

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

Extends Fraternal Greetings and
Welcomes You to
The One Hundred and Thirty Third Session



Friends Always Near

2014 — 2015

*August 13-15, 2015
Arlington Convention Center
Arlington, Texas*

*Cheryl Albrecht
Worthy Grand Matron*

*George Gwaltney
Worthy Grand Patron*

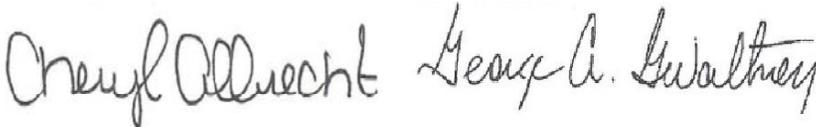
WELCOME and APPRECIATION

TO THE MEMBERS OF TEXAS --

Welcome to the 133rd Session of Grand Chapter of Texas. We are pleased you have taken time to be with us as we conduct the business of this Grand Chapter this year. As I think about the rich history of the Order and the dedication of those who have served before us, we are so humbled to stand in these places. We know that with the membership's assistance and the grace of God, the Order will continue to prosper.

We would like to thank the membership of Texas for every courtesy that has been extended to us over the previous year. You have supported not only us, but you have supported our various projects and the reports that will be given will reflect your generosity and love.

We hope you will enjoy your visit to Grand Chapter in Arlington renewing old friendships and making new friends. Again, Thank You for your friendship, support and love for our beautiful Order.



Cheryl Albrecht
Worthy Grand Matron

George Gwaltney
Worthy Grand Patron



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



***George Gwaltney
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

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

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

Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron
and Most Worthy Grand Patron

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

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



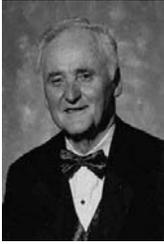
***Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary
General Grand Chapter
And
Past Grand Matron Of Texas***

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 Committee
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



*Jerry Martin
Scottish Rite Charities Committee
Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas
Past Grand Patron of Texas*

***General Grand Chapter
Committee Members***



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



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



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



*Janice Herridge
Bobbi's Forever Friends*



*K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.
John's Matador
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*H. Lee Stallings
John's Matador
Past Grand Patron of Texas*

Installed Grand Officers



*Jerre Lucas
Associate Grand
Matron*



*Billy Clabaugh
Associate Grand
Patron*



*Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary*



*Lorrie Owens
Grand Treasurer*



*Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress*



*Melissa Hudman
Associate
Grand Conductress*



*Norma Phillips
Grand Chaplain*



*Loretta Booth
Grand Marshal*



*Daniel Caldwell
Grand Organist*

Installed Grand Officers



*Elaine Rowland
Grand Adah*



*Cindy Echols
Grand Ruth*



*Nannette Gwaltney
Grand Esther*



*Laverne Hadley
Grand Martha*



*Barbara Grant-Scott
Grand Electa*



*Darrell Albrecht
Grand Warder*



*R. W. "Bob" Royall
Grand Sentinel*



*Kaye Swain
Fraternal
Correspondent*

Board of Directors



*Gerry Sturtz
Chairman*



*Becky Austin
Vice Chairman*



*Audri Rowell
Secretary*



*Ray Hargis
Member District 1*



*Deborah Land
Member District 2*

Board of Directors



Jean Hobbs
Member District 3



Jerri Young
Member District 3



Debi Fincher
Member District 4



David Ouellette
Member District 5



Carlotta Fairchild
Member District 5

Board of Grand Examiners



*Carolyn Martin
District 1*



*Susan Dormady
District 2*



*Donna Noe
District 3*



*Terri Rozell
District 4*



*Linda Winn-Christenson
District 5*



*Laura Sharp
At Large*

Executive Committee



Jim Fentress
General Chairman



Sheryl Preston
Secretary

Lou Carmichael
Treasurer

Joan Curtis
Auditor

Arrangements Committee



Ray Lewis
Chairman



Bill Prague
Co-Chairman



Priscilla Locke
Decorations



Kathy Creel
Distinguished
Guests



Sammie Porter
Ditty Bags



Karen Burch
Electrical



Sissy Furrie
First Aid



Betty Hancock
Housing



Peggy Stewart
Information



Tom Hancock
Labyrinth



Adele Isaacs
Lost & Found



Debra Perry
Membership
Assistance

Arrangements Committee



Betty Kitchens
Paraphernalia



Willie Mae Shaw
Parliamentarian



Ben Wilson
Sound



Susie Broughton
Stage Page



Ginger Byrd
Tickets



Dewey Teague
Transportation



Charles Kitchens
Ushers



Rick Trimble
Vendors



Alys Newsom
Credentials



Ellen Pickrell
Registration

Ceremonial Opening

**Thursday Afternoon Session
August 13, 2015**

11:00 AM

Musical Prelude	Daniel Caldwell Grand Organist
Organist Informal Opening	Sandra Perdue Past Grand Matron
Master of Ceremonies	Vi Griffin Public Relations Committee 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
Susan Dormady	District 2 Escorted by Bill Dormady
Donna Noe	District 3 Escorted by Hobie Henderson
Terri Rozell	District 4 Escorted by Burley Jones
Linda Winn-Christenson	District 5 Escorted by Victor Christenson
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
Audri Rowell	District 2 Escorted by Don Reynolds
Deborah Land	District 2 Escorted by Allen Rodgers
Jean Hobbs	District 3 Escorted by Mike Hall
Jerri Young	District 3 Escorted by Frank Knight
Gerry Sturtz	District 4 Escorted by Gerald Greer
David Ouellette	District 5 Escorted by Dee Davis
Carlotta Fairchild	District 5 Escorted by Bill Crews

Special Appointments

Kaye Swain	Fraternal Correspondent Escorted by Ron Meitzner
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2014-2015 Installed Grand Chapter Officers

R.W. "Bob" Royall	Grand Sentinel Escorted by Cheryl Royall
Darrell Albrecht	Grand Warder Escorted by Edna Goettee
Barbara Grant-Scott	Grand Electa Escorted by Alfred Bell
Laverne Hadley	Grand Martha Escorted by Jim Sharp
Nannette Gwaltney	Grand Esther Escorted by Claude Ervin
Cindy Echols	Grand Ruth Escorted by Tommy Echols
Elaine Rowland	Grand Adah Escorted by Bill Rowland
Daniel Caldwell	Grand Organist Escorted by Kristi Bridgwater
Loretta Booth	Grand Marshal Escorted by Bill Booth
Norma Phillips	Grand Chaplain Escorted by Barbara Randle
Melissa Hudman	Associate Grand Conductress Escorted by Richard Hudman
Sharon Mosmeyer	Grand Conductress Escorted by Gary Mosmeyer
Lorrie Owens	Grand Treasurer Escorted by Jerry Owens

Marlene Scholari

Grand Secretary
Escorted by Joseph Scholari

William "Billy" Clabaugh

Associate Grand Patron
Escorted by Jane Clabaugh

Jerre Lucas

Associate Grand Matron
Escorted by Richard Hancock

George Gwaltney

Worthy Grand Patron
Escorted by Shirley Hainline

Cheryl Albrecht

Worthy Grand Matron
Escorted by Darrell Albrecht

PRESENTATIONS

The Holy Bible

Joyce Waddell
Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron

Bible Marker

Nancy Haley
Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron

Square and Compasses

John Wilson
Worshipful Master, Stockyard Lodge #1244



Flag Presentation

United States Flag	Duane “Buddy” Baker Past Grand Patron of Texas
Canadian Flag	Carl Larson Past Grand Patron of Connecticut
Texas Flag	Nelson Campbell Cancer Committee General Grand Chapter Past Grand Patron of Texas
West Virginia Flag	Charles W. “Bill” Bane International Headquarters Administrator General Grand Chapter Past Grand Patron of D.C.
Washington Flag	K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. John’s Matador General Grand Chapter Past Grand Patron of Texas
Masonic Flag	Jerry Martin Past Grand Patron of Texas Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas
Christian Flag	Bill Rhyan Past Grand Patron of Arizona
Eastern Star Flag	Ray Hertenberger Past Grand Patron of Texas
Invocation	Betty Y. Friend Past Grand Matron of Texas

Greetings and Presentations

Welcome to Arlington	Jim Fentress Executive Committee Chairman
Arlington Convention & Visitor's Bureau	Jon Hixon Vice President, Sales
City of Arlington	Mayor Jeff Williams
Scottish Rite Hospital for Children	Stephanie Brigger Vice President, Development
Texas DeMolay	Michael Sampson State Executive Officer
	Tony Peebler State Master Councilor
International Order of Rainbow for Girls	JoAnn Weaver Supreme Deputy in Texas
	Marlene Dibrell Past Supreme Inspector Member of the House of Gold
	Emily Cumming Grand Worthy Advisor
Grand Lodge of Texas	Dr. Michael Wiggins Most Worshipful Grand Master
Partial Credentials Report	Alys Newsom Credentials Chairman
American Cancer Society	Nelson Campbell Past Grand Patron

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

Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening

1:00 PM

Fans of Friendship

Call to Order Sharon Fentress
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Ed Warner
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Scripture Reading Naomi Wolfe
Past Grand Matron of Texas

The "Friends are FANtastic" Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Loretta Booth, Grand Marshal

Precision Drill
Under the Direction of Darrell Albrecht, Grand Warder

Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening Installed Grand Officers

Opening Ode Amazing Grace
Grand Choir and Assembly
Directed by Jerry Neuenschwander, Grand Choir Director

Flag Presentation Loretta Booth
Grand Marshal

Pledge of Allegiance John Creel
Past Grand Patron of Texas

National Anthem Grand Choir and Assembly
Directed by Jerry Neuenschwander, Grand Choir Director

O' Canada Grand Choir and Assembly
Directed by Jerry Neuenschwander, Grand Choir Director

Filling of Vacancies

Appointment of Telegram/Telephone Committee

Organist Formal Opening

Sandra Perdue

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
 Special Appointments of 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

Marianne Shenefelt
Right Worthy Grand Conductress
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron of Wyoming

Greetings

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

Greetings

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

Benediction

Mary Ruth White
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible

Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

Fraternal Correspondent

Kaye Swain
The "Worldwide FANTasy" Drill
Texas' Own and Visiting Grand Representatives
Directed by Loretta Booth, Grand Marshal

Humanitarian Drill

Patsy Hewlett
The "F-A-N-S Around Texas" Drill
Directed by Loretta Booth, 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
"FANS: Far And Near Supping" General Banquet
at 6:00 PM

Thursday Evening Session

Fans of Faith

7:45 P.M.

Musical Prelude
Heidi Niemann

8:00 P.M.

Call to Order

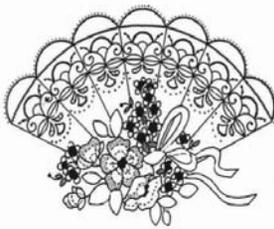
Rennie Ofton
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Jerry Trees
Past Grand Patron of Texas

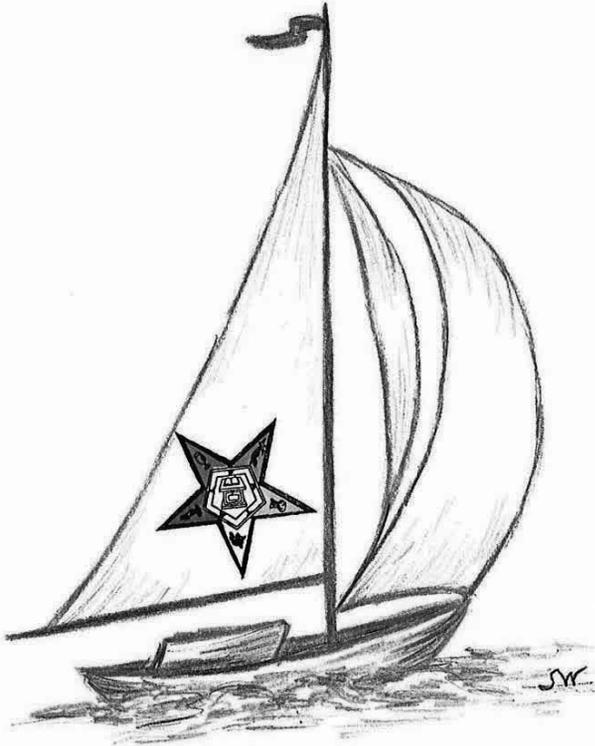
Entrance of the Installed Grand Officers

ESTARL Presentation

Jane Wert
General Chairman



Winds of Faith



Cheryl Albrecht
Worthy Grand Matron

George Gwaltney
Worthy Grand Patron

Jane Wert
ESTARL Chairman

ESTARL SERVICE AND AWARDS

Musical Prelude		Daniel Caldwell Grand Organist
Welcome		Jane Wert General Chairman
ESTARL COMMITTEE		
Jo D. Dibrell		District 1
Mary Bond		District 2
Donna Pope		District 3
Betty Fogarty		District 4
Susan Neuenschwander		District 5
Invocation		Jacob Hunter Recipient, District 5
Musical Selection		Jacob Turner Recipient, District 3
Scripture Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-10	Jaron Brandt Recipient, District 5
Message	“Spirit Wind”	Matt Hogan Recipient, District 4
Offertory Prayer		Chad Lawson Recipient, District 4

ESTARL LOVE OFFERING

Offertory Music

Mary Hunt
Past Matron
Livingston Chapter #1139

Presentation of Awards

Cheryl Albrecht
Worthy Grand Matron

George Gwaltney
Worthy Grand Patron

Assisted by the ESTARL Committee

Response from Recipients

Simon Nompone
Recipient, District 1

Benediction

Christian Messemer
Recipient, District 3



Cherished Friends

*Our Creator must have known
there would be times
we'd need a word of cheer
someone to praise a triumph
or brush away a tear*

*He must have known we'd
need to share
the joy of "little things"
in order to appreciate
the happiness life brings.*

*I think He knew our troubled hearts
would sometimes throb with pain
at trials and misfortunes
or some goals we can't attain.*

*He knew we'd need companionship
unselfish ... lasting ... true
and so the Creator answered the
heart's great need*

*With CHERISHED FRIENDS ...
like you.*



Fanning the Faith Memorial Program

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Musical Prelude	“How Great Thou Art”	Daniel Caldwell Grand Organist
Entrance of Grand Officers		Norma Phillips Grand Chaplain
		Loretta Booth Grand Marshal
Invocation		Norma Phillips Grand Chaplain
Musical Selection	“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”	Grand Choir
		Daniel Caldwell Grand Organist
Report of Grand Chaplain		Norma Phillips Grand Chaplain
Dedication		Norma Phillips Grand Chaplain
Solo	“I Believe”	Melissa Hudman Associate Grand Conductress

General Grand Chapter

Tribute		Norma Phillips Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation		Elaine Rowland Grand Adah

Grand Chapter of Texas

Tribute

Norma Phillips
Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation

Cindy Echols
Grand Ruth

Other Grand Jurisdictions

Tribute

Norma Phillips
Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation

Nannette Gwaltney
Grand Esther

Subordinate Chapters of Texas

Tribute

Norma Phillips
Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation

Laverne Hadley
Grand Martha

Our Military

Tribute

Norma Phillips
Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation

Barbara Grant-Scott
Grand Electa

Taps

Daniel Caldwell
Grand Organist

Opening of the Holy Bible

Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

Draping of the Altar

Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

Melissa Hudman
Associate Grand Conductress

Norma Phillips
Grand Chaplain

Closing of the Holy Bible

Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

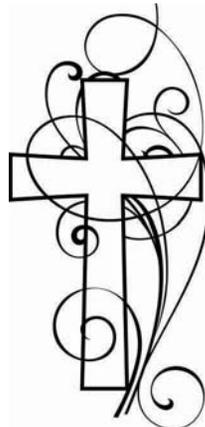
Benediction

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Grand Choir

Daniel Caldwell
Grand Organist

Please Retire Quietly and Reverently



**Friday Morning Session
August 14, 2015**

Fans of Service

7:45 A.M.

Musical Prelude
Marlene Dibrell

8:00AM

Call to Order

Nancy Brown
Past Grand Matron of Texas

David Dibrell
Past Grand Patron of Texas
Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas

The "Friends are FANtastic" Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
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Precision Drill
Under the Direction of Darrell Albrecht, Grand Warder

Entrance of the Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible

Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

Invocation

Joyce Nicklas
Support Our Military Committee
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Scripture Reading

Jayne Yenger
Past Grand Matron of Texas

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

Joyce Nicklas
Cheryl Albrecht
George Gwaltney

Grand Secretary
Grand Treasurer
Board of Directors
Unfinished Business
Jurisprudence
Grievances and Appeals
By-Laws
Educational Fund
International Headquarters
Museum
O.E.S. Home Endowment
Parliamentarian
Purposes and Policies
Titles, Deeds, and Properties

Marlene Scholari
Lorrie Owens

Sharon Fentress
Nancy Brown
Cathi Cannon
Kathy Paschal
Marilyn Butler
Konnie Harrell
Wanda Hollingsworth
Mae Shaw
Joyce Gilbert
Donny Broughton

Adoption of Reports:
Fraternal Correspondent
Humanitarian
ESTARL
Grand Chaplain

Kaye Swain
Patsy Hewlett
Jane Wert
Norma Phillips

Benediction

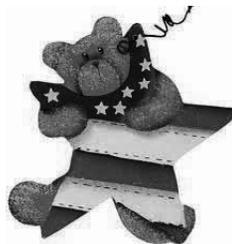
Doris Hester
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible

Sharon Mosmeyer
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 14, 2015**

Fans of Love

12:45 P.M.

