetest membership in the world. I look forward to this year of service with Brother George as we strive to teach and live the lessons brought to us by our Founder, Dr. Rob Morris. As we travel across this great state, I look forward to making many new friends and renewing old friendships. The Order of the Eastern Star is worthy of our endeavors and I hope each of us will continue to serve our Chapters and Grand Chapter with devotion and dedication. I pledge to you my best efforts to always promote the interest of the Grand Chapter and the Order of the Eastern Star. A Friend Always Near, Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron.

Dedication of the Worthy Grand Matron:

I am honored to dedicate this year of Grand Chapter service;
To the members of this great Grand Jurisdiction. It is through your encouragement and confidence in me that I have attained this position of service. Without your love and support this year would not be possible. You truly are Friends Always Near.

To the members of Crescent Chapter #820. You allowed me to be a member of our beautiful Order. You are my Sisters and Brothers who have always been there to support and sustain me as I have and will continue to serve our Order. Without your service and dedication to our Order, we would not have a Grand Chapter.

To George and Nanette Gwaltney. Thank you for agreeing to take this adventure with Darrell and me. Your friendship, advice and love for our Order are truly a gift in my life. I know we will have a fantastic year.

To my family. My husband, Darrell, sons David and his wife Kristina, Kevin and Shane and grandson Nick, I love you. Without your love and understanding, your support and encouragement, I would not be able to fulfill this dream. To my Mother, Sharon, thank you for always being there for me, teaching me that with this membership's support, nothing is impossible.

To the Fans Across Texas. Thank you for all you have done for me. A simple thank you does not seem adequate for all the courtesies you have shown me over the last several years. I hope you are never disappointed with my service to our beloved Order.

To the Cherished Fans. Thank you for all you are doing in your respective Chapters. With your enthusiasm and love for our Order, we will grow and prosper.

A Friend Always Near, Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron, 2014-2015." (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: To present the Message and Dedication of our Worthy Grand Patron is our Distinguished Gentleman, Brother David B. Dibrell.

PGP David Dibrell: *The Message of the Worthy Grand Patron says:*

"Sisters and Brothers,

To say that I am still amazed that I have been chosen as your Worthy Grand Patron is an understatement. With humility, I promise to do my best to serve you, the membership, with honesty and dignity. I fully understand that having this position will have its challenges. Al-

though I have had great fun while travelling the state, meeting with members and heads of other Masonic bodies and attending various Eastern Star functions, I know that there is serious business that Grand Chapter must attend to. I further promise my best efforts to conduct that business with the experience, knowledge and expertise of an executive officer. I ask you, the membership to remember that we are a fraternal organization, with an obligation, constitution and laws that we are bound to obey. The challenges ahead of us are never as great as God's power at work within us. Every opportunity can be perceived as a difficulty, and every difficulty an opportunity. With a positive attitude we the membership can turn any difficulty into an opportunity to make our Chapters and our Order stronger. I encourage you to stand firm on the principles of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love. I promise to explore ideas for growth in our Order. It takes a deep commitment to change and an even deeper commitment to grow. I invite you to join me in an effort to embrace change, turn difficulties into opportunities to make a difference by letting His star shine within us. I am excited to be travelling the state to meet and greet all the members. Without you we would not have a Grand Chapter nor would we have need of a Worthy Grand Patron. If I have not met you, I want to. Please do not hesitate to come up and introduce yourself. It is important to me that I spend time with you, the members. Whether you are a Past Matron or Past Patron, a 50 year member or a new member, I am here to serve you. The Worthy Grand Matron and I will be united in our efforts to express our love for the Order, our praise for jobs well done and our appreciation of your support. For it is only with your support that this Grand Chapter year can be successful.

I request your prayers for Sister Cheryl and me as we conduct the business of Grand Chapter and travel this great state of Texas. We look forward to a year filled with hard work, fun and fellowship. Please join us in our quest to represent each of you in a manner which is pleasing to the Grand Architect of the Universe. My final appeal to each of you is that you serve with a happy heart and to "Just Say Yes to OES". Fraternally, George A. Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron 2014-2015

The Dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron

To my wife Nannette, to Sister Cheryl and Brother Darrell Albrecht, to my Chapter Schertz No. 911 and the membership of Texas.

Nannette, I would not have been a Mason or a member of the Order of the Eastern Star if not for you. You have helped me to become a better man. Masonry has also helped make me a better man and the Order of the Eastern Star has helped make me conscious of the mutually supportive roles of men and women. I know that you support me in all I do and I promise to support you in your future positions of honor. You are beautiful both inside and out. Thank you for going on this journey with me and for helping me along the way.

Sister Cheryl and Brother Darrell, thank you for allowing Sister Nannette and me to take this Eastern Star journey with you. I will do my very best to continue to serve our Order in the best way I know how and to continue to deserve your trust and respect. We know that this Order is facing challenges. The winds of change that we sometimes fear and try to prevent may be the only path to allowing our beautiful Order to continue. We have to plant those seeds of change to allow the next generations to grow and prosper.

Schertz Chapter No. 911 has allowed me to serve where to me the Order of the Eastern Star

has the most impact: at the local level. It is the hard work of Sisters and Brothers in the community that shows the true meaning of the Order. We exist to serve our communities and make a difference in the lives of others. I will make every effort to continue to make you proud of my service to you and to the membership of Texas.

The membership of Texas is why we all serve. I pledge to do all in my power to continue to earn the membership's trust and support. This sea of time may be a rough one for our Order. Let us remember that we can adjust our sails and weather this storm. We can set our course toward the true East and ask for His guidance while in the tempest. With His help, we will wait out the storm and enjoy those calm, warm winds of the future. Remember "Just say yes to OES". Fraternally, George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron, 2014-2015. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Each Worthy Grand Matron has the privilege to select Colors and Flowers and Emblems that have special significance to her. To present those chosen by Sister Cheryl, I present Sister Betty Friend.

PGM Betty Friend: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. As you can tell by looking at the banner in the East, the theme of the Worthy Grand Matron is "A Friend Always Near". Her Aim is "To always be the friend we want to be near as we work to accomplish the charitable goals of our Order." Her Emblem is the Fan. Her colors, Shades of Blue, Silver, Black and White. She has chosen all of God's flowers as her flower reminding us that each person is beautiful in their own way. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: The lessons taught by the Holy Bible give the strength and guidance for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Each has chosen some of their favorite scriptures which they refer to often to strengthen their faith. Sister Effie Mae Davis will present these Scriptures that remind us that we are always surrounded by God's love.

PGM Effie Mae Davis: *The Worthy Grand Matron's Scriptures*

Luke 6:31 "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." And from I Corinthians 13:13 "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away." "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." And from Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Cheryl has found a beautiful poem written by her Grandmother, Anne Harcrow. And this is taken from her Ode Book 1954-1955.

My Prayer

My life will touch so many lives
Before this year is done,
Leave countless marks for good or ill
Ere sets the evening sun.
So this the thought I always wish
The Prayer I always pray;

Lord let my life bless other lives
It touches by the way.

The Worthy Grand Patron's Scriptures are John 3:8 "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound but you do not know where it comes from for where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." And Genesis 1:1-3 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: He has filled our world with music since he arrived in Texas and tonight he will present the Dedication of the Worthy Grand Matron's music. It is my pleasure to present Brother Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona.

PGP of Arizona Bill Rhyan: This special March written by Brother Daniel Caldwell is dedicated to the membership of Texas, and to Wanda Fairchild and Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matrons, and Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron of Crescent Chapter #820. Each of these special members have touched Cheryl's life in a special way. You will find written in this March a piece of the Marches of Sharon Fentress and Wanda Fairchild, two very special people in Cheryl's life. She will always cherish that Wanda was there to see her elected and installed as Associate Grand Conductress. They may not have had a blood connection but they had a deep and special friendship that can never be taken away. To have her mother share in her year of service is a true blessing. Also included in this March is a touch of "How Great Thou Art" which was her father's favorite hymn and "He's Got the Whole World in his Hands" which reminds us that nothing happens without His grace and mercy.