Musical Prelude
Donna Rings

1:00 PM

Call to Order

Annette Curry
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Bill Crews
Past Grand Patron of Texas

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Opening of the Holy Bible

Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

Invocation

Jimmie Lee McMahon
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Scripture Reading

Karen Morgenthaler
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Reports Continued:
Jurisprudence
Deputies of Grand Chapter
Board of Grand Examiners

Benediction

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

Closing of the Holy Bible

Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

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

**Please join us for the District Banquets at 5:30 P.M. followed by
the Rob Morris Celebration at 7:00 P.M.**

**Rehearsal for 2015-2016 Installation of Grand Officers
Following the Rob Morris Celebration**



**Saturday Morning Session
August 15, 2015**

Fans of Hope

7:45 A.M.

Musical Prelude
Mary Alberts

8:00 AM

Call to Order

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

Henry S. Martin
Right Worthy Grand Sentinel
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Texas

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Entrance of the Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible

Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

Invocation

Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Scripture Reading

Yvonne Brownfield
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Presentation of Executive and Arrangements Committees

Unfinished Business:

Credentials - Final Report

Alys Newsom

Appointment of Election Judge, Table Judges and Tellers

10:00 AM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Presentation of Residents of The Texas Masonic Retirement Center

Presentation and Recognition of Fifty Year Members

Reports Continued:

Rob Morris

Donna Haltom

Ritualistic Excellence

Tom Murphy

Registration

Ellen Pickrell

Telegram/Telephone

Invitation to 2015-2016 Grand Chapter Session

Recognitions and Presentations

Election Results

Closing Ode

God Be With You
Grand Choir and Assembly

Benediction

Richard Ochs
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible

Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

**Called from Labor to Rest until 6:00 PM, Saturday evening
for the Installation of 2015-2016 Grand Officers**

Processional of Distinguished Guests will begin at 5:30 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 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 BLUE card; Chapter Representatives will hold up the LIME GREEN card.
11. After a motion has been made, seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer, it cannot be withdrawn without permission of the voting body.
12. The following motions are not debatable:
 - a. Reconsider
 - b. Refer to a committee
 - c. Call for the 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	Cheryl Albrecht Brenda Ruiz
Holy Bible	Mary Nan Anderson Cathi Cannon Virginia Keasling Brenda Ruiz Gerry Sturtz
Bible Marker	Loretta Booth
Gavel	Darrell Albrecht Bob Royall
Installed Officers Chairs	Ruth Chapter #20
Star Point Pedestals	Caddo Mills Chapter #82
Chapter Paraphernalia	Crescent Chapter #820
Session Pictures	Chuck Ross
Assisting Grand Organists	Mary Alberts Marlene Dibrell Heidi Niemann Donna Rings Jan Stephens
Assistance and Support	Executive and Arrangements Committee 2014-2015

2015 Grand Chapter Session Social Events

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015

9:00 AM Executive and Arrangements Set-Up

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015

9:00 AM Move into Arlington Convention Center: Executive, Arrangements, Registration, Credentials

9:00 AM Vendor Area will be available for Vendor set-up.
Location: Arlington Convention Center

7:00 PM Installed Grand Officers Banquet (By Invitation Only)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015

9:00 AM Arrangements Set-Up: All Arrangements Committee members will continue to set up for Grand Chapter

9:00 AM Vendor Area will be available for Vendor set up.
Arlington Convention Center

9:00 AM Reception Honoring Jerre Lucas, Associate Grand Matron
11:00 AM and the 2015-2016 Installed Grand Officers, Hosted by Billy Clabaugh, Associate Grand Patron (By Invitation Only)

10:00 AM Registration and Credentials Open for Registration.
5:00 PM Arlington Convention Center

10:00 AM Past Grands Association of Texas Business Meeting.
Arlington Convention Center

11:30 AM "FAN-Ships" - 2014-2015 Deputies of Grand Chapter Luncheon Honoring Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron and George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Deputies of Grand Chapter, Arlington Convention Center (Open to this group, Board of Grand Examiners, Humanitarian Committee, Fraternal Correspondent, Traveling Secretaries & Spouses)

- 12 Noon “Precious Memories” - Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Luncheon, Chairman Doris Hester. Arlington Convention Center (Open To This Group Only)
- 12 Noon Vendor Area Open. Arlington Convention Center
5:00 PM
- 1:00 PM Drill Practice. Installed Grand Officers and their Pages. Arlington Convention Center
- 2:00 PM Hospitality Room for Distinguished Guests, Grand
4:00 PM Representatives and PAGO Members, hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas, Chairpersons Kathy Creel, Distinguished Guests, Patsy Hewlett, Grand Representatives Association and Wanda Hollingsworth, PAGO Association. Arlington Convention Center (Open to these groups only)
- 6:00 PM “Texas Pride Around the World” - Banquet Honoring Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. Arlington Convention Center (Open to Membership)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015

- 7:30 AM “Fans Around the World” - Grand Representative Breakfast Honoring Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron and George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron. Arlington Convention Center (Open to Present and Former Grand Representatives, Fraternal Correspondents, Spouses and Traveling Companions)
- 8:00 AM Registration and Credentials Open for Registration.
5:00 PM Arlington Convention Center
- 8:00 AM Grand Examiner’s Room Open. Arlington Convention
10:00 AM Center
- 8:00 AM Vendor Area Open. Arlington Convention Center
5:00 PM

- 9:30 AM “Remembering the Journey” - 2013-2014 Grand Family Brunch Honoring Jayne Yenger, Past Grand Matron and Trey Smith, Past Grand Patron, hosted by the 2013-2014 Deputies. Arlington Convention Center, (Open to 2013-2014 Grand Family, Spouses and Traveling Companions)
- 10:00 AM Hospitality Room for Distinguished Guests, Grand
12 Noon Representatives and PAGO Members, hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas, Chairpersons Kathy Creel, Distinguished Guests, Patsy Hewlett, Grand Representatives Association and Wanda Hollingsworth, PAGO Association. Arlington Convention Center (Open to these groups only)
- 10:45 AM 133rd Session of Grand Chapter of Texas, Informal Opening. Arlington Convention Center (FORMAL WEAR)
- 1:00 PM 133rd Session of Grand Chapter of Texas, Formal Opening. Arlington Convention Center (FORMAL WEAR) (This session includes the Grand Representatives Drill and the Humanitarian Drill)
- 4:30 PM Reception for Distinguished Guests—Most Worthy Grand
5:30 PM Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, 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 Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron and George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron. Hostesses: District Deputy Grand Matrons. Arlington Convention Center (Open to This Group Only) (FORMAL WEAR)
- 6:00 PM “FANS: Far And Near Supping” General Banquet, Arlington Convention Center (Open to the Membership), Chairperson Annette Curry, Past Grand Matron. Arlington Convention Center
- 8:00 PM 133rd Grand Chapter Session Resumes. This session includes the ESTARL and Memorial Programs. Arlington Convention Center. (FORMAL WEAR)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015

- 7:30 AM Breakfast Hosted by the Secretaries and Treasurers Association of Texas. Special Members: Past Grand Secretaries and Past Grand Treasurers. Annual meeting to be held with election of Officers for the Association. Arlington Convention Center (Open to present and past Secretaries, Treasurers and Traveling Companions)
- 8:00 AM 133rd Grand Chapter Session Resumes. Arlington Convention Center
- 8:00 AM Registration and Credentials Open for Registration.
5:00 PM Arlington Convention Center
- 8:00 AM Grand Examiner's Room Open. Arlington Convention
10:00 AM Center
- 8:00 AM Vendor Area Open. Arlington Convention Center
5:00 PM
- 12 Noon "Cherishing FANtastic Memories" - Luncheon Honoring Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron and George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron, Hosted by the Cherished Fans of District 3, Section 1. Arlington Convention Center
- 12 Noon "Boots and Spurs" - Luncheon Honoring Jerre Lucas, Associate Grand Matron and Billy Clabaugh, Associate Grand Patron, Hosted by the Trailblazers of District 3, Section 1. Arlington Convention Center
- 12 Noon "Inspiring Express" - Luncheon Honoring Sharon Mosmeyer, Grand Conductress, Hosted by the Inspirations of District 3, Section 1. Arlington Convention Center
- 12 Noon "Merrie Melodies" - Luncheon Honoring Melissa Hudman, Associate Grand Conductress, Hosted by Melissa's Melodies of District 3, Section 1. Arlington Convention Center
- 1:00 PM 133rd Grand Chapter Session Resumes. Arlington Convention Center

- 3:00 PM Grand Examiner's Room Open. Arlington Convention
4:00 PM Center
- 5:30 PM "Wings of Love" - District 1 Banquet, Chairman Phyllis
Macon. Arlington Convention Center
- 5:30 PM "West Texas Roadrunners" - District 2 Banquet, Chairman
Shirley Scholl. Arlington Convention Center
- 5:30 PM "A FANtastic Journey Ends" - District 3 Banquet,
Chairman Georgia Orr. Arlington Convention Center
- 5:30 PM "Garden of Friends" - District 4 Banquet, Chairman Diane
Flanagan. Arlington Convention Center
- 5:30 PM "Southern Fans and Vanes" - District 5 Banquet, Chairman
Joan Miller. Arlington Convention Center
- 7:00 PM Happy Birthday Rob Morris - Honoring Cheryl Albrecht,
Worthy Grand Matron and George Gwaltney, Worthy
Grand Patron. Arlington Convention Center (Open to
Membership)

(Practice for the 2015-2016 Installation of Grand Officers
immediately following the Rob Morris Celebration)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2014

- 6:30 AM "Happy Trails" - Breakfast Honoring Jerre Lucas,
Associate Grand Matron and Billy Clabaugh, Associate
Grand Patron. Arlington Convention Center (Open to
Membership)
- 7:00 AM Registration and Credentials Open for Registration.
9:00 AM Arlington Convention Center
- 8:00 AM 133rd Grand Chapter Session Resumes. This session
includes Elections, Introduction of TMRC Residents and
50-Year Members. Arlington Convention Center
- 8:00 AM Grand Examiner's Room Open. Arlington Convention
8:30 AM Center

8:00 AM Vendor Area Open. Arlington Convention Center
12 Noon

6:00 PM Installation of 2015-2016 Grand Officers. Arlington
Convention Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014

8:00 AM “Texas Blooms a New Star” Breakfast Honoring the
Newly Elected Associate Grand Conductress. Hosted by
the Associate Conductresses of District 3, Section 1.
Arlington Convention Center (Open to Membership)



GENERAL INFORMATION

NO CREDENTIALS CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER 9:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015. (Code of Laws, Article 2, Page 51: The Credentials Committee shall convene not later than 8:00 o'clock on the election morning for the registration of late-comers, but registration of voting delegates shall close at 9:00 o'clock on election morning.)

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

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

Registration fees are non-refundable.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS: All General Grand Chapter Officers and Appointees, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are invited to be seated in the Section of the Arena as designated during all sessions of Grand Chapter.

ASSISTING GRAND WARDERS AND ASSISTING GRAND SENTINELS will please be on duty thirty minutes before each session. Please assist in proving Grand Chapter.

GRAND CHOIR MEMBERS will please be in place thirty minutes before each session.

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. 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 Chairmen with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron.

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

HUMANITARIAN DRILL: All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons participating in the Humanitarian Drill for 2014-2015 are invited to participate in the Humanitarian Drill on Friday Evening. Ladies, you are invited to wear your Grand Chapter Attire, or your Subordinate Chapter Attire. Gentlemen, please wear a dark suit or tux.

PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS: The Grand Examiner-at-Large will open the Examining Room on Thursday morning from 8:00-10:00 AM; Friday from 8:00-10:00 AM and 3:00-4:00 PM; and Saturday from 8:00-8:30 AM. Arlington Convention Center.

VENDORS: The Exhibits are located on the North End of the Grand Chapter room. Hours are Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday from 8:00 AM until Noon.

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

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

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

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Sheraton Hotel

Music Selections
Jerry Neuenschwander, 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.

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.

God Bless America

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

God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

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.

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!

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.

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.

**Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
"Friends Always Near"
Thursday, August 13, 2015
Arlington Convention Center**

11:00 a.m. Musical Prelude

**Ms. Sandra Perdue
PM of Grand Prairie No. 219**

Master of Ceremonies

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

Assisting Grand Marshall

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

MC Vi Griffin: Good morning Sisters and Brothers and Friends of the Order of the Eastern Star and Welcome to the 133rd "*Friends Always Near*" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Grand Openings are always an exciting event and so we are so very glad that you are here to witness this exciting and special event of our Grand Chapter. It is a culmination of the many dedicated efforts of so many dedicated members who have worked tirelessly for our programs for the year 2014-2015.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your leadership. We applaud your special record of service in which you have met the challenges set before you with courage and with dignity. You have afforded us many opportunities to work for the good of our Order, but always gave us time to laugh and play. We thank you. Thank you too for the honor accorded to me and to my Chapters of presiding at this Ceremonial Opening of this 133rd Session.

I am pleased to introduce our Assisting Grand Marshal for his morning, Sister Betty Benham. She's somewhere I hope. In my book, Sister Betty is the epitome of grace in motion. With a smile as wide as the high plains of District Two from which she hails and a heart as big as Texas, she continues to serve. She serves General Grand Chapter as one of Bobbi's Forever Friends and continues to serve her Chapter Amarillo #787 and this Grand Chapter as well. She willingly performs these duties in the spirit of servanthood and good cheer and it is always an honor to have Sister Betty serving alongside us.

We heard very special music this morning in the prelude. Please join me in expressing our sincere appreciation for the blessings of the beautiful music which our talented Sister Sandra Perdue has provided for us. Thank you Sister Sandra.

A time honored tradition of the Grand Chapter of Texas, we will now proceed with the Processional of our Distinguished Members and Guests. Won't you please give your attention as they are presented.

Assisting Grand Marshal you will escort our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Bobbi White and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. John Grobler and his wife Mrs. Barbara, to the East. (Three raps) Please give our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron a very warm and loving Texas welcome. (Applause) (One rap).

Assisting Grand Marshal you will escort the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal you will escort the Elected Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal you will escort the Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter to the East. Excuse me! You will escort the Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East. I like shortcuts. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal now you will escort the Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal you will escort the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Applause)

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

Assisting Grand Marshal you will escort our very own, esteemed and beloved 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, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to the East. Brother Michael Wiggins is escorted by his wife, Tanya and accompanied by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Texas and the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Texas. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal you will escort the Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal you will escort the State Leaders of Appendant Bodies and the Fraternal Youth Organizations to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal we appreciate your service for a job well done. Show your appreciation please. (Applause)

The proficiency of our membership and the Ritualistic Work of our Order is under the direction of our Board of Grand Examiners. This Board is comprised of one member from each District and a Grand Examiner-at-Large, each elected annually. It is my pleasure to introduce them to you:

Carolyn Martin, District 1, escorted by Henry Martin (Applause)

Susan Dormady, District 2, escorted by Bill Dormady (Applause)

Donna Noe, District 3, escorted by Hobie Henderson (Applause)

Terri Rozell, District 4, escorted by Burley Jones (Applause)

Linda Winn-Christenson, escorted by Victor Christenson, District 5 (Applause)
 And Laura Sharp, Gr. Examiner At Large, escorted by Richard Sharp (Applause)
 Thank you Grand Examiners for your dedication to our Ritualistic Work. (Applause)

It is an honor to now introduce the ten dedicated members of our Board of Directors:

District 1, Becky Austin escorted by Don Austin (Applause)
 Ray Hargis, District 1, escorted by Linda Hargis (Applause)
 Audri Rowell, District 2, escorted by Don Reynolds (Applause)
 Deborah Land, District 2, escorted by Allen Rodgers (Applause)
 Jean Hobbs, District 3, escorted by Mike Hall (Applause)
 Jerri Young, District 3 escorted by Frank Knight (Applause)
 Gerry Sturtz, District 4, escorted by Gerald Greer (Applause)
 David Ouellette, District 5 escorted by Dee Davis (Applause)
 And Carlotta Fairchild, District 5, escorted by Bill Crews (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers lets thank these dedicated members of the Board of Directors for the challenges they meet and the problems they solve. (Applause)

I have the distinct honor and pleasure to introduce the Installed Grand Chapter Officers and Fraternal Correspondent for this year. A very special Appointment of the Worthy Grand Matron is our Fraternal Correspondent:

Kaye Swain, escorted by Ron Meitzner (Applause)
 Our Grand Sentinel, R. W. "Bob" Royal, escorted by Cheryl Royall (Applause)
 Grand Warder, Darrell Albrecht, escorted by Edna Goettee (Applause)
 Grand Electa, Barbara Grant-Scott, escorted by Alfred Bell (Applause)
 Grand Martha, Laverne Hadley, escorted by Jim Sharp (Applause)
 Grand Esther, Nannette Gwaltney, escorted by Claude Ervin (Applause)
 Grand Ruth, Cindy Echols, escorted by Tommy Echols (Applause)
 Grand Adah, Elaine Rowland, escorted by Bill Rowland (Applause)
 Grand Organist, Daniel Caldwell, escorted by Kristi Bridgewater (Applause)
 Grand Marshal, Loretta Booth, escorted by Bill Booth (Applause)
 Grand Chaplain, Norma Phillips, escorted by Barbara Randle (Applause)
 Assoc. Grand Conductress, Melissa Hudman, escorted by Richard Hudman (Applause)
 Grand Conductress, Sharon Mosmeyer, escorted by Gary Mosmeyer (Applause)
 Grand Treasurer, Lorrie Owens, escorted by Jerry Owens (Applause)
 Grand Secretary, Marlene Scholari, escorted by Joseph Scholari (Applause)
 Assoc. Grand Patron, William "Billy" Clabaugh, escorted by Jane Clabaugh (Applause)
 Associate Grand Matron, Jerre Lucas, escorted by Richard Hancock (Applause)
 Worthy Grand Patron, George Gwaltney, escorted by Shirley Hainline (Applause)
 Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl Albrecht, escorted by Darrell Albrecht (Applause)

To each of you Grand Officers, you have served your stations admirably and I sincerely hope that the fond memories and lasting friendships of this year of devoted service which you are now completing will be your reward.

Our Special Guests have been welcomed and presented in the East. In order that our Chapter room may be complete, we will honor the Holy Bible and the Square and Compasses by their presentations.

A constant reminder that the teachings of our Order are scripturally founded and should always be the center of our lives, the Holy Bible is always on our altar in the center of our Chapter rooms. Presenting the Holy Bible is Joyce Waddell, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron.

During our deliberations and ceremonies, the Bible is always opened to a significant scripture. The Bible Marker marks this place and facilitates the beauty of our altar services. The Bible Marker is presented by Nancy Haley, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron.

In respect and appreciation of our Masonic Brothers we are privileged to place their time honored square and compasses upon our open Holy Bible. The Square and Compasses are presented by John Wilson, Grand Page to the Worthy Grand Patron.

Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to use my rewind button and I'm going to ask the Assisting Grand Marshal to present the Appointed Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter to the East. (Applause)

Across America and around the world, the United States flag symbolizes liberty and justice, as well as the representing of the protection of human rights. May we never take lightly the sacrifices that continue to be made to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy daily. Presenting the flag of this great nation is Duane "Buddy" Baker, Past Grand Patron of Texas. (Three raps)

The Canadian flag of our neighbors to the North is emblazoned with the bright red Canadian maple leaf. Its eleven points representing the ten provinces and the Northwest Territory. Our flags stand side by side in a steadfast spirit of peace and fraternal friendship. The Canadian flag is presented by Carl Larson, Past Grand Patron of Connecticut. Recognizing the peaceful and friendly relationship between these nations, we honor these flags. Gentlemen, you will post the United States and Canadian flags in the East. (One rap) (Applause)

No other state has such a heritage of sacrifice for freedom as Texas. It 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 Nelson Campbell, Cancer Committee of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. (Applause)

"Mountaineers Are Always Free" prominently states the flag of West Virginia. To welcome and honor our Most Worthy Grand Matron, the West Virginia flag is presented by Dr. William "Bill" Bane, International Headquarters Administrator and Past Grand Patron of District of Columbia. (Applause)

The only flag, state flag, to bear the image of a United States President is the flag of Washington State. It is presented today to welcome and honor our Most Worthy Grand Patron. How appropriate this presentation is made by K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Past Grand Patron of Texas and John's Matador. (Applause)

The cross on the Christian flag represents the sacrifice of our Savior. It is symbolic of our Faith and is the universal emblem of the Christian religion. The Christian flag is presented by Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona. (Applause)

The beautiful emblematic Star of our Order displayed on a background of pure white reminds us of the impressive lessons of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love taught through

the heroines of our Order. The Eastern Star flag is presented by Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron of Texas. (Applause)

We honor our Masonic Brothers as the foundation of the entire Fraternal Family. The Masonic flag is presented by Jerry L. Martin, Past Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. (Applause)

Gentlemen, you will post the several flags of our states and fraternities in the East. (Applause)

We are well aware of the source of all our Blessings and pause now to bring our petitions and gratitude to the Master. Please remain standing as Betty Y. Friend, Past Grand Matron comes to voice our invocation.

PGM Betty Y. Friend: Sisters and Brothers, let us join together in prayer. Heavenly Father, as we gather for this 133rd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas where “Friends Always Near” remains our eminent thrust, we pray that all attendees will be cognizant of the fact that You are the source of our power and strength, both individually and collectively in this organization. The passion and pride we hold in our hearts for the purposes of the Order of the Eastern Star are exhibited in the work that we do in Your name, because we know it is important for our Order to remain a viable Christian Organization in a world filled with disturbance, destruction and hate. Renew our Faith, revive our Hope, replenish our understanding that we may continue to accomplish great things in this Order. Thank you for the Christian Leadership we have received for another year as the membership performed their duties of Fraternal Service in their local Chapters, and throughout all areas of your world. As we approach the work of this 133rd Session, fill our minds with wisdom and our hearts with compassion, so that we may think clearly, choose wisely and act nobly for the total benefit of our Order. Bless each person in attendance today for this Ceremonial Opening. May they find the friendship and love we extend to them, so that they will be inspired by the things that they see and hear as the duties of our leaders are performed during this Session. Dear Lord, grant peace, harmony and unity to all present for the remainder of this day and we will give you praise forever. In Jesus name we pray. Amen (Amen) (One rap)

MC Vi Griffin: You know Sister Cheryl’s Executive Committee has been on the job since 2011, then business really picked up in 2014 and finally the day has arrived. I invite Brother Jim Fentress, Executive Committee Chairman to welcome us all to Arlington.

Brother Jim Fentress: Thank you, Sister Vi. Worthy Grand Matron, my older Sister, (Laughter) Worthy Grand Patron, members of the Grand Chapter of Texas I want to welcome each and every one of you for being here today. This is an extraordinary event. Quite an event to get here and I am so glad we have arrived. I hope that y’all are finding this to be everything that you expected and I hope that you are prepared to expect more. We have some special guests that we are going to be thrilled to have. As you can see, a lot of them you’ve already seen. I would be remiss if I didn’t at least acknowledge what it takes to put this event on. Okay, so the first thing I want to talk about is all of the people in these committees. I grew up in this Organization and they told me that the first committee I was on was the “Lift and Tote Committee”. (Laughter) Little did I know what that meant but I got well experienced at it. I don’t know how many of my committee are in the room, I know you’re scattered all over the place. So rather than taking a lot of time and doing the recognition and introductions, all of you are

aware of these committee members and the hard work that they do. When you see them, smile at them because their feet are hurting. Tell them thank you because they are stressing over something. Offer, if you can give them any advice or encouragement because they have a list that I gave them and they are thinking “Did I get it all covered?” Right? So just give them the nod. I guess I probably would want to ask, has everybody enjoyed the facilities and the amenities that we’ve come to see, those of you staying at the hotel and this facility here? The staff at the Convention Center has been wonderful. (Applause) I apologize that I don’t have Justin here but we’ll see if we can’t make sure everybody knows who Justin Grimsley with the Convention Center. He’s the wonderful individual that I call constantly and it doesn’t matter what time of day or night I send him text or call or whatever...Look! He is here. I almost missed him. Thank you. You see my sister’s eyes are better than me. Justin, thank you so much for all that you’ve done. His staff has been tremendous. I’m talking to him at 10:00 or 11:00 at night...“we need this...” or we need uh...at the last minute – sixty more chairs and we need them this way. No matter what it’s been, no matter what time of night, no matter how obscure, they’ve been Johnny on the Spot. And it’s always a response on the radio or the phone or the text “We’ll get right on it”. Okay, so if y’all will please help me show my appreciation for this group. (Applause) Alright, so I’ve got to get through my bullet list right here because we’ve got some very important folks that I want to be able to have a few minutes to speak to you. I want to point out, how many of y’all came from the hotel and noticed there was that sign that starts with V right here next door to us, the Vendors? Nice and convenient and I don’t know if any of y’all have had a chance to go browse through there? So, my fellow members, these people help us support this event also. Acknowledge the Vendors while they are here. If there’s something that you like, by all means, if nothing else just go through and explain to them that you’re glad that they’re here cause some of them travel great distances to get here and you know these days and times it’s difficult to get that many Vendors here and it’s to our good for them to be here. Alright? I want to acknowledge my appreciation for the Vendors here and if y’all could help me share that. They’re not in here today, they’re preparing for y’all right after this to rush out. Alright. Y’all have probably figured out that this is not our first time to be here in Arlington but it’s a dynamic place to come and visit. Some of y’all that may have had a little spare time have gotten to go over and get on a roller coaster, right? Yeah? No? Oh, y’all went to the water park, right? And y’all been down the slides. Oh, okay there’s plenty to see here and I think they are going to play a game of ball over here this week so if...oh wait...we’re going to be busy for that, okay...(looking at the WGM)...maybe we won’t get to see a ballgame tonight or tomorrow night but we have a lot here at Arlington that brings us to this facility. One of the things that I want to do is let’s keep the City in our thoughts. The folks of the city are trying to make sure they don’t fall victim to some of the circumstances some of the other communities around the country when they go through the struggles they are going through. And we’re very fortunate to have the mayor here to speak to us and he’s doing a wonderful job him along with his staff to help keep Arlington working at a higher level. Just like we try to do in our Organization, right? So we want to show our support to him and his staff and our appreciation. I’d like to, lastly, congratulate my sister the Worthy Grand Matron, Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron for such a successful year. I know that a lot of y’all have seen them traveling around a little bit cause they’ve been out and about some. Kind of getting around. And I want to congratulate y’all on a wonderful year. I hope that we make this event great for y’all. Okay. Sister Vi? Thank y’all very much for being here. Call me if you need something...well, call some of my staff people. (Laughter) Listen, Ray and the guys have been working hard. Alright. (Applause) We want to make this great for y’all. Okay, thank you. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: Thank you, Jim. We are fortunate indeed to have this beautiful facility to meet and we will hear from the Vice President of Sales for the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau in just a minute but I am honored to introduce to you the Mayor of the City of Arlington and he is a busy busy man, has a busy busy staff. He has things to do and places to go and problems to solve. So the Honorable Jeff Williams. Please give attention to his remarks. Thank you. (Applause)

Mayor Jeff Williams: On behalf of our City Council, we want to welcome you. We are honored that the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star has chosen to come to Arlington, Texas. Thank you for being here. And then I also want to thank you for your welcoming spirit to us. What you did for our staff just then was so appreciated because so many times they don't get noticed. And then I will just share with you, my daughter got married here and had a wonderful experience and so my second daughter got married here. So now I am a major investor in the Convention Center. (Laughter) So I really appreciate you supporting it. But I have a Proclamation to read and this is official y'all and I want to read this Proclamation in your honor.

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(Applause)

May God continue to bless you and your work throughout this Session. Thank you. (Applause)

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MAYOR



WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Mr. Mayor for that presentation and thank you for being here. We look forward to greeting you again just a little later. If you have to leave we do understand but we thank you so much for what you have done and what the City of Arlington has done to allow us to meet here and have this wonderful, wonderful event. Thank you.
(Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: Thank you. Now the rewind button again. We are fortunate to have this beautiful, not to mention convenient facility in which to meet and we will be pleased to hear remarks from Jon Hixon, Vice-President of Sales for the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau. Welcome.

Jon Hixon: Well, good morning everybody and again welcome to Arlington. Grand Matron and Grand Patron and all the Brothers and Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star. We are so happy to have you back here in Arlington. I want to echo Mayor Williams welcome and share our appreciation with you. Those of you that were here with us in 2009 and 2013, welcome back. Those who are here for the first time we're so glad you're here. We certainly hope to welcome you back again in the not too distant future. At a quick glance, I looked at your schedule here this morning for the past few days you all have been hard at work with much more to come. But as Jim eluded to I hope you have some time, some down time to have relaxation and to have a chance to experience some of our attractions, restaurants and shopping. There's more to Arlington than the Arlington Convention Center and that convenient Sheraton Hotel. We hope you get to experience some of those things. It's been said of Arlington that the Champions play here. And certainly we hosted Super Bowl XXXV, two major baseball World Series, the NCAA Men's Final Four last year. The first NCAA College Football Championship and then of course most recently the Academy of Country Music 50th Anniversary Awards show. If any of you are wrestling fans out there next spring we are going to have "Wrestle Mania" right here in the Arlington AT&T Stadium. So lots of big things happen here in Arlington. And those things affect our economy in a very positive way. But it may be just as important as the economic impact is the lives that are touched by the folks in your organizations that are here sponsoring events in Arlington. The philanthropic work that you do on a daily basis has really benefitted all communities and other communities across America and we are grateful for that. You know I looked this morning at the website for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and it describes itself as an organization that strives to give girls the tools, training and encouragement to let their individual spirits shine bright. We in Arlington appreciate that spirit in developing strong young women who will become our communities' future leaders and we thank you for that. It can also be said that champions meet here. And if you look in the dictionary the definition of champion means, one of the things they say are champions are those who do battle for others rights, or act as an advocate or defendant. And so as we consider the Order of the Eastern Star we consider you the champions for our future. You provide guidance and support for our future leaders who need it the most and we thank you for that. I just want to close in saying that we applaud your work and dedication to the communities that you serve and definitely want to give you our best wishes for a successful conference and enjoy your time here in Arlington. Thank you very much.
(Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I know your schedule is very busy but you have done everything that is humanly possible to make sure that our visit to Arlington is everything that we hoped it would be and more and we thank you so much for all that you have done.

WGP George Gwaltney: To the city of Arlington, thank you for the great hospitality. Your city has rolled out the red carpet once again for Grand Chapter. The convenience of the Convention Center and the hotels, have made our lives a whole lot easier. We have enjoyed the restaurants and shopping in and around Arlington when our time has permitted. Eastern Star members are well known for their contributions and consumerism. A big thank you to you, the Mayor, members of the City Council and all the City Workers who have made our visit to this fine city a great experience. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: One of my favorite places and some of my favorite people are the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. We have special presentations to the hospital and to accept on behalf of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is Stephanie Brigger, my sweet friend, Vice President of Development.

Stephanie Brigger: I'm honored to be here to represent one of the greatest Masonic Charities, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. I think most of you know we've been in Dallas for over 94 years taking care of children that have some type of orthopedic problem. So anything that has to do with their muscles or bones, from scoliosis, club feet, dislocated hips, any type of problem that affects their growth of their bones and their muscles. And we've done all of that because of the generosity of the community. All of the care has been given for all these decades regardless of a family's ability to pay. We've been supported by the generosity of the Masons, the Masonic organizations, the Community Foundations, Organizations, Corporations. And we are committed to continue to do that, to give children back their childhood. And we do that because of people like you. I want to thank you for what you've done in the past for us and look forward to a future together. I wish you the best for this 133rd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. And I would also like to personally invite any of you who haven't been there or who haven't been there in a while to come by and share a bag of popcorn with me. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Stephanie, thank you for joining us today. You know that the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is very important to me. We have met several times when I was privileged to bring donations when I was Grand Examiner. Because it was my project all four years when I served as Grand Examiner. You know the work that you do changes lives and it brings joy to children all over the world. This year our Bear Hugs committee has worked hard to assist the hospital and to provide comfort to the patients not only monetarily but with these cute little bears that the patients can hug. So thank you for all that you do for our children and our nation. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Sister Stephanie it is my honor to present this gift from...oops...It has been an exciting year of Teddy Bears for the Grand Chapter of Texas. The work accomplished at the Scottish Rite Hospital is certainly worthy of our support. The membership of Texas has been very generous with their contributions. Our Worthy Grand Matron has worked diligently in her efforts to find homes for the Teddy Bears and collect donations for the Scottish Rite Hospital. It is my honor to be a part of this worthwhile charity. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Stephanie, or Stephanie on behalf of this membership who has been so very generous and who has kept me very busy picking up bears and delivering bears. I am on a first name basis with the man over there where we get our Teddy Bears because I have gone back to get the third thousand of them. We started with a thousand. We sold out.