Thank you, Daniel for giving of your special talents and sharing this March with the membership of Texas. We are anxious to hear the "Fantastic Friends March" performed by our Grand Organist, Brother Daniel Caldwell.

**(The "Fantastic Friends March" performed by
Grand Organist Daniel Caldwell, Grand Organist)**

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: I am honored now to present Brother Ray Hertenberger, who will present the Dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron's Music.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: "March of the Four Winds". The Worthy Grand Patron's march titled "March of the Four Winds" is dedicated to his wife, Nannette, for her love and understanding, to his music teacher of many years, Mrs. Ethel Emmert (now deceased) who taught him to appreciate music and to his good friend and fellow sailor, Paul Earls, who has given him the gift of true friendship. The "March of the Four Winds" reflects his love of all things having to do with the amazing gifts which are given to us by our God. His wish is that when you listen to the March, you will hear the wind, gentle and strong, blended with patriotism. May the "March of the Four Winds" carry you into a blissful state of mind where all things are possible and happiness resides. He wishes to express his thanks to Mrs. Evelyn Joyce Hopkins Reiffert who graciously agreed to write his March. Sister Evelyn is a member of Texas Chapter and a member of his Church.

The Worthy Grand Patron's march is entitled the "March of the Four Winds" and will be performed by Brother Daniel Caldwell, Grand Organist.

**(The "March of the Four Winds" performed by
Brother Daniel Caldwell, Grand Organist)**

PMWGM Rennie Oton: Each year, the Humanitarian Program is the focal point of our benevolent endeavors. Our Worthy Grand Matron has prepared a Humanitarian Program which will afford the membership the opportunity to provide needed service to others. The 2014-2015 Humanitarian Program will be presented by Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: "Friends Assisting Neighbors" Humanitarian Program. A friend loveth at all times." Proverbs 17:17

HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM

F - ESTARL - Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership

What a fantastic way to influence the future of FAITH in our Nation, by helping those who are seeking education in the religious fields. By the generous giving of our members, we are able to see miracles happen and lives altered. The opportunity to witness these miracles happen and to know that you had even a small part, can change your life forever.

A-Benevolent Aid

Benevolent Aid gives ASSISTANCE to our Sisters and Brothers in their time of need. With Emergency Aid, we are able to quickly assist our members when they need help the most. Temporary Aid is there to help our members through a rough time, and Long Term Aid is for our members who need assistance for an extended period of time. Assistance, it is what a family does for each other.

N - Education

The Education Fund allows us to NURTURE the future leaders of our world. Our donations provide an opportunity for additional education to members of the Order of the Eastern Star, their spouses, children, grandchildren, and orphans after graduating from a public High School in Texas. Through our donations, we can help shape the future of our Order and our Nation.

S - Youth Groups

The International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Texas DeMolay are the future of our Order. Through our unwavering SUPPORT of our Youth Groups, we can show them the true meaning of Eastern Star, and show them we too, are worthy of their future support.

As members of the Eastern Star we are friends that love at all times. Friends that are always near, always willing to share their knowledge, enthusiasm, and love with everyone they meet. We form friendships that will last our entire lifetimes, friendships that are near in good times and fun times, but are also ready to share with us in our sadness and grief.

Through the Order of the Eastern Star we have the opportunity to show that love through many avenues of service. The Humanitarian Program for 2014-2015 shares a few of these

opportunities of showing our love for each other and our fellow man.

Each Chapter is encouraged to be 100% by donating \$1.00 per member as listed on the 2014 Annual Report. Additional awards will be issued to Chapters reaching 200%, 300%, 400%, and each succeeding 100%. The donations may be designated to any project or fund within the Program and divided any way desired. Contributions, Honorariums, and Memorials may be given throughout the year and will be added to your total contributions and percentage.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: I am honored to present our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. George Gwaltney for greetings. Are you ready?

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. You know I really had a very long speech prepared here tonight but in the interest of time and due to the hour, I'm going to try to cut it down so we can go get some sleep. (Applause) Ha ha ha...thank you. I am very grateful to you the membership of Texas in your faith in bestowing upon me this great honor as serving as your Worthy Grand Patron. I accept too the duties and responsibilities that go with that title and I pray that I have the guidance to perform my duties with faithfulness, impartiality, honesty and integrity. Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a whole community of persons who support him. I am honored tonight to have with us my wife, Sister Nannette, who is now our Grand Esther, our children, Nannette's daughter Jahnnette Brandt, her husband Jason and Jonathan Brandt our oldest grandson. Meg Kutac, my daughter and her children, Lindsay and Liam, and Jarrad Gwaltney, my son as well. Also Nannette's sister, Jean Poole and Cindy Poole our niece. Your presence here means everything to me. I am so glad you were able to attend tonight. Thank you very much. (Applause) It goes without saying that Schertz Chapter has been my life blood in this great Organization. I know that many of the members of Schertz Chapter came just this evening for this installation. I am proud to be a member of Schertz Chapter No. 911 and I ask that the members of my Chapter stand with me so I can greet you as my heart overflows with pride. Please help me greet my home Chapter. (Applause) You know I am a Past Master of Randolph Lodge #1268, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Present here tonight is the Master of our Lodge and other Brothers in addition to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. Brothers, please stand so I can thank you for taking the time to attend my installation. (Applause) I pledge my continued support to my Lodge and I promise to be an active member this year as much as time permits. We were so blessed to have many personal friends, looks like most of them have left but I do want to recognize a few people as Sister Shirley Hainline was here. Sister Shirley Hainline will be my Grand Escort, unfortunately a few days ago she had a stroke and was only able to be here a few minutes this evening. And I'm really glad that she was here. So when you see her again, thank her. I know that we had Mr. Lionel Garcia and his wife Christy. Lionel is a Royal Caribbean Cruise Line Business Development Manager. And he's helped us in many ways in our business and as an individual trainer for myself and my wife. At this time I want to recognize the Brothers that will be serving with me as my Pages. I know this is a little unusual but I really have appreciated their help both this past year and I know that they will continue it in the year to come. For the 2013-2014 year I had Brother Peter Araiza, Terry Miller and Brother Bob Royall. For the upcoming year for some reason Brother Bob Royall kind of had to drop out. He is unable to continue. Congratulations to Brother Bob on being selected as our Grand Sentinel. You know I was fortunate enough to serve as Grand Sentinel for Sister Vi and Brother David, who both participated tonight in this