We were on our third thousand because of the generosity of this membership. So on behalf of this membership it is my pleasure to present you with this donation to assist you in your work and a little Teddy Bear.

Stephanie Brigger: Thank you very much. We really appreciate it and this will bring so many smiles to so many child's faces. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: Sister Stephanie, will you join me here? I invite our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi to join us here. Stephanie, Sister Bobbi was kind enough to let me share an appointment on the Public Relations Committee of General Grand Chapter and she was kind enough to allow us to choose the charity of our choice to give our donation to. And you know from past experience that if I have a choice it will be the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. So accept this donation on behalf of the Public Relations Committee of General Grand Chapter. We love you.

Stephanie Brigger: Thank you so much. (Applause) I feel like its Christmas. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: Cancer is a disease that has touched all of us and Brother Nelson Campbell is the General Chairman of General Grand Chapter Cancer Committee, has been busy this Triennium and I invite Brother Nelson to come with the representative of the American Cancer Society to make his presentation.

PGP Nelson Campbell: Sister Bobbi will you join us? Thank you, Sister Vi. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, during this Triennium, I've had the opportunity of serving on the General Grand Chapter Cancer Committee and have attempted to raise funds for Cancer Research. Our Worthy Grand Matron was so helpful in allowing me to ask for help from Sub-Ordinate Chapters in appointing many of the Worthy Matrons on her Cancer Committee to assist me. Today I would like to report the success of our joint efforts. Together we raised \$19,424.06. (Applause) But I would like to add to that. Today I received a check for \$625.43 which will make that total go over \$20,000. (Applause) In making that effort, Sister Jayne Yenger contributed \$1,000. from her last Grand Chapter Session to help us in this effort which was greatly appreciated. And before today, one of our smaller Chapters, Leander Chapter #73, raised the most money, \$416.16. I thought was a great amount for a small Chapter. To date, Farmers Branch Chapter was the one that brought the check for \$625. was greatly appreciated and I'd like to add that another donation for Cancer came from Sister Karen Morgenthaler turned over receipts for me from her Triennium that came in late that was contributed to the Baylor College of Medicine in the amount of \$540. This dreaded disease has affected nearly every family represented here and hopefully our small contributions together, a little here and a little there, will help us find a cure for this dreaded disease. And at this time, I would like to present Wanda Brown, Representative of the American Cancer Society and I would like to present you this check to help in our small way to find a cure for this dreaded disease.

Wanda Brown: I can't thank you all enough. I have not heard the words personally "You have cancer" but since 2000 when I got involved as a volunteer, I'm now employed by the American Cancer Society but since 2000 I've had 14 family members hear the words "You have cancer". Five of those family members are still with me. That's too many to have lost. So thanks to generous donations from you dedicated and giving people, you are going to create more

birthdays and you're going to have those numbers raised. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart, from cancer survivors everywhere. I just can't say enough. Can I ask how many survivors we have here today? You can just stand or raise your hand. Let's give them a round of applause. (Applause) This is why my job isn't just a job. It's a passion. I still volunteer. I still have a "Relay for Life" team in my little bitty town of Buna, Texas. We fund raise all year just as you do. My team members tell me I'm the slave driver and I pop the whip because cancer doesn't give us a break so we can't take a break. This money will help fund our research. I don't know if you are aware but American Cancer Society has forty-six Nobel Prize winners that have been funded by donations like this. And this check may possibly be the next cure. We have researchers that are waiting. I mean their brilliant minds come up with these ideas but the funds just aren't always there to get them to the table. So your generous donation may be that next cure. So yes, we do fund research. The majority of our money goes to that research fund and a lot of our hospitals right here in Texas are part of that. Sometimes people get aggravated with me when they call and say "Hey, I need help paying my electric bill." Well, we could never raise enough money to pay every cancer patients electric bill. But we do partner with organizations that help do that. So if you ever have that need or you have a loved one that just has a question, have them call our 1-800 number. We have 24/7 people that will help them through it. A ten year old child can call and say "My Mom has cancer, what can you tell me". They have people there that will tell them how to get the help that they need. We also have different patient services. We have "Look Good, Feel Better" for ladies who are going through treatment can go in and feel better about themselves. They are taught how to take care of their skin. They are given a nice little gift. A \$300. donation that has been donated from generous companies with makeups and stuff to help them take care of their skin through treatment. If you know a loved one that needs a wig, send them to your local American Cancer Society Office. Don't let them go pay hundreds of dollars for a wig. We have beautiful wigs. In fact they tease me all the time when I'm in the office because I'm in the wig room re-fluffing and playing with the hair. So I go visit my girls in there all the time just to make sure that they are pretty when those ladies come in to get them. And I, as a recruiter of fundraisers and volunteers, appreciate you all so much and I can't let you get away, this captive audience to let you know that we always need volunteers and the most important thing that we need volunteers with is our "Road to Recovery". And that is to where if you have one hour a week or one hour a month to drive, we are not all blessed with family members who can drive us to a doctor's appointment. So if you ever feel the need or that tug at your heart call that 1-800 number and find out a little more information about that because we need drivers to help those that are not as blessed as we are. I can't thank you enough and I hope you have a fabulous time here. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: As we look to the future of our Order, we cannot overlook the potential found in the hearts and lives of our Youth Organizations. Please welcome Michael Sampson, State Executive Officer of DeMolay International and Tony Peebler, the State Master Councilor. (Applause)

Michael Sampson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers Past and Present, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers and guests. Well it was morning when I wrote this but it's good afternoon. As a member of the Eastern Star I am excited to be here to experience this Grand Chapter Session and to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their unswerving support of the youth of Texas. As the Executive Officers of Texas DeMolay I am excited to be here to thank each of you for your continued support of

Texas DeMolay. At this time I would like to introduce Tony Peebler, the 86th State Master Councilor of Texas DeMolay. (Applause)

Tony Peebler: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers Past and Present, Distinguished East, members and visitors. I bring Greetings on behalf of the Texas DeMolay Association along with our Executive Officer Dad Sampson, our State Senior Councilor, Cody Jones, our State Junior Councilor, Cole Spicer and our State Sweetheart, Claire Peebler. (Applause) We would like to thank you for allowing us to be here and bring Greetings. Mrs. Albrecht and Mr. Gwaltney, thank you both for your constant support for DeMolay. We greatly appreciate it. We would also like to congratulate the 2014-2015 Grand Officers on having a successful year. We would encourage you to please visit our booth which is near the vendors. Where I or one of my State Officers will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have about DeMolay. We wish you all the best in your upcoming Session. DeMolay is always here to support you if you need us and to "Just Say Yes to OES". (Applause) Thank you.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Mr. Sampson and Mr. Peebler, could you come here for a minute? We want to thank you for being with us today. It was my honor to attend the DeMolay Conclave in Austin about a month ago. I was privileged to be there not only for the Opening but for the Closing and to see the awards. You know the work you do impacts the lives of these young men. And to be able to walk into a group of young men who are taught to be polite, to be courteous, and to grow up to be gentlemen is absolutely fantastic and we want to help you to fulfill those dreams. So on behalf of this generous membership I'd like to present you this love gift. Thank you. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Executive Officer, Dad Sampson and Brother Tony Peebler, State Master Councilor, thank you for setting aside time to be present at the Opening of this Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Many times during this past year, I have stated that our youth are the future of our fraternal family. I believe it is the DeMolay young men and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls who will lead our organizations forward into the next decade and beyond. We look to you as leaders of the future. The foundation and principals of the DeMolay will give you strength and wisdom that you will need as adult leaders; not just in our fraternal family, but as leaders in the community and in our nation. As I closed each of my greetings this year, as you know, I reminded the members of Eastern Star to "Just Say yes to OES". My sincere hope is that when the time is right for the young men of DeMolay, you will also say yes to OES and to Masonry. Thank you, Dad Sampson for your service and guidance to DeMolay. Tony, State Master Councilor, your service has only just begun but I have no doubt that you will make a difference to those you lead. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: You won't see a more lovely sight than the members of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Their precision in their floor work will astound you and their ritualistic work will amaze you and inspire you and their energy will just make you envious. Please welcome the adult leaders and Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. (Applause)

Mrs. JoAnn Weaver: Thank you, Sister Vi. With protocol having been established I would like to just say thank you to our Worthy Matron for the honor of bringing Greetings on behalf

of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Grand Assembly of Texas. Thank you for all of your support to the girls of this Grand Assembly during your entire Grand Chapter year. Your presence at every Session of our 2015 Grand Assembly Session in Waco in June was especially noted and appreciated by our Grand Officers, our members and our adult sponsors. Thank you for this time that you spent with Rainbow. We are aware of the demanding schedule and the special efforts that you made to be with us. To each of you present this afternoon we say thank you for your friendship and your service to our Order. All of you who work with Assemblies love our girls and you also have confidence in the youth of today and believe in what they will bring to our future. Our young ladies are very blessed to be part of this fraternal family and you have made it possible for this family to remain forever. We wish for you a most successful 133rd Session of Grand Chapter. May the "Friends Always Near" Session be an opportunity to strengthen all friendships so that they will remain near to each one of you. Thank you for honoring Rainbow by your invitation to be here today and to bring our fraternal Greetings. And I would like for each one of you to know that as our young ladies do become of the age in order to join the Order of the Eastern Star along with our Grand Worthy Advisor, we have other members who have all said "Yes to OES". Thank you. (Applause)

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell: Thank you for protocol having been established. Just let me say that a lifetime is too short and our warmest words are too few to adequately thank those whose thoughtfulness brightens our days and touches our hearts. Thank you for this opportunity to add my personal appreciation and that of the Supreme Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls for supporting our girls and our Assemblies, and for brightening our days because you, our very dear and very near friends, do touch our hearts. This is Texas 133rd Session and for more than 92 of those years since the founding of Rainbow, Eastern Star in Texas has supported Texas Rainbow girls. So what a celebration this is for friendship and fraternal service. Our sweet Past Grand Matron Lallah Mae Vollus was one of the very first Rainbow girls in Texas and she was in the very first class awarded the Grand Cross of Color, Rainbow's highest award. Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Rennie Oton is a majority Rainbow girl and is part of the long list of members, Officers of Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter, from the present, from the past, many of whom are present today who continue in active rolls of leadership. You have been a part of bringing a Rainbow experience to the young ladies of our great state for many years since our founding in 1922. Thank you to Sister Cheryl and Brother George for your ever present support in Rainbow in Texas by your presence, your gifts, your encouraging words. Our Order has gained so much by your participation and your love. So thank you. I greet you each member of Eastern Star thanking you for your part in building confidence in the members of our Organization. Thanking you for your devotion to the Order. Thanking you for the high standards that are embraced within the Order of the Eastern Star and thanking you as I do for believing that the world for tomorrow will be safe in the hands of the youth of today if we keep them looking upward glimpsing their vision through the rays of our beautiful Rainbow Organization. We are Sisters and Brothers and I greet you with thankfulness in all of the encompassing fraternal experience and the vision that is found within the Order of the Eastern Star and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. There is no question but that we are "Friends Always Near." We wish for you and we know that this Grand Chapter Session will be a successful Session and will be remembered as outstanding in the history of this Grand Chapter. Thank you so much. (Applause)

Ms. Emily Cumming: Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. George Gwaltney, Most Worshipful Grand Master Dr. Michael Wiggins, Distinguished East

and friends, good afternoon. My name is Emily Cumming and I am the Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. And it gives me great joy to bring Greetings of this Grand Chapter Session. And it seems like only yesterday that the Worthy Grand Matron made a wrong turn at Bastrop and watched me say “Yes to OES” in Belton Chapter #589. Many of the girls in Rainbow share my same excitement as they move into Eastern Star. Mrs. Albrecht, I am such a fan of your fashionable blue bow ties which happens to be one of our emblems this year. Texas Rainbow is on the road this year with Trooper the Turtle. I invite all of you to cruise by our Rainbow booth to learn more about our lovely organization and to speak with the girls. This year our motto is “Go out and change the world in your own way.” I would like to challenge all of you to do the same. It only takes a smile and a small gesture to help change someone’s world. Texas Rainbow is helping change the lives of our children this year with our State Charity project, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. The hospital cares for children with orthopedic conditions such as club foot, limb length differences, scoliosis, and learning disabilities such as dyslexia. We have cute Troopers for sale at the Rainbow booth and all of our proceeds help the children get a new start on their road. I would to invite all of you to hit the road this year to our Grand Assembly in Waco in 2016. It was such an honor to see so many Eastern Star members at our Grand Assembly and know that our Rainbow girls love seeing their Eastern Star family. You help us, you love us and most importantly, you support us. We are truly a Masonic family. I wish the best of luck to Mrs. Jerre Lucas and Mr. Billy Clabaugh as they hit the trail this next year. I am so excited to see and work with the new Grand Officers. Thank you so much for the honor and opportunity to greet this Grand Chapter on behalf of Texas Grand Assembly and I’m so excited to see all of you on the road this year. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Dibrell, thank you for all you do for these young ladies. You give your time, your energy to inspire and motivate these girls and make them confident young women. You don’t just talk the talk, you lead by example. I thoroughly enjoyed attending Grand Assembly and to see the beautiful work performed by the Texas Rainbow Girls. Miss Emily Cumming, Grand Worthy Advisor, I have watched you for several years and I am so proud of you and your accomplishments. I wish you a year of fantastic memories. And I don’t know what you mean by taking a wrong turn, Bastrop, Belton, it’s about the same isn’t it? (Laughter) Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and thank you Grand Worthy Advisor, Sister Emily, Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Dibrell for your presence here today. As the Worthy Grand Patron, and as the husband of a former Rainbow Girl, I appreciate the values taught to each girl when they are initiated and throughout their Rainbow membership. I have many pleasant memories of serving on the Rainbow Board and as Rainbow Dad for our local Assembly. I recognize that it is a giant step of faith for each girl and for each adult leader as they embark on the path to leadership. I thank you for your step of faith as you lead the Grand Assembly of Texas. I will always carry with me the memory of receiving a beautiful Rainbow Bible the night I was installed as Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for sharing with me the true meaning of Rainbow. Emily, you are a great role model for your Rainbow Sisters. Mrs. Weaver, your gentleness coupled with you love for the girls makes you the outstanding leader that you are. Mrs. Dibrell, you have been faithful to Rainbow your whole life and I thank you for that. Thank you all for all you do for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. And remember, no matter where you go, no matter what you do, “Just Say Yes to OES”. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Grand Worthy Advisor, on behalf of this wonderful membership we want to show how much we support you with this love gift and to wish you well and let us know if there is anything that we can do because we truly are “Friends Always Near”. I also encourage you to visit the Rainbow table and the DeMolay table that are located just outside the door to your left. Everybody’s going to need a little turtle, many of you got little mermaids last year. Every little mermaid needs a turtle so I know that you will be out there visiting with these young girls and helping them reach their goals for this year. Again, thank you for being here and thank you for everything that you do. And it has been my extreme pleasure to work with y’all this year. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: With respect, admiration and appreciation for the support of our Masonic Brothers, please welcome Most Worshipful Grand Master of all Masons in Texas, Dr. Michael Wiggins. (Applause)

MWGM Dr. Michael Wiggins: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you Vi for the introduction. First I want to welcome each of you here to your annual Order of the Eastern Star Session. And I am glad to be here with you to spend the day in your activities. I thought I was between us and lunch but have we missed lunch today? (Laughter) Okay. I guess I didn’t get that memo. I am glad to be here with you. And I think...it’s hard for me to stand up here at this time... I’m following the young folks and what they had to say. I think they are the future of our fraternity and the future of our Order and our Masonic family in the activities they do and I’m glad that we are here as a Masonic family. Worthy Grand Matron, don’t stand up, I want to congratulate you on a very successful year. We’ve had opportunities to run into each other at various places and shared some time. Texas is a big state and needless to say we weren’t always together but we were together in spirit in many of our activities. I’ve been fortunate to attend most of our statewide Sessions this year for our Appendant Bodies as well as National activities and that has been my privilege as Grand Master of the Masons in Texas. Just as I stand here this afternoon and on behalf of the eighty thousand Masons, Free Masons of this great state to welcome you here to your annual Session. And on behalf of those Brothers we want to congratulate you and Brother George on y’all’s successful year. You know as a fraternity, we teach certain lessons and as a Masonic family, all of our Appendant Bodies teach certain lessons. But fundamentally they are based on some of the very basic characteristics that we try to instill in our membership and encourage our members to practice and those are virtuous living, moral integrity, and personal responsibility. And I believe that if each of us live by the principals of our Order and live by those three characteristics, we will not only make a positive impact in our families but they make us better people and better citizens of our community. And then when they see us living as we should, living the teachings of our Orders in our daily lives, we have such an impact on our communities that they will see the power that we have. The way we can transform lives by being a member of our Orders. To make a contribution. That they also want to join us in helping our communities to be better, our nation be stronger and our world one. Thank you for being here. I’ve enjoyed being with you and God Bless you all. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Most Worshipful Michael Wiggins. Thank you for joining us here today. It has been my honor to serve with you for the past eight or nine months. We have known each other for several years, and I have always admired your love for Masonry and your support for the Order of the Eastern Star. I can’t tell you what an honor it was for me to have a part when you and Tanya were initiated in Caddo Mills Chapter. It was a highlight for

me. I hope your year continues to be one of great accomplishments. Thank you.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Most Worshipful Grand Master Wiggins, I thank you for taking time out of your very busy schedule to be here today. Not only do we call you Grand Master of Masons in Texas but we are also privileged to call you an Eastern Star Brother as well. Each Eastern Star member appreciates the relationship we share with the Masons of Texas. Many of our Eastern Star Chapters meet in Masonic Lodges. In my travels this year, I have noted that the cooperative relationship shared by the Masonic Brothers and Eastern Star members cement the bonds of our fraternal family. I thank you for your leadership of Masons in Texas and for your interest in the Order of the Eastern Star. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: At this time we will have a partial credentials report by Sister Alys Newsom, Chairman of the Credential. Is she in the room? Stand up Alys...oh, nevermind. (Laughter)

Alys Newsom: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Installed Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Elected Boards, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. At this time Grand Chapter has 322 Chapters. To have a quorum for this Grand Chapter Session we need 82 Chapters represented. At the time I walked into the room we had 102 Chapter representatives pick up their credentials. Worthy Grand Matron, we have a quorum. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Alys for this report. I now recognize the Grand Secretary...I now recognize the Grand Secretary to report on Chapters with delinquent annual reports.