installation. This year we pick up Brother John Wilson. Brother John has been working with us as soon as he was notified and I welcome him to the team. Thank you, Brothers for your continued support and all your hard work. I also want to recognize my Secretary Sister Nancy Jane Haley. She has driven me many miles and I look forward to her driving me many more. Sisters and Brothers, I ask for your patience and your understanding. I realize that no one can succeed alone. It is my desire that we work together so that the light of our star may send out its brilliant rays, not only in Texas but around the world. Let us be kind and thoughtful, constantly striving for complete harmony. Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed members can change a Chapter for good or that a group of misguided members can change a Chapter for the bad. I want to ask you, which way is the wind blowing in your Chapter or in our Grand Chapter for that matter? Is the wind blowing in the direction to keep the right course or are there storm clouds on the horizon? If we set ourselves to move forward with the goal of increasing membership, serving others and serving God then it is certain that our wind direction will be positive and guide us in achieving our goals. Our course however, may not always be easy. The winds may blow from any direction, the waters could be choppy but a good sailor always will adjust his sails. Commitment unlocks the door of imagination, allows vision and gives us the right stuff to turn our dreams into reality and to build stronger Chapters. It takes wisdom to follow the path ahead and determination to stay on course. I am asking this membership to stay on course to meet the needs of your Chapter and of our Grand Chapter to weather whatever storms may blow and to secure the future of Eastern Star. I will ride the waves with you and I will assist you in adjusting your sails. It will be my constant goal to help you stay on course. May God help me be worthy and may his peace and blessing be with us all. I close this evening with a reminder that no matter where you go, no matter what you do, "Just Say Yes to OES". Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: It is now my happy privilege to present to you Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, our Worthy Grand Matron for her greetings.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Rennie, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. I just have a question. Did anybody else wear a new pair of shoes and they're killing your feet? (Laughter and applause) Well, I hate to tell you this but these shoes are killing my feet and we're going to move along. First thing I want to do is we have a couple of very special guests here tonight that came just for this installation. And Sister Pamela Gill, Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana and along with her, Kathy... Debbie Poche, I got Poche I just didn't get the Debbie, Associate Grand Conductress of Louisiana. They came here tonight to be here for my installation. Help me welcome them. (Applause) I met Pamela when we sat for about three hours in Charleston, West Virginia waiting for our flight out after the Tri-Line meeting. So thank you Pamela for being here, I really do appreciate it. I want to thank this group of Installing Officers. Didn't they do a beautiful job? (Applause) I believe I am the first Worthy Grand Matron to be installed by her mother. (Applause) And to each and every one of you, you did a lovely and beautiful job and I thank you for that very much. I asked Vi down there if it was too late to run and she said yes it was. I want to thank my family, my husband Darrell who is serving as our Grand Warder, I made sure he had to stay. I believe that my oldest son David took Nick back to the room to go to bed. I'm not sure where Kevin ran off to, probably he went home and Shane should be running around here somewhere. There he is. Thank y'all for being here. (Applause) But I do have to ask, didn't I have the cutest escort? (Yes! Applause) I want to thank Crescent Chapter for being here would you please stand, those of you who are still

awake and who still can stand? (Applause) Some of the ones that are here have not been active for a while but they called me last week and said “we’re coming” and they don’t know how much that meant to me. Thank you very much. (Applause) Maybe we’ll get them back active. It has something to do with grandbabies and work and church but we’re going to work on it. I want to acknowledge Priscilla Locke. Priscilla are you in the room? You and Henry? There she is! Priscilla Locke is responsible for all of the beautiful decorations that you see here tonight and Priscilla I thank you for sharing your talents and to everyone who helped her over the last two or three days. And I appreciate Henry for being here with us too. Thank you. (Applause) I think I saw Sister Willie Mae Shaw and Sister Jerre Miller both sneak out on me but I thank them for helping line up in the West and in the East. You know we need help lining up, we don’t know what order we go in. So I thank those ladies for helping. (Applause) To Brothers Jerry Martin and Michael Wiggins these two fine gentlemen I am going to have the pleasure of serving with as they serve Grand Lodge. I will serve with Brother Jerry until December and then after December, from December to August I will be serving with Michael and I cannot think of two finer gentlemen I would like having serve with me during that time. Thank you. (Applause) Brother Michael Sampson and Brother John Parker, John I don’t think you need any practice speaking. I think you did a really fine job. (Applause) I was privileged to be at the Conclave at the General Banquet and Installation to see John installed. It was very impressive and it was the first time I had the opportunity to be at DeMolay and I certainly appreciated each and every courtesy that you extended to me. And I look forward to being back next year. Thank you and to your other Officers and to your State Sweetheart that are here, thank y’all for being here tonight. (Applause) To Sister Marlene Dibrell and to Sister JoAnn Weaver, and I think the Girls snuck out on us, didn’t they? But that’s okay. Thank you for....oh we have a few...is Allison still here? No? Allison skipped out on me. Thank you for the work that you do for these young girls, these young ladies...let me change that...these young ladies. I had the privilege of attending some of the Grand Assembly, the Opening and the Installation. And to see the work that these young ladies do and to see the enthusiasm and the excitement that they have for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls will just make your heart melt. And I thank y’all for being here. I have looked forward...I never dreamed that I would be one of those standing out there at the altar being presented a Bible but I thank y’all for being here and I thank y’all for having them here and for all that you do. Thank you. (Applause) Okay, I know I’m going to forget something. One thing I do want to mention, if you’ll look out at the center of the room you will notice the altar cloth. That altar cloth was the Brainchild of Sister Brenda Ruiz who we lost in February. She asked me three years ago could she make my altar cloth and I said well sure! She said “I want to hand bead it”. Each of the fans that are on each side are hand beaded fans. Unfortunately we lost Brenda as I said in February. She was working on her second one. And I was bound and determined with everything else going on that those fans were going to get finished. And I finished the last one Sunday before I left on Tuesday. But Brenda will always be a part of our lives and that’s my tribute to her. (Applause) To each and every one of you who have stuck it out tonight, thank you. You are dedicated. (Laughter) To my Officers, thank you for accepting these positions. Thank you for everything that you do. But this membership of Texas, you know these last couple of months has had some real highs and some real lows. But you know there’s been one steady thing through everything and that is the friends that I have in Eastern Star. They are there when times are good and they are there when times might not be so great. But you are always there for me. It must be time to close, they’re taking the signs down. (Laughter) So thank you for being here, thank you for all that you do. And I look forward to seeing you on August 23rd in Fort Worth where we will be having our first Fraternal Visit with

Crescent Chapter. Thank you and we will see you in the morning at the breakfast. Thank you.
(Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and the new corps of Officers, I want to thank you for being here to share this very special evening. To our visitors, thank you for staying here with us. Your attendance has been greatly appreciated. In order that we may properly close our Grand Chapter Session, those who are not members will retire after the Benediction which will be voiced this evening by Mr. Carl Larson, Past Grand Patron of Connecticut. But we need just one minute though I believe Brother George has something he wants to do before we have our recess.

WGP George Gwaltney: Sister Cheryl, will you join me for a moment please. Sister Cheryl, you know that Nannette and I are so grateful that you chose us to make this trip with you and we have just a little gift for you as a token of our appreciation and love. Thank you so very much. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Let us stand for the Benediction please.

PGP of Connecticut Carl Larson: Sisters, Brothers, Friends, please bow your head in prayer. Dear Lord, as we prepare to leave this evening may we all keep in mind that we are still together in spirit and in purpose. Look after those that are sick and infirmed and help them feel your love and support. Be with our Military that have and continue to support us and our freedoms. Please guide and support Sister Cheryl and Brother George and the newly elected and appointed Officers as they travel this year in service to this Grand Chapter that they may safely return home. Lord we ask that you give us pure hearts that we may see you, humble hearts that we may hear you and hearts of love that we may serve you. And finally Lord as we depart allow kindness and compassion to rule our thoughts so that we can share your love with others. In our journeys to and from, direct us and our happiness and pleasure, bless us and in care, anxiety or trouble, sustain us, in peril or danger, protect us. Go now with us in peace. Amen (Amen)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: (One rap) Worthy Grand Matron, I have completed my duties and I will now give you the gavel. But before I do that I want to thank you so much for the privilege of doing this. I've known you for so long and when I first met you I saw a little spark. That spark has grown into a beautiful Star. And I wish you the highest star to go on and enjoy every minute of it and thank you again. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you. To our visitors, thank you for coming and sharing this special evening with us, your attendance has been greatly appreciated. In order that we may properly close our Grand Chapter Session, those who are not members should retire at this time. Those who are members should stay at this time. The gifts that the Worthy Grand Patron and his wife gave me, I have a charm bracelet that my Pages have been giving me charms for for the last three years, they gave me a charm for my charm bracelet that's a Texas that has Worthy Grand Matron engraved on it, 2014-2015 to add to my charm bracelet. Thank you.

(Recess)

(WGM Calls the Chapter from Rest to Labor)
(Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress prove the Grand Chapter)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: It says that I'm going to recognize the Chairman of the Board of Directors. That would be you I believe.

Sister Gerry Sturtz: I'm the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: It's nice to meet you and your name is...(Laughter)

Sister Gerry Sturtz: Gerry Sturtz and this is your new Board of Directors. And as you know we have presents for you.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Cool!

Sister Gerry Sturtz: You have a credit card.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Darrell will love that.

Sister Gerry Sturtz: And you have a van and I understand it's parked outside somewhere. And we want you to know we will do anything you ask of us. We will be so happy to work with you and we know we're going to have a great year. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Let's thank our Board of Directors...(Applause) especially when they bear credit cards and car keys. Can I trade it in for a Ferrari? (Laughter) Well...okay, I tried. I want to remind everyone of the "Sunrise on the Brazos" Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in the morning honoring our newly elected Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Melissa Hudman. I know that that's a special morning for her, I still remember it. (Applause) I would ask that those members who plan on placing their name in nomination for any office at the 2015 Grand Chapter Session to meet with me at 7:45 a.m. tomorrow morning near the Head Table at that breakfast. Okay. To the Deputies, 10:00 a.m. we will have our Deputy School, our Conference. It will be here at the Convention Center. I invite the Installed Grand Officers, the Board of Directors and the Board of Grand Examiners...the Board of Grand Examiners, y'all have to be there. The Board of Directors and the Installed Grand Officers please come by and visit so that we can introduce you to the Deputies so that they can put names and faces together because they want to know who we are and we want to know who they are so plan to come by. And Past Grands, oh yes, Past Grands can come too. We would greatly appreciate the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons coming by and wishing our Deputies well. Are there any other announcements? Yes, Installed Grand Officers, the Grand Secretary wants these badges back...tonight...so before you leave take them to Sister Marlene. Do not leave the room with these badges. Okay? Don't make me chase you down my feet hurt. Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the United States Flag. (Three raps)

***** **Ritualistic Closing** *****

***** **Close of the 132nd 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		GRAND	
	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	TREASURER	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY
1884	†Mrs. E.J. Talbot	†W.L. Holt	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†W.J. Wickham	†R. R. McPhail	†Mrs. A. McGregor				
1885	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P. Hawkins	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Mrs. Sallie Wayde	†Carr Forest	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. McGregor				
1886	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P.H. Stevens	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†D.H. Hightower	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. M. Hightower				
1887	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. Schwartz				
1888	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner				
1889	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.W. Ellender	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†T.J. Neely	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh				
1890	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†Stephen Gould	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†A.F. Hicks	*Mrs. Jennie Cassill	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh				
1891	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	†L.L. Miller	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†L.L. Miller	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter				
1892	†Mrs. P.C. Harris	†L.L. Miller	†Tom Murrah	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†J.W. Felbaum	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter				
1893	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†D. Ludlow	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim				
1894	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim				
1895	†Mrs. Sadies A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Kate Birch				
1896	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph				
1897	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†J.T. Atchinson	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Ree Alvord				
1898	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†S.D. Moore	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh				
1899	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh				
1900	†Mrs. Agnes V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne				
1901	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne				
1902	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. A. Walker	†Mrs. A. Walker	†Mrs. A. Walker	†P.S. Park	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph				
1903	†Mrs. Alma M. Walker	†P.S. Park	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman				
1904	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman				
1905	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman				
1906	†Mrs. Mollie E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman				
1907	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†J.H. Anderson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman				
1908	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†C.H. Thorn	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle				
1909	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†G.W. Glasscock	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson				
1910	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson				
1911	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen				
1912	†Dr. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen				
1913	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody				
1914	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody				
1915	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody				
1916	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson				
1917	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson				
1918	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson				
1919	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson				

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Year	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND TREASURER
1920	†Mrs. Margaret L. Hosoy	†John Findlater	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1921	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitts	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1922	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitts	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1923	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1924	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1925	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1926	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Mrs. LuLu LeFan	†L.E. Tennison	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1927	†Miss LuLu LeFan	†L.E. Tennison	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1928	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1929	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1930	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1931	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1932	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Mrs. Rose Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1933	†Mrs. Rose E. Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1934	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1935	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1936	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1937	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John Temple Rice	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1938	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1939	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1940	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Mrs. Viva Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1941	†Mrs. Viva S. Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1942	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1943	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard	†E.B. Gauntt	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1944	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker	†E.B. Gauntt	†Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1945	†Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1946	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1947	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1948	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gaudin	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1949	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gaudin	†Mrs. Lucile Dufter	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Dufter	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1951	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1952	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1953	†Mrs. Mary E. Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	†Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1954	†Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†C.E. Bairfield	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1955	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Chas. E. Bairfield	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1956	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton

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1957	†Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	†Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1958	†Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	†Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	†Dr. R.O. Fuqua	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1959	†Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	†Dr. R.O. Fuqua	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1960	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1961	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	†Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1962	†Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	†Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	†E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1963	†Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	†E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1964	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1965	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1966	†Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Nancy Bailey	†Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1967	†Mrs. Nancy Bailey	†Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	†J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1968	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	†J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Sully Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1969	†Mrs. Sully Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Frances Herrin	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1970	†Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	†J. Victor Jones	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1971	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†C.A. Bill [†] Holmes	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1972	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†C.A. Bill [†] Holmes	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop	Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1973	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop	†Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Patricia Major Neinaast	Joseph B. Powell	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1974	†Mrs. Patricia Major Neinaast	†O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Doris Easterling	†O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1975	†Mrs. Doris Easterling	†O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Joyce Roberts	†Perry Smithwick	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1976	†Mrs. Joyce Roberts	†Perry Smithwick	†Mrs. Mary Brown	†Murray Watson, Jr.	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1977	†Mrs. Mary M. Brown	†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	†Ralph A. Davis	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	†Ralph A. Davis	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank
1983	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	†Ralph A. Davis	†Mrs. Beulah Speer	Wayne P. Jones	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank
1984	†Mrs. Beulah Speer	Wayne P. Jones	†Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Arnold Paul	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank
1985	†Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Arnold Paul	†Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	†Leonard M. Ellington	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1986	†Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	†Leonard M. Ellington	†Mrs. Sherrill Cain	B. Hutson	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1987	†Mrs. Sherrill Cain	†B. F. Hutson	†Mrs. Doris Efrid	†Harry G. Cunningham	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1988	†Mrs. Doris Efrid	†Harry G. Cunningham	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	Joe E. Jeffers	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1989	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1990	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	†Glen Whitaker	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1991	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	Glen Whitaker	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Garland W. Rattan	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1992	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Garland Rattan	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Leland Benefield	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1993	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Leland Benefield	†Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	†Charles Morris	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace

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1994	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	† Charles Morris	Mrs. Rosemary Sweetland	† Billy Combest	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1995	Mrs. Rosemary Sweetland	† Billy Combest	Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Frances Burbank	† Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1996	Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Claude Ervin	Mrs. Frances Burbank	† Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1997	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Kenneth Gregory	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Henry Martin	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	† Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1998	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Henry Martin	Mrs. Betty Y. Friend	Lee Stallings	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	† Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1999	Mrs. Betty Friend	Lee Stallings	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Duane Baker	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Betty Prater
2000	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Duane Baker	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon	Harold Trammell	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Betty Prater
2001	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon	Harold Trammell	Mrs. Sharon 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	Mr. George Gwaltney	Mrs. Marlene Scholari	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens
2014	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht	Mr. George Gwaltney	Mrs. Jerre Lucas	Mr. Billy Clabaugh	Mrs. Marlene Scholari	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens

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‡Suspended

**INDEPENDENT
AUDITOR'S
REPORT**



Ratcliff & 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, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses 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, 2014 and 2013, 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.