GS Marlene Scholari: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with great sadness that I have to report that we were unable to receive one of our Chapters report due to circumstances uncontrollable, but that Chapter was not allowed to get their credentials because they did not get a report in of any kind so we will only have a partial report of membership tomorrow because that one Chapter I do not have numbers on. That was it, we just had one.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you. Then I don't think we need a motion for them to pick up their credentials. Do we? There is no motion.

MC Vi Griffin: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, this concludes our Informal Opening of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We have indeed been honored by your presence today. That we may continue with the business of this Session, we request that all who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will please retire.

(Call to Order of Grand Chapter "Fans of Friendship")

1:00 p.m.

MC Vi Griffin: Sisters and Brothers, hello...is anybody out there? It is indeed my pleasure to present Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron and Brother Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron of Texas to call this Thursday afternoon Fans of Friendship Session to Order. Sister Sharon, Brother Ed.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Sisters and Brothers, the Worthy Grand Matron has accorded to me, assisted by Brother Ed Warner, my Worthy Grand Patron, the honor of calling to order the Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening of the Fans of Friendship Session of our Grand Chapter. We do thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for this privilege. Brother Ed.

PGP Ed Warner: Thank you my Past Worthy Grand Matron. It's a pleasure for me to be here this evening and to assist in opening this ceremony this evening. Thankful for the opportunity and glad to see all our Sisters and Brothers. Thank you.

PGM Sharon Fentress: To reinforce our faith, we often turn to God's word. The scripture for today will be read by Sister Naomi, Wolfe, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Naomi Wolfe: Worthy Grand Matron thank you so much for inviting me to bring the Scriptures for this afternoon.

"This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or I can glow in its light and be of service to others. But what I do with this day is important because I have exchanged a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, today will be gone forever, I hope I will not regret the price I paid for it". My Scriptures are from the book of Numbers, Chapter 6, Verses 24-26: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace". Thank you.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Well the book says I'll ask the Grand Officers to retire to the West but looking from here it looks like you're back there. Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that I invite the Installed Grand Officers of 2014-2015...oh they have lined up in the back. I'm sorry. Sisters and Brothers, you will direct your attention to the...oh they're going to come in and sit on the sidelines. The Installed Grand Officers of 2014-2015 and their personal Pages to enter for the Friends are FANTastic Drill under the direction of Mrs. Loretta Booth, our Grand Marshall.

(Friends are FANTastic Drill led by Loretta Booth)

(Applause)

PGM Sharon Fentress: Darrell will you give me a sign when you are ready? You know Sisters and Brothers I had something happen today that I have never had before. My son came to me and said "Mother you need to speak louder. We can't hear you". (Laughter) He said "Use your voice you use when you talk to me". (Laughter) You know Sisters and Brothers, that's been my way for a long time. I always love to hear you when there is something that you can laugh about because it relaxes us. And it makes you feel more relaxed and believe it or not it even makes you feel more relaxed up here.

GW Darrell Albrecht: We're ready!

PGM Sharon Fentress: He's using his voice that he talks to me in. (Laughter)

Sisters and Brothers you will direct your attention to the Precision Drill under the direction of Brother Darrell Albrecht, Grand Warder.

(Precision Drill led by Darrell Albrecht)
(The Masonic Ring sung by Michael Coté)
 (Applause)

PGM Sharon Fentress: I want to...well, I tell you what Worthy Grand Matron I think you would enjoy to do this so I'm going to turn it over to you.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Now this is not the drill that you told me you were going to do exactly. I did know parts of it. And one part that I did know that is very, very special to me is playing live, right over here in the corner, it is not a tape, it is live. Mr. Michael Coté. (Applause)

PGM Sharon Fentress: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will prepare your lines for the entrance of the Grand Officers. I invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause)
 (Three raps)

Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present to you Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (One rap) She wants me to give her the gavel. (Laughter) Sister Cheryl, it is now my pleasure and joy to present to you your gavel. I'm sure you knew and noticed that I wore this dress today...she said she has one just like it and that is correct. But I have not worn it since I presided in the East in the Grand Chapter and in my Grand Chapter Session in 2003. But today was just such a special day that I had to pull it out of that bag and put it on. She wore one just like it when she served as my Grand Marshal and she brought the flag to the Grand East. Cheryl, I have been proud of you and you know I can be pretty judgmental. (Laughter) That wasn't funny. (More laughter) Oh the Most Worthy Grand Matron said it was so okay, who am I to argue with her? But you know that I have been very proud and pleased with you all year. If you don't know, I want to tell you here in front of all these many friends and loved ones that I see sitting in this room. I am proud of your accomplishments. I am proud of the fact that you love this membership in the same way that I do and there is very little that you wouldn't do for them if it's humanly possible. I am sorry that your father is not here to be with you, with us and I don't want to make you cry...I'm already crying and I don't do that much...but it is a supreme pleasure for me to wish you the very best and I know that you will still preside with honor and dignity and kindness and love for the membership. It's my pleasure to present to you your gavel. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: That's not in the script. The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Chapter.

(Ritualistic Opening)

**(Opening Ode, "Amazing Grace" was sung and the Pledge of Allegiance
 was given to the Flag of the United States of America.
 The National Anthem and O Canada were both sung)**

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: The next thing in this book that they gave me says "fill the vacancies" but I don't believe we have any vacancies that we need to fill. I believe all of our committees

are full. So I would like to take this opportunity to give some thank you's. Oh, the doors are open. Sister Vi Griffin, Sister Vi, thank you for agreeing to serve as our Master of Ceremonies today, you did a fantastic job. (Applause) I began my journey to the East in your year and you have always told me that you would do anything to help, just to ask. I bet you're questioning that statement at this time. But thank you so much for all that you and Tommy do for our beautiful Order. (Applause)

Sister Betty Benham, you ought to be able to see her when she stands, there you go. Thank you for agreeing to serve as our Assisting Grand Marshal. Your poise and grace on the floor brings so much elegance to our proceedings. Thank you for your kind words and encouragement. You are always so very sweet to me and I appreciate it so much.

To Sister Joyce Waddell and Nancy Haley and John Wilson who presented the Bible, the Bible marker and the Square and Compasses, thank you for assisting the Worthy Grand Patron and I during this last year and thank you for presenting our Holy Bible and Bible Marker this afternoon. You are two special ladies. To you John Wilson, thank you for presenting our Square and Compasses today. It is such an honor for us to be able to use the Square and Compasses and I thank you for presenting those today for us.

To those fine Gentlemen who presented our flags, Buddy Baker, Carl Larson, Nelson Campbell, Bill Bane, Art Drescher, Jerry Martin, Bill Rhyon and Ray Hertenberger. Thank you for a beautiful flag presentation. Each of you know how special you are and I cannot thank you enough for participating today.

Sister Betty Friend, Thank you for your beautiful invocation. You know we should never start our day or any endeavor without going to the Lord in prayer. Thank you for starting this Grand Chapter off with the grace of God looking over us.

Sister Sandra Perdue played for our informal opening, I believe. Sister Joyce Gilbert as most of you know needed to be home with her husband and I just can't thank Sister Sandra enough for filling in for us. You know Sandra you have always been very special to me and I can't thank you enough for sharing your talent with the membership and with me. Thank you. (Applause)

Sister Naomi Wolfe. Thank you for the inspirational Scripture reading of Numbers 6:24-26. I know with the Lord's peace, anything is possible.

To my mother Sharon Fentress, I could not have imagined anyone other than you opening this Grand Chapter Session. You have always been there to support me, encourage me and love me. I know that we are the exception to the rule, being the first mother-daughter living to serve as Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause) I hope I will preside over this Grand Chapter as well as you presided over yours and I know that if I don't, I will hear about it often. (Laughter)

PGM Sharon Fentress: You know when you demand excellence, you get it. (Laughter)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you. Brother Ed Warner, you and Beulah are such a special couple and I thank you for being here today and opening this Thursday Afternoon Session.

Your love for our Order is strong and I am in awe of the accomplishments you have made. You still serve your Chapter, Longview Chapter, this year as Worthy Patron, I think it's for the 23rd time, is that right? One day you will get it right, I'm sure of it. (Laughter)

Brother John Creel, thank you for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. You know with your service to our Country and all you've done to keep this country free, I know how much this Pledge and this flag mean to you. I could not think of anybody I would rather see do this for me today. Thank you. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I also want to give thanks to Sister Vi Griffin. I don't know where to start when it comes to telling you how special you and Tommy are to me. There is magic in the air when you walk into the room. When you asked me to be your Grand Sentinel, I couldn't believe my ears. You are one special lady and I appreciate your dedication and love for this membership. Thank you for serving as the Master of Ceremonies for the Fans of Friendship Session. Most of all, thank you for your leadership and friendship to me and to Sister Nannette.

Sister Betty Phillips Benham, the friendship you share with Sister Nannette, Jahnnette and the boys is priceless to all of us. I am a late comer to this connection, but I am happy to be part of this special circle of friendship. Your kindness to our family and to the membership of Texas is like a dazzling diamond. Thank you for the sparkle of love and dedication that radiates as you march around the Grand Chapter floor. You are the number one Radiant Jewel in this Grand Chapter family and to my family. Thank you for your participation today. I appreciate you more than words can express. (Applause)

Sister Joyce Gilbert, Past Grand Matron, and a very special friend. Your talent is beyond words. The music you share speaks when we do not have the words to express our feelings. Music is the language of the heart. There is no bad day that can't be overcome by listening to some good music. Sister Joyce, listening to you play has made this good day even better. Thank you for sharing your talents at this Fans of Friendship Session.

Thank you Sister Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron and Brother Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron for your participation in the opening of Grand Chapter. Sister Sharon, I remember well the night I was initiated into Eastern Star at the Fraternal Visit in San Antonio, January 2000. You were Grand Conductress and my guide for the evening as we traversed the Chapter room. I appreciated you then and I appreciate you even more today. You are a strong proponent for obeying the Laws and Regulations of our Order and the mother of the lady I share the East with during this Grand Chapter. Thank you Sister Sharon for being a strong leader for this Grand Chapter and a friend to me and Nannette.

Brother Ed, you and Beulah are special friends to this Grand Chapter and to me. I was privileged to serve as you Page and Driver at the San Antonio School when you were Worthy Grand Patron. At the banquet that evening we had a coffee crisis. The caterer did not provide coffee with the meal. Beulah wanted some coffee so I quickly left the banquet in search of hot coffee for her. When I returned with coffee in hand I instantly became Beulah's buddy. From that evening forward, I have been known as Beulah's coffee boy. A title I have enjoyed. Brother Ed, thank you for your support during this Grand Chapter year and for being a friend.

Thanks to each of you for your participation in the altar presentation. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for including my secretary. To Nancy, Joyce and Brother John, each of you are special in your own way. Nancy, you have been our friend for many years. This year would not be a complete Grand Chapter without you. Joyce I have learned to appreciate your sense of humor. Your personality added much to our school schedule and Brother John, you've been a faithful Page and I thank you for your service. Keep up the good work. I hope each of you will continue to "Just Say Yes to OES". Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We are delighted to have many distinguished guests who have taken time to join us today. At this time we are going to begin our introductions. I know that is what you have been waiting so much for, but we do want to introduce those who are here so we can properly greet them and welcome them to Texas. We are honored this afternoon with the presence of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Most Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present these most distinguished leaders to the altar.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor of introducing Sister Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron from West Virginia and Brother John E. Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Washington, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to be with us in Texas. Sister Bobbi, I was Grand Marshal when you were Worthy Grand Marshal and you have always made me feel so very special each time our paths have crossed. Brother John you have visited Texas on many occasions and we admire your devotion to the Order. You have always gone above and beyond to fulfill your obligations. On behalf of Texas Grand Chapter, we welcome you. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Grobler for attending this Grand Chapter Session. Sister Bobbi, you have provided strong leadership for General Grand Chapter over the past years and I look forward to attending your Triennial Session in Pittsburg in November. Brother John, I have had the pleasure of getting to know you and was very pleased to receive a "Bullish" tie bar after you installed me as Associate Grand Patron. I believe that your constant positive attitude and your gentle spirit have been a true asset to General Grand Chapter. We truly appreciate both of you taking time from your busy schedule to attend our Grand Chapter Session.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is my honor to present our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Most Worthy Grand Patron. You will join 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) Brother Art Drescher, where are you? Would you come up here for just a second? I have a question for you. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers we are honored with the presence of a Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and she is in the East so it is going to my honor and privilege...Sister Grand Conductress would you like to introduce this Past Most Worthy Grand Matron?

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: It would be an honor. I have the honor of introducing Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Rennie, thank you for your presence with us today. You have reached the pinnacle of service in the Order of the Eastern Star yet you still continue to support our Order each and every day. You are a shining example of what an Eastern Star member should strive to be. Thank you for what you do. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Sister Rennie, you are a member extraordinaire. Your dedication and service to this great Order is a perfect example of unselfish loyalty and constancy. The worldwide membership of the Order of the Eastern Star hold you in high esteem. We are honored to have you present at our Grand Chapter. Thank you seems too little to say but it comes from our hearts.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers (Three raps) I am most honored to present this Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter. You will join with me in saluting her with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress she will remain in the East on her Red Bird perch.

Texas is honored with the presence of Elected Officers of General Grand Chapter. Sisters Associate Grand Conductress...Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Elected Officers of General Grand Chapter at the altar.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure to introduce these Elected General Grand Chapter Officers:

Sisters Alma Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Matron of Texas and Marianne Shenefeld, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming and

Brothers Dennis Paul Jordan, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and a Past Grand Patron of California, and Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: It is an honor to welcome you to Texas. Your presence with us today is a true honor to our Grand Chapter of Texas. We know your schedules are very busy as you represent not only General Grand Chapter but your Jurisdictions. I thank you so much for taking time to be with us this evening. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: To our General Grand Chapter family, thank you is a small phrase but it knows no boundaries of states or countries. During your years of service to General Grand Chapter you have traveled the world. Texas is honored to have each of you present for our Grand Chapter. Woodrow Wilson once said, friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together. I thank you for holding our Eastern Star world together and cementing the bonds of friendship. To Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, we are always glad to see you back in Texas. It is nice to have friends in high places, but it is even nicer to have friends return home. We look forward to having you back in Texas full time. To Brother Henry Martin, remember Brother Henry, home is Texas. As you continue your service

to General Grand Chapter, keep in mind, it is Texas who knows you best. It is Texas who will be your support team and Texas is where you hang your hat – your top hat! Don't forget to come home once in a while even if it is just to say Howdy. To each of you, we welcome you to our Grand Chapter and hope you will stay a while to enjoy our Session.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Elected Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is with honor that I present the Elected Officers of General Grand Chapter. You will join 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.

Texas is honored with the presence of Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Appointed Installed Officers of General Grand Chapter at the altar.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Appointed General Grand Officers.

Sisters Marilyn J. Meyers, Worthy Grand Chaplain and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia

Sandra Sorani, Worthy Grand Marshal and a Past Grand Matron of Nevada. Also Grand Representative to Italy in Nevada.