Ratcliff & Associates, P.C.

February 20, 2015

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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, 2014 and 2013

	ASSETS	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 345,673	\$ 355,134
Certificates of deposit	-	108,500
Interest receivable	90,619	88,626
Merchandise inventory	12,115	13,335
Prepaid expenses and other	<u>76,109</u>	<u>47,568</u>
Total current assets	<u>524,516</u>	<u>613,163</u>
Investments	1,418,666	1,495,501
Net property and equipment	10,428	28,684
Investments held in trust	3,359,232	3,140,688
Endowment investments	14,796,900	14,110,928
Other assets	<u>1,552</u>	<u>1,727</u>
Total other assets	<u>19,586,778</u>	<u>18,777,528</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 20,111,294</u>	<u>\$ 19,390,691</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 136,490	\$ 124,025
Deferred revenue	<u>156,591</u>	<u>149,177</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>293,081</u>	<u>273,202</u>
Funds held for others	<u>3,358,962</u>	<u>3,140,418</u>
Total other liabilities	<u>3,358,962</u>	<u>3,140,418</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	6,787,639	6,305,459
Permanently restricted	<u>9,671,612</u>	<u>9,671,612</u>
Total net assets	<u>16,459,251</u>	<u>15,977,071</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 20,111,294</u>	<u>\$ 19,390,691</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**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, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets		
Revenue		
Gifts and donations	\$ 426,438	\$ 525,979
Dues	256,683	264,776
Grand Session revenue	138,917	195,676
Bulletin & supply sales	116,474	106,728
Investment income	398,834	387,886
Unrealized gains	439,049	238,831
Net realized gains	298,530	54,166
Recovery of loss on writeoff of Roberts estate	-	71,048
Interest and other income	-	2,887
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Total unrestricted revenue	<u>2,074,925</u>	<u>1,847,977</u>
Operating expenses		
Program services		
Care of elderly members	803,869	776,081
Educational scholarships	41,000	51,000
Benevolence	77,567	69,962
Fraternal activities	255,549	315,945
Supporting services		
Management and general	387,513	354,349
Fundraising	27,247	23,880
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Total operating expenses	<u>1,592,745</u>	<u>1,591,217</u>
Increase in unrestricted net assets	<u>482,180</u>	<u>256,760</u>
Net assets at beginning of the year	<u>15,977,071</u>	<u>15,720,311</u>
Net assets at end of the year	<u>\$ 16,459,251</u>	<u>\$ 15,977,071</u>

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**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, 2014 and 2013

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash received from donors, dues, memberships and other	\$ 943,933	\$ 1,160,860
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	<u>(1,539,766)</u>	<u>(1,433,974)</u>
Net cash utilized by operating activities	<u>(595,833)</u>	<u>(273,114)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sale of certificates of deposits	108,500	-
Purchase of marketable securities	(104,771)	(1,821)
Proceeds from sales of investments	582,468	278,389
Proceeds from (investment in) other assets	<u>175</u>	<u>(296)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>586,372</u>	<u>276,272</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(9,461)	3,158
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>355,134</u>	<u>351,976</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 345,673</u>	<u>\$ 355,134</u>

**Reconciliation of Increase in Net Assets to
Net Cash Utilized by Operating Activities**

Increase in Net Assets	<u>\$ 482,180</u>	<u>\$ 256,760</u>
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash utilized by operating activities		
Depreciation	18,256	19,357
Unrealized gains on sale of investments	(439,049)	(238,831)
Realized gains on investments	(697,364)	(442,052)
Investment fees	49,579	44,033
Change in interest receivable	(1,993)	3,681
Change in inventory	1,220	1,314
Change in prepaid expenses	(28,541)	33,180
Change in accounts payable and accrued expenses	12,465	59,359
Change in deferred revenue	<u>7,414</u>	<u>(9,915)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>(1,078,013)</u>	<u>(529,874)</u>
Net Cash Utilized by Operating Activities	<u>\$ (595,833)</u>	<u>\$ (273,114)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**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, 2014

	Care of Elderly	Educational Scholarships	Benevolence	Fraternl Activities	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses
Personnel costs	\$ 4,350	-	\$ -	\$ 7,350	\$ -	\$ 119,291	\$ 130,991
Compensation	301	-	-	509	-	8,267	9,077
Payroll taxes	4,651	-	-	7,859	-	127,558	140,068
Care of the elderly	10,080	-	-	-	-	-	10,080
Allowance to home members	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Funeral	777,179	-	-	-	-	-	777,179
Infirmity and TMRC housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scholarships	-	41,000	-	-	-	-	41,000
Benevolence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chapter benevolence	-	-	50,320	-	-	-	50,320
Special funds	-	-	27,247	-	27,247	-	54,494
Fraternl activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand officer's expense	-	-	-	10,275	-	-	10,275
Grand session expense	-	-	-	112,203	-	-	112,203
Park G and Johnson Grand Patron Jewels	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Postage	310	-	-	28,814	-	-	28,814
Printing	-	-	-	13,049	-	-	13,049
Supplies	-	-	-	54,723	-	5,106	18,465
GGC International Headquarters	-	-	-	4,755	-	22,699	27,454
Management and general	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Auto	-	-	-	8,171	-	430	8,601
Depreciation	1,826	-	-	913	-	15,517	18,256
Insurance	5,588	-	-	2,794	-	47,498	55,880
Investment trust fees	-	-	-	-	-	49,579	49,579
Audit and taxes	-	-	-	-	-	33,959	33,959
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	-	6,097	6,097
Computers and technology	-	-	-	177	-	31,493	31,670
Office supplies	-	-	-	4,854	-	6,714	11,568
Other	27	-	-	(144)	-	2,908	2,791
Rent	3,300	-	-	4,884	-	28,050	36,234
Repairs and maintenance	227	-	-	114	-	1,931	2,272
Telephone	304	-	-	152	-	2,582	3,038
Utilities	377	-	-	189	-	3,211	3,777
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	-	2,181	2,181
Sale of Property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>798,218</u>	<u>41,000</u>	<u>77,567</u>	<u>247,690</u>	<u>27,247</u>	<u>259,955</u>	<u>1,452,677</u>
	\$ 803,869	\$ 41,000	\$ 77,567	\$ 255,549	\$ 27,247	\$ 387,513	\$ 1,592,745

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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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	\$ 6,553	-	-	\$ 6,601	-	\$ 110,038	\$ 123,192
Compensation	641	-	-	646	-	10,766	12,053
Payroll taxes	7,194	-	-	7,247	-	120,804	135,245
Care of the elderly	9,590	-	-	-	-	-	9,590
Allowance to home members	10,755	-	-	-	-	-	10,755
Funeral	736,008	-	-	-	-	-	736,008
Infirmary and TMRC housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scholarships	-	51,000	-	-	-	-	51,000
Benevolence	-	-	46,082	-	-	-	46,082
Chapter benevolence	-	-	23,880	-	23,880	-	47,760
Special funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fraternal activities	-	-	-	13,350	-	-	13,350
Grand officer's expense	-	-	-	162,527	-	-	162,527
Grand session expense	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Past Grand Matron/ Paron Jewels	-	-	-	30,380	-	-	30,380
General Grand Chapter per capita	-	-	-	7,005	-	7,812	15,340
Postage	523	-	-	64,459	-	-	64,459
Printing	-	-	-	-	-	17,040	17,040
Supplies	-	-	-	5,025	-	-	5,025
GGC International Headquarters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management and general	-	-	-	6,595	-	347	6,942
Auto	1,936	-	-	968	-	16,453	19,357
Depreciation	5,655	-	-	2,828	-	48,070	56,553
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	44,900	44,900
Investment trust fees	-	-	-	-	-	31,957	31,957
Audit and taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	-	17,923	17,923
Computers and technology	-	-	-	-	-	6,989	6,989
Office supplies	-	-	-	-	-	1,840	1,840
Other	27	-	-	5,813	-	30,387	39,571
Rent	3,575	-	-	5,609	-	1,792	2,108
Repairs and maintenance	211	-	-	105	-	1,926	2,266
Telephone	227	-	-	113	-	3,226	3,796
Utilities	380	-	-	190	-	2,288	3,051
Bank Fees	-	-	-	763	-	595	995
Sale of Property	768,887	51,000	69,962	308,698	23,880	233,545	1,455,972
Total	\$ 776,081	\$ 51,000	\$ 69,962	\$ 315,945	\$ 23,880	\$ 354,349	\$ 1,591,217

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1 - Nature of Organization

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star (Grand Chapter) and the Eastern Star Home of Texas (Home) (collectively the "Organization"). The Grand Chapter is a nonprofit organization chartered on July 22, 1884. As set forth in its charter, the Grand Chapter was established for charitable and benevolent purposes and to cement bonds of good fellowship and brotherly love among its members and adherents.

The Home was formed to operate a retirement home for elderly members (residents). The Grand Chapter has an agreement with Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC) to provide care for the residents. See Note 10 for additional information regarding the agreement with TMRC.

The purpose of the Home is to provide lodging, meals, health and other care to its residents for life. Upon entering into an agreement for care, a resident is required to transfer substantially all of her assets to the Home. Because the financial value of the transferred assets varies from resident to resident, the Home records the amount received as a contribution rather than as an advance fee for services to be provided. The Home also obtains revenues from pension receipts of its residents, donations from members, endowment fund interest and other monies designated by the Grand Chapter. The Home has deemed it impractical to calculate the net present value of the excess of costs over revenues for future services to be provided to current residents, and therefore, the amount of this liability has not been recorded in the financial statements.

2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A summary of the Organization's significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements follows:

Basis of Accounting - The consolidated financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred.

Basis of Consolidation - The accompanying consolidated financial statements present the consolidated financial position and changes in net assets and cash flows of the Organization. All significant intra-organizational accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Revenues and Support - Revenues and support for the Organization are primarily derived from unrestricted dues from Texas chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star. In addition, contributions are received from members and supporters of the Organization. Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of donor restrictions.

Recognition of Donor Restrictions - All contributions are considered available for the Organization's general programs unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor are reported as temporarily or permanently restricted support and increase the respective class of net assets. Contributions received with temporary restrictions that are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted support and increase unrestricted net assets. Investment income that is limited to specific uses by donor restrictions is reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions are met in the same reporting period as the income is recognized.

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2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Donated Assets and Services - Donated property and equipment is recorded at fair market value on the date of receipt in the appropriate investment, property, building or equipment account. In the absence of donor restrictions, donated assets are reported as unrestricted revenue. Donated services are recognized as unrestricted revenues if the services received (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by contribution. Contributed services that do not meet these criteria are not recognized as revenue. No such amounts were recorded in the financial statements for the years ended August 31, 2014 and 2013.

Programs - The Organization pursues its objectives through the execution of these major programs:

Care of Elderly Members - provide lodging, meals, health and other care to its residents for life.

Educational Scholarships - giving educational scholarships and grants to further the education of deserving students.

Benevolence - provide funds for the care of deserving and needy members of subordinate chapters and their orphans or dependent children.

Fraternal Activities - cement bonds of good fellowship and brotherly love among its members and adherents.

Management and General - providing administrative support to the above functional areas.

Fundraising - facilitating giving from Organization supporters.

Cash Equivalents - For purposes of the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, the Organization considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Concentration of Credit Risk - Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to credit risk include cash on deposit with a financial institution exceeding \$250,000 at various times during the year. The U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures amounts up to \$250,000.

Inventories - Inventories consist of various books, publishings and other membership specific items and are stated at the lower of cost or market determined by first-in, first-out method.

Investments - Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are reported at their fair values in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. Unrealized gains and losses are reported as investment return in the Consolidated Statements of Activities. Investment fees are included in management and general on the Statements of Activities.

Fair Value Measurement - Fair value hierarchy is used to disclose the inputs to fair value measurement. This hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels. A financial asset or liability's classification within the hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy are recognized at the end of the reporting period. For the years ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, investments are composed of cash and equivalents, equity securities, and fixed income securities, and are all Level 1 inputs, which are based upon quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

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2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates in these financial statements include depreciation and the allocation of expenses.

Compensated Absences - Compensated absences for personal time have not been accrued since they cannot be reasonably estimated. The Organization’s policy is to recognize these costs when actually paid.

Property and Equipment - Property and equipment are recorded at acquisition cost. The Organization capitalizes assets with a cost greater than \$1,000. Betterments and renewals are capitalized. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Furniture and equipment	3 - 7 years
Vehicles	3 years
Portable building	10 years

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets - Management evaluates its long-lived assets for financial impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when the estimated undiscounted future cash flows from the assets are less than the carrying value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of their carrying amount or fair value, less cost to sell. Management is of the opinion that the carrying amount of its long-lived assets does not exceed their estimated recoverable amount.

Functional Allocation of Expenses - The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program and supporting services benefited.

Designated Net Assets - In 2005, the Board of Directors designated 15% of the net proceeds from the sale of certain properties for the expense of a planned move to new offices, including moving and storage costs and the cost of the new office. The total amount designated was \$504,529. Designated unrestricted net assets at August 31, 2014 and 2013, were \$368,648 and \$368,648, respectively.

Income Tax Status - The Grand Chapter is a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code as other than a private foundation, except on net income derived from unrelated business activities. The Home is a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as other than a private foundation, except on net income derived from unrelated business activities. For the years ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, the Organization has not conducted unrelated business activities that are material to the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the financial statements. The Organization believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements.

Tax returns of the Organization for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 are open to examination by the relevant taxing authorities for a period of three years from the date the returns are filed.

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3 - Investments

Investments are held by banks and investment managers. Investments at August 31, 2014 and 2013, are composed of the following:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Unrestricted:		
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 101,577	\$ 86,297
Fixed income securities	<u>1,317,089</u>	<u>1,409,204</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,418,666</u>	<u>\$ 1,495,501</u>
Investments Held in Trust:		
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 108,666	\$ 111,438
Equity securities	1,205,285	1,007,856
Fixed income securities	<u>2,045,281</u>	<u>2,021,394</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,359,232</u>	<u>\$ 3,140,688</u>
Endowment Investments:		
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 260,636	\$ 577,575
Equity securities	5,026,908	4,227,965
Fixed income securities	<u>9,509,356</u>	<u>9,305,388</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,796,900</u>	<u>\$ 14,110,928</u>

4 - Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Furniture & equipment	\$ 111,251	\$ 111,251
Vehicle	41,101	41,101
Portable building	9,897	9,897
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(151,821)</u>	<u>(133,565)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>\$ 10,428</u>	<u>\$ 28,684</u>

5 - Funds Held for Others

Funds Held for Others consists of investments held in trust for the endowed membership fund. The endowed membership funds are held for the benefit of a member's local chapter. Interest earned on the principal is remitted pro rata to each endowed member's chapter. The Grand Chapter receives the interest in the event of the chapter's demise. Members may purchase an endowed membership by paying \$500 to the Grand Chapter or by purchasing stamps for \$10. Once 50 stamps are accumulated they may be redeemed as payment for an endowed membership. The stamps may be transferred to other members but are nonrefundable once purchased. (See Note 6 for financial information regarding stamp sales.)