Annelle W. Hammond, Worthy Grand Organist and a Past Grand Matron of Georgia

Debbie Dhayer, Worthy Grand Adah and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia

Clara Hamilton, Worthy Grand Electa and a Past Grand Matron of Alabama / General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: These beautiful Sisters that are standing here and I can tell you that your Most Worthy Grand Matron is so very proud of you because she wanted to move over so she could see each of you at the altar. We know that you have traveled many many miles but I can't tell you how pleased we are that you decided to travel the miles to be with us today. Thank you for being here. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Congratulations to the General Grand Chapter Appointed Officers. I hope you have enjoyed your tenure of office serving General Grand Chapter. I wish for each of you good health and safe travels as you continue your service and I look forward to seeing you in Pittsburg this coming November. Thank you.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: And I have been extended the honor of using our Most Worthy Grand Matron's gavel. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present these Appointed Grand Officers to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is my honor to present the Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter. You will join 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 Committee Members of General Grand Chapter. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Committee Members of General Grand Chapter at the altar.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron it is my honor to introduce these Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter.

Sisters Donna Ransdell, Ambassador of Alaska and a Past Grand Matron of Montana

Debbie Royce, Ambassador to Guam and a Past Grand Matron of Missouri

Terri Castay, Ambassador to New Jersey and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana and Sister Terri is also the Grand Secretary of Louisiana.

Brothers Nelson Campbell, Cancer Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

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

Jerrie Wilcox, Credentials Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Nebraska

Glenn Whitaker, Heart Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

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

Barbara Ann Holmes, Membership Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Nevada

Ellen Glass, Payroll Committee Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Georgia

Vi Griffin, Public Relations Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas

Brenda Austin, Registration Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Missouri

Mary Lynne Nealis, Registration Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Idaho

Jerry L. Martin, Scottish Rite Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

Billie Bradfield, Shrine Charities Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Arizona

Brother Bill Wyatt, Shrine Charities and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

And Sister Joyce Nicklas, Support our Military Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: You represent our General Grand Chapter as well as you do your respective Grand Jurisdictions and you travel many many miles to support your Most Worthy Grand Matron...no, I didn't do that right. I'm okay y'all. And you travel many many miles to support your Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. It is an honor and privilege to welcome you to Texas Grand Chapter and we wish you safe travels as you continue to serve our beautiful Order. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you General Grand Chapter Committee Members for attending Texas Grand Chapter. I have learned that friendships open our minds, broaden our perceptions and give us strength to walk the Eastern Star road of Service. You have taken the opportunity to expand your boundaries, broaden your horizons and serve General Grand Chapter on the many committees you represent. I can only imagine the miles you have traveled, the service you have rendered and the friends you have made. It is my sincere hope the Texas membership will be counted as you "Friends Always Near". Many of you are Texas members, we are very proud of your service to General Grand Chapter. Sister Joyce Nicklas, member of the "Support our Military Committee", as you know this committee is particularly close to my heart as a 29 year military veteran. Our "Home of the Brave" committee has been overwhelmingly supported by the membership of Texas. I look forward to seeing all of you at General Grand Chapter.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Committee Members of General Grand Chapter to the East. (Three raps) Worthy Grand Patron asked if I was going over to get hugs from the guys...duh... (Laughter) Sisters and Brothers join with me in welcoming these General Grand Chapter Committee Members and you will join 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 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 Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron I am pleased to introduce this Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Genie Wilcox, Colorado

Kathy Warmack, Louisiana

Gayle Porch, Oklahoma – Worthy Grand Matrons

And Brothers Rocky Schexneider, Louisiana

Paul Niehoff, Oklahoma – Worthy Grand Patrons, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you for joining us at Texas Grand Chapter. I know you have many obligations in your Jurisdictions but I truly thank you for taking time to be with us today. I have had the privilege of meeting all three of our Worthy Grand Matrons and I believe I've met both of our Worthy Grand Patrons. I didn't get to meet the Worthy Grand Patron of Louisiana when we had our exchange visit. He was in the hospital, you know, some excuse. (Laughter) But we are so honored that you are here with us today. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Welcome to Texas where friendships are made and hospitality is plentiful. You know to Texans hospitality means making our guest feel right at home. You are in Texas now and we want you to know we are glad you are here. I have had the distinct pleasure of meeting some of you previously on cruises, at exchange visits. Some of you are new friends, but all of you are bright shining stars. Best wishes for your continued service to the Order of the Eastern Star. A smile, a hug or a handshake is the language that can change the world. We extend to each of you a Texas size welcome that includes a smile, a hug and a handshake. Thank you for attending this "Fans of Friendship" Session of Grand Chapter.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: 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) Sisters and Brothers I am honored to present these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East. (One rap) We are privileged that Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions are here with us today. 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 Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron it is my honor to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Jo L. Cullifer, Georgia

Hazel Sutton, Idaho

Andrea Storjoham, Idaho

Susie Roach, Indiana

Juanita Wilkinson, Louisiana

Joy Beth Williams, Louisiana

Mary Howell, Louisiana

Shirley Boone, Louisiana

Bettie Bywater, Nevada

Betty Roberson, New Mexico

Bonnie Varnell, New Mexico

Margie McConnell, Oklahoma

Cheryl Martin, Oklahoma and Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee

Kathy Stegall, Oklahoma and Grand Representative of Australia in Oklahoma

Julie Birrer, Wyoming – Past Grand Matrons

Brothers, Bill Rhyan, Arizona

David Wilcox, Colorado

Carl Larson, Connecticut

Eldon Howell, Louisiana

George Wilkinson, Louisiana

William “Bill” Barnes, Oklahoma

Bobby Scott, Tennessee – These are our Past Grand Patrons, Order of the Eastern Star

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Your presence there today is a true honor for Texas Grand Chapter. You have served our Order for many, many years and continue to support those who have served after you. And I do have to give a special thank you to Brother Bobby Scott, Past Grand Patron of Tennessee and his wife, Dee. They are here because we are personal family friends and they came to be here with us at my Grand Chapter Session and I thank you so very much. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Sisters and Brothers I remember previous to my membership and even after I joined Eastern Star, I would say to my wife, Sister Nannette “Do the Past Grands go to everything and why?” I could not at that point in my life understand the commitment each Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron has for Eastern Star. I know now it is more than a commitment, it is a love for our beautiful Order. It is the ties we share as Sisters and Brothers that keep all of us going. I have learned from this group that just because you are Past does not give you permission to sit back on your laurels, it means you set the example of serving. In Texas we have been privileged to have several Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to join our local Chapters. Each one of these distinguished members continues to serve in our Order. I thank you to each of you very much

for attending our Grand Chapter Session. Thank you.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is with honor that I present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join 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)

Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas at the altar.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas.

Sisters Betty Benham
 Effie Mae Davis
 Rosemary S. Berry
 Betty Y. Friend
 Naomi Wolfe
 Jimmie Lee McMahon
 Sharon Fentress
 Doris Hester
 Karen Morgenthaler
 Nancy Brown
 Bess Caldwell
 Mary Ruth White
 Annette Curry
 Jayne Yenger
 Brothers Richard Ochs
 Duane "Buddy" Baker
 Ed Warner
 Jack Guy
 John Creel
 Jerry Trees
 Ray Hertenberger
 K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.
 David B. Dibrell
 Bill Crews
 Trey Smith

Betty Benham is also a Forever Friend of Bobbi's; K. Arthur Drescher is a Matador; and David

Dibrell is also a Past Grand Master of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: These are our own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. You have presided over this Grand Chapter and have left a rich and distinguished history for those of us to follow. We are honored by your presence here today and sincerely thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for our beautiful Order. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, now doesn't that sound really good? You are the group we look forward to for guidance, wisdom and direction. It is you who laid the foundation of this Grand Chapter. You harnessed the wind and adjusted your sails to ensure smooth sailing for those of us who have followed in your footsteps. Through the years Grand Chapter has experienced rough seas and strong hurricane force winds, but you, our past leaders, kept the faith that the membership of Texas would weather the storms and create healthier Grand Chapter for future generations. I thank you for your continued support and service to the Grand Chapter of Texas. It is with pride that the "Eyes of Texas" are upon you, at this Grand Chapter Session. We, the membership of Texas, appreciate you more than words can express. Thank you.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: 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) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is my extreme pleasure to present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. You will join 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 the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at the altar.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of introducing Most Worshipful Michael L. Wiggins, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Most Worshipful Michael Wiggins. Thank you for taking time out of your very very busy schedule to be with us today. We in the Eastern Star are so honored to have the support of Texas Masons. You not only allow us to meet in your lodge halls but you have also extended the unique honor of allowing us to use your sacred Square and Compasses on our Bible at our meetings. Thank you for your support of Grand Chapter, for the Order of the Eastern Star and for always being there for me when I needed an answer. Thank you. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sir, we are honored to have you present at this "Fans of Friendship" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I appreciate your message of God first. I believe that if we want to do great things in life we must keep God first in our lives and work hard at all we do. The keystone for a successful person is honesty, integrity and a belief in God. The same is especially true for a Mason. As a Mason and an

Eastern Star, I am proud to call you Most Worshipful Grand Master. Thank you for taking time out of your very busy schedule to spend time with us.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Most Worshipful Grand Master to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers I am honored to present the Most Worshipful Grand Master. You will join me as we extend to him a loving and a big Texas welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress he will remain in the East so he can sit with his beautiful wife Tanya. (One rap)

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

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of introducing these Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sister Rovenia McDonald, Associate Grand Matron of Louisiana

Brother Gerald Houston, Associate Grand Patron of Louisiana

Brother Michael Christie, Associate Grand Patron of Oklahoma

Sisters Sara Quinby, Grand Conductress of Delaware and also Special Appointment of the MWGM – Vendors

Venita Eve, Grand Chaplain of Arkansas

Gayla Luna, Grand Lecturer, Oklahoma

Kay McCray, Grand Marshal, Louisiana

Nancy Parker, Grand Marshal, Oklahoma

Jerry Ann Butters, Grand Ruth, Louisiana

Dana Brooks, Grand Ruth, Oklahoma

Dian Roberson, Grand Esther, Oklahoma

Marie Bland, Grand Martha, Arkansas

Sharon Harp, Grand Martha, Oklahoma

Candice Kolteryahn, Grand Electa, Oklahoma

Brother Bill Most, Grand Sentinel, Oklahoma

Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you for being with us today. I hope that your year of service in your respective offices will be a dream come true, filled with many many memories of your year. Thank you again for joining us today and welcome to Texas. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: I appreciate that this distinguished group has made the road to Texas. I have learned the Eastern Star roads point North, South, East and West. If there was a book that told the stories of Eastern Star members traveling the roads; to meetings, banquets, and Grand Chapters, I am sure it would be a best seller. For me personally, meeting Eastern Stars from around the world, traveling the roads of Texas, and hearing about the trips you have

taken has been fascinating. I hope your trip to Texas is one for the book. We appreciate each of you and extend our Texas welcome and invitation to return again and again. Thank you.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers I am honored to present the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions. Please welcome them with a big Texas welcome. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East. (One rap)

We are so proud to have Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in back of Esther's station.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce this Deputy of General Grand Chapter.

Sister Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico.

And these Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Sisters Barbara Grobler, Personal Secretary and Escort to the Most Worthy Grand Patron
Kathleen B. Miller, Eastern Star Journal Editor and Escort to the General Grand Chapter
Committee Member

Janice Herridge, Bobbi's Forever Friends

Brother A. Mercer Quinby, Vendors and also Grand Representative of South Carolina in Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you for all you do for General Grand Chapter and your Grand Chapter. Your assistance and support for our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron is invaluable to them. Thank you for join us here today. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: As Deputy and Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron your task is one of great importance. You represent the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in areas and countries that fall directly under General Grand Chapter. Your service is one that most of us could not perform. We are grateful for your willingness to travel and assist. Thank you for your attendance at the Grand Chapter of Texas Session.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present this Deputy Grand Matron and these Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. You will extent to them a loving welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. (One rap)

We are honored to have those who represent Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdiction at the altar.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sharon Sleppy, Grand Representative of Texas in Arizona
 Pat Baxter, Texas in Arkansas
 M. Sue Kennedy, Texas in Delaware
 Keri James, Texas in Idaho
 Ron Kammerer, Texas in Kansas
 Delores J. Woods, Texas in Louisiana
 Kevin Leonard, Texas in Minnesota
 Jean Watson, Texas in New Mexico
 Monty Johnson, Texas in Oklahoma
 Margaret Glover, Texas in Ontario
 Mary Alice Sanders, Texas in West Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you for representing Texas, the greatest state in the world, in your various Jurisdictions. I hope you feel the pride of Texas each and every time you are introduced. Thank you for visiting with us today and I hope your visit to Texas is full of FANTASTIC memories. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions, welcome to Texas, home of the Spurs Basketball Team, the Cowboys Football Team and great hospitality. We are enthusiastic sports fans but even more enthusiastic Eastern Star Fans. As you can see by the decorations in the Grand Chapter room, we are very fond of FANS. It is my sincere hope you will take back to your Grand Jurisdiction, fantastic memories of the Texas Grand Chapter. Thank you for traveling the distance to attend our Session.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Three raps)

Sisters and Brothers I am pleased to present the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join 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 those who represent other Grand Jurisdiction in other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions at the altar.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters Mary Ann Barron, New Hampshire in Arkansas
 Pamela Wieller, South Carolina in Georgia
 Bernell Scott, Kansas in New Mexico
 Anita Johnson, Kansas in Oklahoma
 Mary Jane DeLozier, Indiana in Oklahoma
 Kathy Miller, Maine in Oklahoma
 Shirley Niehoff, Mississippi in Oklahoma
 Marilyn Hunt, New York in Ontario, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you for joining us for Texas Grand Chapter. I hope your visit is filled with FANTastic memories and of many many new friendships that you made and they will last a lifetime. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Well Sisters, I am so glad the Worthy Grand Matron has these groups figured out. Otherwise, I would be totally confused and honestly, I still am somewhat confused. So I will simply say to each of you, both Grand Jurisdictions are well represented. I always thought it might be fun to be a Grand Representative of another Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions. That way no one would really know where I came from or where I was going. (Laughter) We are happy you came to Texas from where ever you came from or where ever you are going. Thank you for being with us at this Grand Chapter Session.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is an honor to present these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join 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)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, do you think they are getting a little bored? I think we ought to shake things up. What do you think? Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress will you please present Sister Pat Edwards in the West?

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Sister Pat Edwards as requested.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Grand Conductress. Now those of you who have traveled on the School schedule and for the meetings have known that sometimes I don't do things quite in order. Where is Sister Tonya? You know I like to mix it up and I like to have some surprises. Are you surprised Pat? Good! Pat you have worked so many years and you have worked so hard and I wanted...I can't open this badge but anyway...when all else fails, rip it. You know, I am so pleased and so honored to be able to present you with a Grand Representative. You have worked for many many years when I was down in your area and the trim came off of the van, it was you that took us to the dealership and then took us shopping. (Laughter) I still do not have that necklace that I saw but I'm still working on it. But Sister Pat, you are a 50, over 50 year member and you made a comment that you had never been a Grand Representative. Well, I'm going to fix that. So:

Whereas the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of...I'm not going to tell you yet...and the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Texas seeking to promote fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened. The prosperity of our Order promoted its unity, integrity and strength be protected and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other. Therefore, be it known that by evidence of our trust and confidence, we do hereby present, constitute and appoint Patricia Edwards, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Canada in the Grand Chapter of Texas for the purpose of foresaid. In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of the Grand Chapter to be here and to affixed, attested and the signature of our Grand Secretary at Woodstock, New Brunswick, this 20th day of July. This commission will remain in force until December 31, 2016.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress would you please present Sister Patricia in the East. (Applause) Surprise! Are you shaking?

Sister Pat Edwards: A little bit.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Are you surprised?

Sister Pat Edwards: A little bit.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: See this is the fun of it when nobody knows about it. Matter of fact, this last list of Grand Representatives I sent in myself so there is nobody but me and the Grand Secretary's office that knows what I have. But Sister Patricia it is my honor to present to you this pin of Grand Representative of New Brunswick but I think it would be even more special to you and I know it will be special to her to allow your daughter to pin this on you. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers please join me in saluting our newest Grand Representative with Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Would you like to say something?

Sister Pat Edwards: No, I can't talk.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: And Sister Patricia here is the paperwork that came with it. Now hurry back down there and get in line. Thank you. Oh, Patricia, they're waiting for you over here. (Applause) When I went to Grand Assembly, every time if it kind of got quiet or it looked like people were trying to go to sleep on them, they would pop out some kind of a surprise and they drew for things in a box. It was usually gift cards or something and I thought that was a really neat idea. So I said, oh, I know what I can do. I know some surprises that I have. So y'all be prepared because you'll never know when I'm going to pull out another surprise. Okay?

It is an honor to recommend...oh, they're not there. It is an honor to recommend those who are appointed to represent other Grand Jurisdictions in the state of Texas and we are honored with their presence. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas at the altar.

Just please be very careful of the dolls that are behind the stations. If you haven't seen these dolls come look at them. They are out of our Museum.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas.