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5 - Funds Held for Others (continued)

Transactions for the year are as follows:

	Endowed Memberships <u>Principal</u>	Stamp <u>Income</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at August 31, 2012	\$ 2,815,000	\$ 174,610	\$ -	\$ 2,989,610
Stamp sales	-	-	20,430	20,430
Endowed memberships	84,500	-	(20,430)	64,070
Interest and dividend income	-	85,977	-	85,977
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	-	67,445	-	67,445
Distributions to local chapters	-	<u>(87,114)</u>	-	<u>(87,114)</u>
Balance at August 31, 2013	<u>2,899,500</u>	<u>240,918</u>	-	<u>3,140,418</u>
Stamp sales	-	-	14,990	14,990
Endowed memberships	98,000	-	(14,990)	83,010
Interest and dividend income	-	138,651	-	138,651
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	-	102,125	-	102,125
Distributions to local chapters	-	<u>(120,232)</u>	-	<u>(120,232)</u>
Balance at August 31, 2014	<u>\$ 2,997,500</u>	<u>\$ 361,462</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,358,962</u>

6 - Deferred Revenue

At August 31, 2014 and 2013, the components of deferred revenue were as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Deferred stamp revenue	\$ 114,575	\$ 113,495
Unearned special project revenue	<u>42,016</u>	<u>35,682</u>
Total deferred revenue	<u>\$ 156,591</u>	<u>\$ 149,177</u>

The change in the deferred stamp revenue account for the years ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, were comprised of the following:

Beginning Balance	\$ 113,495	\$ 108,855
Add: Stamps sold	14,990	20,430
Less: Stamps redeemed	<u>(13,910)</u>	<u>(15,790)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 114,575</u>	<u>\$ 113,495</u>

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7 - Roberts' Estate

In 1998, the Organization was named as the beneficiary of \$75,000 from the Roberts' estate upon the death of the deceased's sister. The amount was included in other assets on the Statements of Financial Position at August 31, 2010. In 2011, the Organization obtained information that made collectability of the bequest uncertain. Therefore, the asset was removed and a loss of \$75,000 was reported in the Statements of Activities. In 2013, the Organization received \$71,000 from the Roberts' estate which is reported in the accompanying statement of activities, under the line item "Recovery of loss on write-off of Roberts' estate."

8 - Unrestricted Revenues

Gifts and donations for the years ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, were as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Gifts and donations	\$ 66,636	\$ 211,408
Home member receipts	9,600	10,905
Pension receipts	129,672	122,931
Other income	85,143	83,358
Special project funds	<u>135,387</u>	<u>97,377</u>
Total gifts and donations	<u>\$ 426,439</u>	<u>\$ 525,979</u>

9 - Endowment Investments

The endowment fund's principal must be invested in perpetuity, and the income from endowment investments may be spent for the benefit of the retirement home and for educational scholarships as authorized and approved by the Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds: the duration and preservation of the fund, the purposes of the Grand Chapter and the donor-restricted endowment fund, general economic conditions, other resources of the Grand Chapter, and the investment policies of the Grand Chapter.

Funds with Deficiencies - From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or TUPMIFA requires the Organization to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with GAAP, there are no deficiencies of this nature that are reported in unrestricted net assets.

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters - The Organization has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the organization must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period(s) as well as board-designated funds. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Directors, endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the price and yield results of the S&P 500, or other recognized market indexes, while assuming moderate level of investment risk. The Organization expects its endowment funds, over time, to provide an average rate of return of approximately 5-6% annually. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

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9 - Permanently Restricted Net Assets (continued)

The change in endowment net assets for years ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, are as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net assets, August 31, 2012	\$ 3,908,756	\$ -	\$ 9,671,612	\$ 13,580,368
Investment income, net of fees	307,700	-	-	307,700
Realized gains (losses)	76,302	-	-	76,302
Unrealized gains	<u>302,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>302,758</u>
Total investment return	686,760	-	-	686,760
Expenditures	<u>(156,200)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>156,200</u>
Net assets, August 31, 2013	<u>4,439,316</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,671,612</u>	<u>14,110,928</u>
Investment income, net of fees	324,229	-	-	324,229
Realized gains (losses)	301,712	-	-	301,712
Unrealized gains	<u>435,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>435,276</u>
Total investment return	1,061,217	-	-	1,061,217
Expenditures	<u>(375,245)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(375,245)</u>
Net assets, August 31, 2014	<u>\$ 5,125,288</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,671,612</u>	<u>\$ 14,796,900</u>

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives - To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Organization relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Organization targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on no more than 40% invested in equity-based investments and 60% invested in fixed income or government investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to the Spending Policy - The Organization has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year the annual earnings on the investments. The Board of Directors has the authority to return at least 10% of the earnings each year to the principal of the fund. In establishing this policy, the Organization considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long term, the Organization expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to grow at an average of 4% annually. This is consistent with the Organization's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return. The Board of Directors has the right to recommend against expenditure of earnings or gains in any given year due to factors such as financial market conditions or poor investment performance.

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9 - Permanently Restricted Net Assets (continued)

Permanently restricted net assets represent funds to be invested in perpetuity and the income from endowment investments may be spent in accordance with the endowment instrument. Permanently restricted net assets at August 31, 2014 and 2013, are composed of the following:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Endowment fund	\$ 8,722,850	\$ 8,722,850
Eastern Star Home fund	310,964	310,964
Education fund	102,798	102,798
Mary Kennington fund	500,000	500,000
Fanny V. Ward fund	<u>35,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>
Total permanently restricted net assets	<u>\$ 9,671,612</u>	<u>\$ 9,671,612</u>

10 - Commitments

By resolution the Grand Chapter and the Home entered into an agreement with The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas to move residents from the Home to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center (the TMRC). The Home's daily cost of maintaining the residents in the Clinic/Nursing Center was \$240 and \$235 for a total of \$610,601 and \$595,575 for the years ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. In addition, the Home's daily cost of maintaining the residents in the Independent Living Center was \$75 and \$66 for a total of \$166,577 and \$139,856 for the years ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The cost to the Home of maintaining the residents at TMRC is based on TMRC's actual cost per resident, which is calculated each July 1. The new cost per resident beginning July 1, 2014, is \$58 for residents in independent living and \$267 for those in the Clinic/ Nursing Center. TMRC has the responsibility to determine when residents need skilled nursing care. In addition to the daily cost of maintaining the residents the Home has agreed to pay \$70 per month per resident to TMRC to be used for the residents' personal needs. At August 31, 2014, the number of residents maintained at TMRC was 11.

11 - Session

The Grand Chapter convenes a Session annually for the statewide membership to conduct business and raise funds for benevolent purposes. An Executive Committee is placed in charge of revenues and expenses related to the Session. The Grand Chapter provides \$20,000 for startup funds. The Executive Committee maintains a separate checking account with these funds and utilizes it to record receipts and disbursements related to the Session. After the Session, all documentation is subject to an internal audit. Any revenue greater than expenses is returned to the Grand Chapter general fund.