Sisters Ann George, Alabama
 Martha Ervin, Alberta
 Christel Fisher, Arizona
 Donna Cate, Arkansas
 Jerre Miller, Australia
 Shirley Melton, Bolivia
 Virginia Baker, Colorado
 Marion McAlister, Connecticut
 Billie Collie, Delaware
 Karen Kidd, Idaho
 Lesa Smith, Italy
 Ann Wyatt, Kentucky
 Brother Raul Garcia, Louisiana
 Sister Lou Lewis, Manitoba
 Brother D. W. "Mike" Hall, Massachusetts
 Sisters Patricia Koehn, Minnesota
 Margie Curry, Mississippi
 Jettie Ferren, Montana
 Pat Edwards, New Brunswick
 Becky Thorn, New Jersey
 Tanya Meadows, New Mexico
 Pat Liston, North Carolina
 Brothers Herman Flanagan, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
 Terry Miller, Ohio
 Tom Brisko, Oregon
 Sisters Regina Garner, Quebec
 Elizabeth Timmons, Rhode Island
 Brothers Victor Christenson, Sao Paulo, Brazil
 Robert Livingston, South Dakota
 Sisters Charlotte Soape, Tennessee
 Marita Lewis, Utah
 Shirley Hainline, Vermont
 Brothers N. W. "Butch" Hanna, West Virginia
 William "Bill" Markins, Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Our own Grand Representatives. Thank you for your never ending service to Texas Grand Chapter. You make us proud as you travel to other Grand Jurisdictions

and represent this grand state and the Order of the Eastern Star. I hope you have and will continue to thoroughly enjoy your visits and I thank you for being here with us today. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Well now, Worthy Grand Matron I know this category of introductions because these folks are our folks. You are Texans and we are proud to call you friends. Eastern Star friends are always friends no matter how far you have to travel or where you go. You are the brightest stars of Texas that shine in every area you represent. The commission of Grand Representative gives you the opportunity to explore, dream and discover. My advice is to never miss out on the possibilities of seeing new places and making new friends. Thank you for attending this Grand Chapter Session.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, I am honored to present the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. You will join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East. (Laughter) (One rap) Right....

It is an honor to recognize the Grand Committee members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Grand Committee members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther's station.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these Grand Committee members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Doris Kammerer, District Aid, Kansas

Jean Tucker, Assisting Grand Organist, Louisiana

Marlen Edwards, Educational Fund Board Treasurer, Missouri

Carolyn Green, District Instructor, New Mexico

Myjha Reim, District Deputy, Oklahoma

Bonnie Gainey, General Banquet Committee, Oklahoma

Elsie Christie, Grand Escort to Associate Grand Patron, Oklahoma

Lila Berry, Grand Page to the Associate Grand Patron, Oklahoma

Lila Berry, Grand Page to the Grand Marshal, Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you for visiting Texas Grand Chapter and thank you for the work you perform in your respective Grand Jurisdictions. I hope your visit here is everything and more of what you could have imagined. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Welcome to Texas. If you didn't hear me before, home of the Spurs and the Dallas Cowboys. You know, as Texans we pride ourselves on being friendly, with welcoming attitudes and a sturdy handshake. I know the committee members of each Grand Chapter are workers. You work all year to support the needs of your Grand Chapter. Thank you for taking a break from your duties to attend our Session. We welcome you as guests,

but sincerely hope when you leave our great state you will leave as friends.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Grand Committee members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers I am honored to present the Grand Committee members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will help me in according them a big Texas welcome. (Applause) Now, y'all listen close, okay? Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will remain in the East. (Laughter) (One rap)

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

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Adult and Youth Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations:

Sisters JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and member of House of Gold, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

And Emily Cumming, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Dibrell, thank you for all you do to support the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. You are making a difference in the lives of these young women and I commend you for your many hours given to the worthwhile organizations. Thank you for joining us here today and your support of our Order. Worthy Grand Patron.

WPG George Gwaltney: You know when I think of our Youth and Adult Leaders of Rainbow and DeMolay, I think about a quote from Winnie the Pooh when he said, "As soon as I saw you I knew an adventure was going to happen" and it does every single day. There is never a dull moment when you are working with Rainbow or DeMolay and that is a good thing. As I have said many times during this year, the youth organizations are the future for the Order of the Eastern Star and the future leaders of our nation. Thank you for the time you spend with Rainbow and thank you for attending this Session of Grand Chapter.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is an honor to present the Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations. You will join me in extending them a very warm welcome. (Applause) And when you see Sister Emily today, be sure and wish her a Happy Birthday because today is her birthday. (Applause) Now I know Emily is going to listen to me. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. (One rap)

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

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron it is my honor to present this Presiding Officer

of Other Appendant Bodies. Brother Richard Sharp, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you for joining us today. I know as you serve your respective organization, you will experience the pride for your members as I do for the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. I remember when I attended your installation and I am so pleased that you are here today. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Brother Richard, friend of mine. Your time spent at the Grand Chapter of Texas is greatly appreciated as is your service to your Appendant Body. Each person is called to do special things for special people. I trust your position has given you the opportunity to serve others. Some days the smallest task takes up the most time. It is called commitment to doing what is right. And I congratulate you on your commitment to benefit the works in your Order.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Presiding Officer of other Bodies to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is a delight to present the Presiding Officer of an Appendant Body. You will extend him a very warm welcome.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress he will remain in the East. (Applause)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress do your feet hurt? (Laughter) Thank you for performing your duties in such a beautiful manner. Sisters and Brothers please join me in expressing our appreciation to these Sisters for their fantastic work. (Applause) You can go sit down now.

To each and every visitor that has joined us at the FANS OF FRIENDSHIP Session of the FRIENDS ALWAYS NEAR Grand Chapter, we welcome you with a big Texas welcome, and hope your visit to our Session will be fantastic. Thank you very much.

Texas is so honored to have a Past Most Worthy Grand Matron in our membership but we are especially honored to have this special lady in attendance. She exemplifies everything Eastern Star stands for. Sister Rennie Ofton we are so proud of you, not only for what you do in our Order but the things you do to encourage and to mentor our members. You always have a smile on your face and uplifting words of wisdom. Sisters and Brothers it is my honor to present Sister Rennie Ofton Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Rennie, I invite you to bring the welcome.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Thank you very much. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The 133rd Session of Grand Chapter of Texas is underway. Your dreams will now become a reality. The presence of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron and their entourage, the visitors from other Jurisdictions, the Distinguished Leaders from our great Fraternal Associates, and our beloved membership of Texas is an indication of the importance of our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. Mayor Jeff Williams brought a most delightful complement to our Grand Chapter and weren't we proud. We extend a most hearty welcome to everyone here and trust you will enjoy your time and fellowship as we go through

these special honor days Arlington, Texas and its leaders have accorded us. You know when they picked their emblems, I'm a little wondering what they meant. We have FANS ALWAYS NEAR us and then we have the wind vanes to tell them where to go. (Laughter) Now how did y'all do that? We trust that you are pleased with the reports that you have heard and will hearing in the days to come. We in Texas do serve humanity and are proud of any area where we directed our efforts. In closing, I hope you enjoy every minute of your stay. We meet once a year you know. Y'all come back now. And always remember that the Order of the Eastern Star is full of good people doing good things for good reasons and certainly enjoying it. Thank you so much and y'all come back now. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I am honored to present a lady that will be leading our General Grand Chapter in just a few short years. It may seem like an eternity but let me assure you it's just a few short years, with our own Brother Henry Martin by her side. I know this has already been a very busy month for you as you have just completed the Grand Chapter of Wyoming. But we truly appreciate you joining us today. It is my honor to present Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming to bring our response.

RWGC Marianne Shenefelt: Thank you very much Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl. Protocol having been established. Well hi, y'all, yall, or however you say it. All you all, all y'all...alright I got it. What a wonderful pleasure it is to be with you here and especially for this formal Opening Session of your **FRIENDS ALWAYS NEAR** Grand Chapter. Thank you for the honor and the privilege of responding to the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Rennie's cordial words of welcome. You have extended the hand of friendship with warm and loving hospitality thank you. Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron George I wish for you much happiness and success as you preside over this 133rd Annual Session. I hope your year of service to our Order has been both memorable and rewarding. Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Rennie, it's just down right wonderful to be here with you. You are a dear and special friend. You know to my way of thinking, "you are proof in the puddin" of Mark Twain's statement "God has put something noble and good into every heart his hand created." I know not of a more noble and good Sister. It's wonderful to be here with you. It's extra special to me to be in the home Jurisdiction of Brother Henry Martin. I know Texas is proud of Brother Henry and I'm right proud to have such a dedicated and fine Brother serving by my side as we move forward in what suddenly seems like warp speed toward 2018. But we are on track and our plans are coming together well. I would like to take this opportunity to say how much Wyoming enjoyed having a Texas contingent at our Grand Chapter last week. We were sincerely delighted to have you with us there and share in our Session. The harmonious and fun beginning that Wyoming and Texas is enjoying promises to blossom into a truly wonderful experience and an outstanding partnership. Thank you again for your support. We are honored you are willing to mentor Wyoming on this journey, my Sisters and Brothers. You know your Chapter room looks really great and everything is in order for a great Session. You certainly, none of you acting like three frogs on a log by a lake, which we're glad. Seems one of them made a decision to jump in. The question "How many frogs are left"? Well, the answer, there are still three frogs on the log. Why?? Because the frog only made a decision, he didn't take any action. It takes action to get things done and we're enjoying the results of all of you taking lots of action and not being like that frog. Thank you. (Applause) In fact, every little thing is just nearly perfect and there's good directions and good communication and any Texas Sister and Brother that you stop will definitely help you to find

you what you need or will get you what you need. That's true hospitality and all of us are enjoying that very much. You know, not here there hasn't been, but there was this man who had a wife and they had just a bit of a miscommunication. He was sitting on the edge of the bed watching his wife who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked her what she would like to have for her birthday. She said "I'd like to be eight again", still looking in the mirror. So on the morning of her birthday he arose early. Made her a nice big bowl of Cocoa Pops, took her to the Adventure World theme park. What a day. He put her on every ride; the death slide, the wall of fear, the screaming roller coaster, everything was there. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park her head was reeling and her stomach felt a little upset. He then took her to McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal, extra fries and a delicious chocolate shake. Then off to a movie, popcorn, soda pop and her favorite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure. Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed. He leaned over to his wife and with a big smile lovingly asked "Well dear, what was it like to be eight again"? Her eyes opened slowly and her expression changed..."I meant my dress size you goofball". (Laughter) Thank you again for the honor you have given the Grand Jurisdiction of Wyoming by giving me the privilege of responding this afternoon. I would like to leave you with this lovely message from the book of Psalms. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity." (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: It is a great honor to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron with us today. I can only imagine what your schedule looks like, but you always take time to visit us here in Texas. I know you are extremely busy preparing for some General Grand Chapter Session that's not too far off and is approaching quickly. I truly thank you for being with us today. You have been a special friend for many years. It is my pleasure to present Sister Bobbi White, Most Worthy grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia.

MWGM Bobbi White: Protocol having been established I'll say Howdy Texas! It is so good to be with so many of my friends in Texas at your 133rd Session. Through my numerous visits to your great state I have always been made most welcome. This Grand Chapter Session is a credit to the Order of the Eastern Star and your pride of Texas always shines through. Sister Cheryl, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron, we are here to share in the completion of your year of leading this Grand Chapter and we hope all of your plans will be fulfilled. Sister Cheryl, you were one of my Grand Marshal's during my term as Worthy Grand Marshal in 1994 to 1997 and I realized at that time you had the potential to be Worthy Grand Matron. Now many of my Grand Marshals have gone on to be Worthy Grand Matrons. But you are the only one that is also serving as a Tri-Line Worthy Grand Matron so you're double dipping. I'm not sure that's allowed but anyway you are. Thank you for presenting my West Virginia flag and for having Brother Bill Bane, International Headquarters Administrator carry the flag. Alma's over there waving to me. But anyway, it's a symbol of our beautiful state and almost heaven. Also, I appreciate you using one of my gavels that are so special to me. This one was made from wood of a tree on the property of our Eastern Star Home in West Virginia. Sister Rennie, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, she says "Now don't get up there and tell something bad about me". You are the only one person who knows the rigors of being Most Worthy Grand Matron and all of the issues that pop up out of nowhere and often at inopportune times. I have learned a lot from you through the years that we have served together and you have always given me wise counsel on various matters and situations. We have had many good times together except when you beat me playing cards.

(Laughter) Thank you for just being you. Sister Alma and Brother Henry, it has been a joy working with the two of you. You both can almost read my mind at times and I think that's scary. (Laughter) Brother Henry, your honor event last evening was just wonderful and I hope you were pleased to see so many Sisters and Brothers who came to honor you as Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. It was a great way to start this Grand Chapter Session with grace and dignity. The Grand Chapter of Texas has always had hard working members who are as Rennie says... "Good people doing good things for good reasons and enjoying it". The large donation to the Cancer Project is just one example of all your good work and the donation that you also made to Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is another and I know you have other projects as well. My special thanks for serving as General Grand Chapter Appointments for this Triennium, to Sisters Vi Griffin on Public Relations, Joyce Nicklas on Support Our Military, Delia Whitfield as Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, Betty Benham and Janice Herridge as Bobbi's Forever Friends, and Brothers Nelson Campbell on Cancer, Glen Whitaker on Heart, Jerry Martin on Scottish Rite Charities, and Bill Wyatt on Shrine Charities, Art Drescher and Lee Stallings as Matadors... whatever your title is, just know you are appreciated for all of your efforts this Triennium. I always like to recognize and thank the first family present or as we call them our General Grand Chapter Officers because every white house should have a first family. Would you all please stand? Will the Ambassadors, Committee Members and other Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter please stand? Will you join with me in giving them another hearty welcome for all they do? (Applause) Your presence shows your interest in our Order and I know that Texas is pleased you came to share this Grand Chapter with them. Thank all of you for accepting your position and for being here to help Texas know they have "Friends Always Near". I hope each of you learn to have faith and hope for a better world. Every positive decision you make, every positive action you take, will lead you in a better direction. Learn to concentrate on what is good and seek out happy people for support. Optimism is a life enhancing energy. Don't just hope for a better world or life, just make it happen. In my trips around the world I find this is happening as the smallest Chapters in faraway places with strange sounding names are working for the same causes we are. We should all strive to make the Order of the Eastern Star synonymous with service to our communities and this will put a public face to our Order and hopefully aid us in gaining new members. Sisters and Brothers I hope you realize what a blessing your membership in a fraternal organization such as ours really is. As a fraternal member you have the wonderful opportunity to experience the friendships of other members from all over the world and in all walks of life in a common goal. And I hope you will join all of us in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania the last of October through the 6th of November and there you will see what I'm talking about. We will have members from everywhere to be at that Session and the deadline for the housing I believe is coming up next week. And if you don't have your housing reservation I would advise you to get that in very quickly cause the Housing Chairman has notified me that we are about to run out. So, and if you haven't pre-registered I would also encourage you to do that. It makes it a lot easier on the Registration Committee when you pre-register instead of having to go and do it when you actually arrive. Since we are near the Six Flags Amusement Park and it's funny that Marianne just talked about a general idea such as this. I'm reminded of a Scotsman who took his wife to the park and they were fascinated with the airplane rides, but being Scottish and a bit tight with his money he of course balked at the \$20.00 ticket price. His wife said "Go ahead and do it as it's something that you've always wanted to do and you haven't had the opportunity yet". He said "No we can't afford it and it's just too expensive." So the pilot was overhearing this conversation and he listened to a bunch more of back and forth and back and forth and finally the pilot said "If you and your wife can ride without making

a single sound, I won't charge you anything. Otherwise you pay me the \$20.00 for each person". The Scotsman thought "Now, that sounds like a pretty good deal and I believe I can do that". So they agreed to the terms of the airplane ride. They went up for their ride and when they got back the pilot said "If I hadn't been there I never would have believed it. You never made a sound". So the old Scotsman said in his Scottish brogue "Well, it wasn't easy. I almost yelled when my wife fell out". (Laughter) Now my husband Jim has taught me a few good things about public speaking. He says any speech should have a good beginning and a good ending and to try to keep them as close together as possible. Another thing he taught me is to stand up to be seen, speak up to be heard and to sit down to be appreciated. And now we wish for you a happy heart, a peace to fill your mind, a hope, a faith, a dream come true, quite a special kind. Thank you and good afternoon. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Bobbi for your wonderful words of wisdom and you never leave us without a little bit of a laughter. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White, thank you for those encouraging and inspiring words. General Grand Chapter has truly benefited from your strong yet sincere leadership and once again we look forward to hearing more from you in Pittsburg. I know that you will have a FANTastic Session.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We are honored to have our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron with us today. I know your time is very busy also but I hope you know you have a special place... .Okay...then we're honored to have our Most Worthy Grand Patron with us today. He's still in office and he's still alive. (Laughter) Sorry John. Y'all are awake. We are honored to have our Most Worthy Grand Patron with us today. I know your time is very busy also but I hope you know what a special place you have in the heart of Texas. You stepped up when duty called and was there to support our Sister Rennie when she needed you. We always appreciate when you and your sweet wife Barbara can be with us. It is my pleasure to present Mr. John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron to bring Greetings. (Applause)

MWGP John Grobler: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Protocol having been established I want to thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity to say a few words to the Grand Chapter of Texas and to you too. Thank you Texas for the Honorary Memberships to Texas Grand Chapter for Barbara and me. We treasure your thoughtfulness to include us as part of your Texas OES family. I also want to thank Arthur and Marty Drescher for meeting us at the airport and transporting us to and from the hotel and the Session. Brother Arthur, I especially want to thank you for all you have done for me personally as one of my Matadors. You and Marty are very special friends. And finally I want to thank you for presenting my Washington flag during the flag presentation. I also want to thank the Worthy Grand Patron for my "Just Say Yes to OES" pin, see I'm wearing it and I don't wear many pins. But I think this pin is FANTastic. (Laughter) Well I don't know if many of you have been following the stock market as of late. Monday morning China defaulted on their currency and the market tumbled over 200 points and it's been kind of up and down all week. It sort of bothers me a little bit because I follow the market because I do have a few shares of a few stocks. So I thought I'd give you today's stock market report; Helium was up, feathers were down, paper was stationary, florescent tubing was dimmed in light trading, knives were up sharply, cows steered into a bull market, pencils lost a few points, elevators rose while escalators continued their slow decline, weights were up in heavy trading, diapers remained un-

changed, the market for raisins dried up, Coca Cola fizzled, caterpillar stock inched up a bit, balloon prices were inflated, batteries exploded in an attempt to recharge the market, and finally Scott tissue touched a new bottom. (Laughter) So there you have it. The stock market is not doing well.