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11 - Session (continued)

The following summarizes the income and expenses for the 2014 and 2013 Sessions.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Gross Session revenue	\$ 138,917	\$ 195,676
Session expenses	<u>(95,462)</u>	<u>(162,527)</u>
Net proceeds to Grand Chapter	<u>\$ 43,455</u>	<u>\$ 33,149</u>

12 - Operating Leases

The Grand Chapter leases office equipment, and has service agreements under commitments that expire in years up to 2019. Rental expense for this equipment was \$42,975 and \$42,910 for the years ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. In November 2014 the Grand Chapter entered into a lease for a building under an agreement that expires in 2018. Lease payments remaining under these leases for each of the next five years are as follows:

2015	\$ 80,662
2016	88,523
2017	88,523
2018	49,216
2019	<u>23,182</u>
Minimum payments required	<u>\$ 330,106</u>

13 - Leasing Activities

The new building lease in Note 12 resulted in the Grand Chapter sub-leasing a portion of the building under an agreement that expires in 2018. Lease payments receivable for this sub-lease for each of the next four years are as follows:

2015	\$ 8,820
2016	10,584
2017	10,584
2018	<u>1,764</u>
Minimum payments receivable	<u>\$ 31,752</u>

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August 31, 2014 and 2013

14 - Contingency

In March 2004 the Grand Chapter signed a letter of intent with the Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC) that provided the Grand Chapter would lease 7,876 square feet in a new building to be constructed by TMRC and used by the Grand Chapter for administrative offices and museum. In March 2010 the Grand Chapter Board of Directors and TMRC reached a verbal agreement that the Grand Chapter would not continue with the construction and eventual lease of the office space in TMRC's new building. The Grand Chapter agreed to assist TMRC with the cost to reconfigure that space from offices to apartments. In June 2010, Grand Chapter paid TMRC \$25,672 to reconfigure the space initially intended for Grand Chapter in the new building from offices to apartments. Grand Chapter believes it has completed its obligation.

In August 2013, TMRC sent a letter to the Grand Chapter with an invoice in the amount of \$803,502 for construction costs to build apartments in the space originally intended for the Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter does not believe it agreed to pay for the total cost to build apartments in that space. The Chapter was presented with a lawsuit in March 2014 from Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas (TMRC). At that time the Grand Chapter retained an attorney to represent it in the lawsuit. An attempt at mediation in an effort to resolve the case produced no results. A trial is set for November 2015. The outcome of this case is not determinable. Management is of the opinion that TMRC has no basis for claim and Grand Chapter will incur no liability from the lawsuit.

15 - Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through the report date, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



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Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

To the Board of Directors,
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, 2014 and 2013, and our report thereon dated February 20, 2015, 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 19 to 22 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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February 20, 2015

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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, 2014

ASSETS

	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 343,295	\$ 2,378	\$ -	\$ 345,673
Interest receivable	90,194	425	-	90,619
Merchandise inventory	12,115	-	-	12,115
Receivable from Chapter	-	28,103	(28,103)	-
Prepaid expenses and other	<u>76,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,109</u>
Total current assets	<u>521,713</u>	<u>30,906</u>	<u>(28,103)</u>	<u>524,516</u>
Investments	777,240	641,426	-	1,418,666
Net property and equipment	10,428	-	-	10,428
Investments held in trust	3,359,232	-	-	3,359,232
Endowment investments	14,796,900	-	-	14,796,900
Other assets	<u>1,530</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,552</u>
Total other assets	<u>18,945,330</u>	<u>641,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,586,778</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 19,467,043</u>	<u>\$ 672,354</u>	<u>\$ (28,103)</u>	<u>\$ 20,111,294</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 74,466	\$ 62,024	\$ -	\$ 136,490
Payable to home	28,103	-	(28,103)	-
Deferred revenue	<u>156,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>156,591</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>259,160</u>	<u>62,024</u>	<u>(28,103)</u>	<u>293,081</u>
Funds held for others	<u>3,358,962</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,358,962</u>
Total other liabilities	<u>3,358,962</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,358,962</u>
Net assets				
Unrestricted	6,488,273	299,366	-	6,787,639
Permanently restricted	<u>9,360,648</u>	<u>310,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,671,612</u>
Total net assets	<u>15,848,921</u>	<u>610,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,459,251</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 19,467,043</u>	<u>\$ 672,354</u>	<u>\$ (28,103)</u>	<u>\$ 20,111,294</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

Consolidating Statement of Financial Position
August 31, 2013

ASSETS

	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 354,624	\$ 510	\$ -	\$ 355,134
Certificates of deposit	108,500	-	-	108,500
Interest receivable	88,118	508	-	88,626
Receivable from Chapter	-	27,698	(27,698)	-
Merchandise inventory	13,335	-	-	13,335
Prepaid expenses and other	47,568	-	-	47,568
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Total current assets	612,145	28,716	(27,698)	613,163
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
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Total other assets	17,964,050	813,478	-	18,777,528
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Total Assets	\$ 18,576,195	\$ 842,194	\$ (27,698)	\$ 19,390,691

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
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Total current liabilities	243,975	56,925	(27,698)	273,202
Funds held for others	3,140,418	-	-	3,140,418
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Total other liabilities	3,140,418	-	-	3,140,418
Net assets				
Unrestricted	5,831,154	474,305	-	6,305,459
Temporarily restricted	-	-	-	-
Permanently restricted	9,360,648	310,964	-	9,671,612
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Total net assets	15,191,802	785,269	-	15,977,071
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 18,576,195	\$ 842,194	\$ (27,698)	\$ 19,390,691

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**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, 2014

	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets:			
Revenue			
Gifts and donations	\$ 224,920	\$ 201,518	\$ 426,438
Dues	112,292	144,391	256,683
Grand Session revenue	138,917	-	138,917
Bulletin & supply sales	116,474	-	116,474
Investment income	392,829	6,005	398,834
Net unrealized gains	436,228	2,821	439,049
Net realized gains	<u>297,771</u>	<u>759</u>	<u>298,530</u>
Total unrestricted revenue	<u>1,719,431</u>	<u>355,494</u>	<u>2,074,925</u>
Operating expenses			
Program services			
Care of elderly members	16,610	787,259	803,869
Educational scholarships	41,000	-	41,000
Benevolence	77,567	-	77,567
Fraternal activities	255,549	-	255,549
Supporting services			
Management and general	381,149	6,364	387,513
Fundraising	<u>27,247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,247</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>799,122</u>	<u>793,623</u>	<u>1,592,745</u>
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	920,309	(438,129)	482,180
Uncompleted transfer	(263,190)	263,190	-
Net assets at beginning of the year	<u>15,191,802</u>	<u>785,269</u>	<u>15,977,071</u>
Net assets at end of the year	<u>\$ 15,848,921</u>	<u>\$ 610,330</u>	<u>\$ 16,459,251</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**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	<u>2,227</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>2,887</u>
Total unrestricted revenue	<u>1,306,498</u>	<u>541,479</u>	<u>1,847,977</u>
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	<u>23,880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,880</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>825,463</u>	<u>765,754</u>	<u>1,591,217</u>
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	<u>481,035</u>	<u>(224,275)</u>	<u>256,760</u>
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>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Corporate Board Minutes

*Photographs
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*132nd
Session*

Grand Chapter of Texas

Golden Links of Love



Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron
&
Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron



Board of Directors



Board of Grand Examiners



50 Year Members



Grand Choir



Allison Frazee, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas,
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls



Kenlyn Lawrence, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1 and her Deputy Grand Matrons



Mary Bond, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2 and her Deputy Grand Matrons



Betty Hancock, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3 and her Deputy Grand Matrons



Linda Roy, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4 and her Deputy Grand Matrons



Gail Fuller, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5 and her Deputy Grand Matron



With Elvis at
Rob Morris Celebration



With Elvis and Trey as Elvis at
Rob Morris Celebration



Fisher House Representative



General Grand Chapter Officers



General Grand Chapter Committee Members



Grand Lodge Officers



Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Texas



Grand Representative Drill



Grand Representative Drill



Humanitarian



Humanitarian Drill





Jayne and Trey at the
Waco Bridge





Jayne Yenger and Joey Yenger



Trey Smith and Judy Baker



Jerry Martin, Most Worshipful Grand Master



Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and Member of the House of Gold and JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls



Memorial Program





Bobbi White,
Most Worthy Grand Matron
and John Grobler,
Most Worthy Grand Patron



Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas



Reach for the Stars



Rennie Often,
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron



Rob Morris



Star and Chain Drill



TMRC



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