During this Triennium we are focusing on membership. All of our Chapters are losing members for a variety of reasons. Loss due to death which we cannot control. Many drift away due to lack of attention. No one calls if I'm absent if they don't care about me, why should I attend? New members are not given anything to do. People join Eastern Star for a variety of reasons and it's really up to us to determine what that reason is and help to fulfill it. Many members are driven off by long time members who will not relinquish responsibility or leadership to new members. Members are neglected by cliques that are formed in many Chapters. There is too much jealousy that exists between members. She got the appointment, well what has she done? I've done a lot more. Wouldn't it be nice to just congratulate members who receive something and be happy that the Sister you professed to love had something nice happen to her? Long time members are discouraged by poor ritual work being done at many of our Chapters today. New members are criticized openly or in whispers when they do not do something correctly. If we are to be successful in attracting new members we need to set aside these dispersions. We need to demonstrate to people what a wonderful loving group we are. To attract new members, we need to be involved in our communities where the potential new members exist. The objective of community outreach is to let our neighbors know we are here and welcome them to our Order. The ultimate goal of course is to attract new members. I wish I had a silver bullet or a magic potion I could give you to facilitate a successful community outreach program. I've not yet found it. Before embarking on any effort of course, you would need to set up a plan for community outreach and establish goals as to what you wish to achieve. I have been collecting some community outreach ideas that are being employed by some Chapters with some success. Write emails or letters to people you know and tell them know about your experience with the Eastern Star and ask them if they might want to get together for lunch and talk about OES. It's just lunch. Work with your Masonic Lodges to get them to recommend Brothers and their wives to join OES and I know in Texas you have been very successful with that and I applaud you for your efforts. It's good to come to Texas and see the Grand Lodge and the Eastern Star Chapters working very closely together. You might want to try sponsoring some joint Masonic and OES dinner meetings and have members invite friends and spouses to come to a dinner and they could listen to a presentation on Masonry and OES. Make use of the many Social Media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and the like. Because that is where our youth are going these days. They are all involved in the electronics and the Social Media and if we can get in there we could probably get their attention. Another way is to form small groups of three to five members and go out and get involved with other community groups. Then when they ask about who you are you can tell them about Eastern Star, gives you a great opening. Feed the homeless. Provide sack lunches once a month and special dinners throughout the year at local shelters. Reach out to teachers, firemen and other members of our community who provide education and service to our communities and provide meals and cookies and treats. Collect classroom items and create gift baskets to give to the teachers. Here's what I thought was pretty good. Build a home. Partner with Habitat for Humanity to build a home for someone in need. Care for the children. Host a babysitting co-op and give single moms a break. Make kindness special. Help those who can't help themselves by mowing lawns, painting houses, shopping for groceries, running errands, and providing helpful household cleaning items and

toothbrushes to people who cannot afford them. Sponsor a youth sports team. Have a street fair. And perhaps the best tool we have lies in the lessons of Electa, to love one another, for after all how we treat those around us will induce them to treat us in a similar manner. In the Bible in, in I John 13:34 Jesus said to his disciples shortly before he was to be crucified. He says, "I have a new commandment I give you. That you are to love one another as I have loved you. That you also would love one another". And Jesus... that was his final word to his disciples. They were looking for a way to go out and they thought he was going to lead them and he was going to lead the world. And they were all going to live together happily. But Jesus actually gave them the message "here's how you go out and conquer the world and that is to love one another. Which is one of our tenants. Are you able to love your fellow member and other people without condition? Are you able to look beyond the warts, wrinkles, body shapes, and etcetera and still say you love these people? The goal of a community outreach program is to get involved with as many members of the community that is possible. A street fair or community block party is a popular way to do it. We really do need to be proactive and get involved with the communities and see what they are doing to improve the life of their citizens. Then we need to volunteer and get involved in those efforts. We have to get out of the comfort of our Chapter walls and get in the game, so to speak. All the new potential members are out there in our communities. One thing is for certain. If we do nothing, nothing will happen. If we continue to just go to one meeting a month and do nothing until the next meeting membership will continue to decline. We need to get involved in the world around us. The key is to try something. You may have to try many different things. I've given you a few here today. I'm sure you can think of many more. One example I have from a lady who came up and told me about it is they were thinking of new ways, some unique ways to try and attract members. They decided they would put a sign in the window of the Lodge with a phone number and said if you are interested in OES or Masonry, or for information on OES or Masonry call this number. Well the people across the street saw the sign and they called. The result was they got a new Mason and a new OES Star. So, it was just something they thought of on the spur of the moment and it worked.

It's a joy for Barbara and I to be here in Texas and we are crazy about all y'all and we'll be back, time and time again. And we do hope to see you at General Grand Chapter in Pittsburg and join in some of the festivities. Your hospitality and friendship are most appreciated and I do love to be here in Texas. Thank you for you kind attention and thank you for all you do for Eastern Star. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Brother John for those inspiring words and again thank you for attending our Session. You are always welcome here. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Brother John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron, your support for Sister Bobbi and your gentle spirit continue to manifest themselves, even in your address today. We will truly miss you and we thank you for your exemplary service to our Order. And I'm so happy that you are wearing our "Just Say Yes to OES" pin. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers we will be closing this Session shortly. Please remain seated. Immediately after the closing, we will have the Report of the Fraternal Correspondent and Grand Representatives Drill and the Humanitarian Drill. I ask that you remain for these presentations.

I now invite Sister Mary Ruth White, a Past Grand Matron of Texas to bring our Benediction.
(Three raps)

PGM Mary Ruth White: Our heavenly Father we lift our hearts in gratitude to thee for thy many blessings of this day. We thank thee that thou has brought our Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl Albrecht and our Worthy Grand Patron Brother George Gwaltney safely through this year of successful service. We pray that thou will be very close to them throughout this week as they preside over the “Friends Always Near” 133rd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Guide and bless not only our Grand Officers, but also each member who is in attendance this week. May all that is said and done in our Session be pleasing in thy sight and in thy Master’s plan. Now dismiss us with thy blessings. Watch over us and keep us in thy tender loving care. In His name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

**(Session called from Labor to Rest and the Arrangements Committee
clears the Chapter floor)**

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Kaye Swain? Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to present Sister Kaye Swain who will present the Report of the Fraternal Correspondent and the Worldwide FANtasy Drill featuring our Grand Representatives. Sister Kaye, it’s yours.

Sister Kaye Swain: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers. It is with great pleasure that I bring this report to you. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Grand Representatives from around the world and the United states who are with us this afternoon. We know that you have traveled many miles. Our prayers are for you to have a safe journey home.

The 2014-2015 year was a good year for Texas Grand Representatives. I have received reports that spoke of warm welcomes from their counterparts as well as the membership of Jurisdictions they represented. Many new friendships were made which will last a lifetime. Many of the reports brought back wonderful memories of my own travels when I was Grand Representative to the District of Columbia.

I would like to thank Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron for the honor and privilege of serving Grand Chapter in this position. This has been a most rewarding experience for me. I would also like to thank Loretta Booth, Grand Marshal, for all her valuable assistance and support.

As our lives are made up of yesterdays, todays and tomorrows, our Order is rich in the heritage of those who served yesterday. We have almost completed our service for today and we look forward with hope and confidence to those who will serve tomorrow.

And now our Grand Marshal will present the Grand Representatives and their escorts. They have truly earned the title for they have traveled many miles through Grand Jurisdictions, cementing the ties of friendship and brotherly love.

(Grand Representatives Drill directed by Grand Marshal, Loretta Booth)

Representing Alabama, Ann George escorted by Darrell Albrecht
 Alberta, Martha Ervin escorted by Chuck Ross
 Arizona, Christel Fisher escorted by Sharon Sleppy, Grand Representative of Texas in Arizona
 Arkansas, Donna Cate escorted by Jimmy Cate
 Australia, Jerre Miller, escorted by Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona
 Bolivia, Shirley Melton escorted by Corrine Anderson
 British Columbia and Yukon, Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary escorted by Bill Bane, Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia and the International Headquarters Administrator
 California, Shirley Woodlock escorted by Patricia Hancock
 Colorado, Virginia Baker
 Connecticut, Marion McAlister escorted by Carl Larson, PGP of Connecticut
 Delaware, Billie Collie escorted by Sue Kennedy, Grand Representative of Texas in Delaware
 District of Columbia, Ron Meitzner escorted by Carolyn Meitzner
 Florida, Debbie Hicks escorted by Lisa Muilenburg
 Georgia, Barbara Naring escorted by Gary Leizer
 Idaho, Karen Kidd escorted by Cary James
 Illinois, Patricia Hammonds escorted by Wilma Ferry
 Indiana, Elinor Humphreys escorted by Georgia Orr
 Iowa, Jean James escorted by Pat James
 Italy, Lesa Smith escorted by Trey Smith, Past Grand Patron of Texas
 Kansas, Ron Krammerer, Grand Representative of Texas in Kansas escorted by Anita Johnson, Grand Representative of Kansas in Oklahoma
 Kentucky, Ann Wyatt escorted by Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron of Texas
 Louisiana, Raul Garcia escorted by Debra Woods
 Maine, Esther O'Neal escorted by Jack Beall
 Manitoba, Lou Lewis escorted by Ray Lewis
 Maryland, Iris Lowe escorted by Carolyn Sturgeon
 Massachusetts, Mike Hall escorted by Emily Cumming, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly Texas International Rainbow for Girls
 Michigan, Eric Wilson escorted by Pat Turner
 Minnesota, Pat Koehn escorted by Kevin Leon, Grand Representative of Texas in Minnesota
 Mississippi, Margie Curry escorted by Jocene France
 Missouri, Kevin Can escorted by Ann Crany
 Montana, Jettie Ferren escorted by John Samples
 Nebraska, Jean Vestal escorted by Brent Vestal
 Nevada, Morris Nellis escorted by Kay Kurosky
 New Brunswick, Patricia Edwards

New Hampshire, Sandy Pierce escorted by Patty Russell
 New Jersey, Becky Thorn escorted by Bob Schier
 New Mexico, Tanya Meadows escorted by Jean Watson, Grand Representative of Texas in
 New Mexico
 New York, Beverly Plante escorted by Tim Harper
 North Carolina, Pat Liston escorted by Cynthia Pearce
 North Dakota, Francis Peacock escorted by Ginny Lamb
 Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Herman Flanagan escorted by Diane Flanagan
 Ohio, Terry Miller escorted by Joan Miller
 Oklahoma, Jane Mohon escorted by Monty Johnson, Grand Representative of Texas in Okla-
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 Ontario, Deborah Foster escorted by Iris Ball
 Oregon, Tom Brisko escorted by Betty Morris
 Pennsylvania, Tina Stephens escorted by Jennifer Pickle
 Puerto Rico, James Parker escorted by Cheryl Royall
 Quebec, Regina Garner escorted by Paul Garner
 Rhode Island, Lizz Timmons escorted by Rick Trimble
 Sao Paulo, Brazil, Vic Christenson escorted by Earlene Angell
 Saskatchewan, Lillie Williams escorted by Jonnie Turner
 Scotland, Rosemary Williams escorted by Ruby Cummings
 South Carolina, Beth Hart escorted by Jackie Spinks
 South Dakota, Robert Livingston escorted by Roland Kleinsmith, Grand Representative of
 Texas in South Dakota
 Tennessee, Charlotte Soape escorted by Charles Foster
 Utah, Marita Lewis escorted by Debbie Miller
 Vermont, Shirley Hainline escorted by Mary Ann Hautman
 Virginia, Chuck Ross escorted by Barbara Turner, Grand Representative of Virginia in
 Louisiana
 Washington, Betty Scruggs escorted by Molly Willey
 West Virginia, Butch Hanna, Jr. escorted by Mary Alice Sanders, Grand Representative of
 Texas in West Virginia
 Wisconsin, Xanthe Parker escorted by Susie Rodgers
 and Wyoming, William Markins escorted by Emma Markins

Thank you all. I think it was a beautiful drill and thank you Sister Loretta, you always do such an awesome job. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Kaye Swain, Fraternal Correspondent and Sister Loretta Booth, Grand Marshal for a fantastic report and a beautiful drill by our Grand Representatives.

Sister Patsy Hewlett? If we could have the Humanitarian Committee make their way to the East, please. Sister Patsy Hewlett? Could you come to the East? Can I have the District Humanitarian Chairmans come to the East? The five District Humanitarian Chairmans please come to the East. Sisters and Brothers, I know we're getting close on time so at this time I am pleased to present Sister Patsy Hewlett who will present our Humanitarian Program. Sisters and Brothers, we have two sets of car keys that have been lost and they are on the Secretary's desk. Oh, they're at Lost and Found which is right outside this door. Does it tell what kind of car it is? It's a Lamborghini or anything like that it's mine. Okay there are two sets of car keys that have been found. You're wanna go home and you're not going to be able to so please check with Lost and Found.

Sister Patsy Hewlett: Grand Marshal are you ready?

Humanitarian Report 2014 - 2015

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers. It is with pleasure that I present the 2014-2015 Humanitarian Report. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for allowing me to serve as General Chairman this year. I am pleased to introduce the five District Chairmen: Sisters Elinor Humphreys, District 1; Judy Parsons, District 2; Judy Sadberry, District 3; Melba Jean Hanna, District 4; and Lou Skidd, District 5. They are truly awesome and I am blessed to work with each Co-worker

This year the Worthy Grand Matron chose "FANS" as the theme for the Humanitarian Program with each letter representing four projects: ESTARL, Benevolent Aid, Education, and Youth. Chapters were encouraged to become 100% by contributing \$1,00 per member listed on their Annual Report as of May 31, 2104. Membership totaled 27,356. Number of Chapters - 334.

During the Humanitarian Drill we also encouraged the Jr. Past Matrons, Jr. Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to donate stuffed bears to be given to Children in a facility of the Worthy Grand Matron's choice.

Each District Chairman will give thier respective reports. I invite Sister Elinor Humphreys to bring the first report for District 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Hewlett,
General Chairman
Humanitarian Committee

District 1 Report

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you so much for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve our Order and I am grateful for this chance. It's been a good year to be a "FAN."

District One, you are Number One. Thank you membership for all your support and contributions. It was so much fun to renew established friendships and to make new ones.

Thank You Patsy, for all of your help and having patience with me. Thank you for taking care of us.

I am pleased to report the percentage of contribution from the chapters for District One.

100% 64 Chapters
 200% 13 Chapters
 300% 4 Chapters
 500% 1 Chapter
 600% 1 Chapter
 800% 1 Chapter and
 one Chapter with 1800%.

Our totals for the "FANS" Humanitarian Program for 2014-2015

ESTARL - \$4,057.83
 Benevolent Aid - \$4,485.19
 Education - \$2,520.33
 Youth - \$1,453.34

District One, it is truly your generosity that has made this year a success and allowed me the chance to work for you.

Thank you again, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you District One.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Judy Parson, Humanitarian Chairman District 2.

Respectively Submitted,
 Elinor Humphreys

District 2 Report

I am pleased to present the District 2 Humanitarian Report.

Number of Chapters in District 2 - 25

Number of Chapters Participating - 25. All were 100% and above.

500% Chapters: Queen Esther #833 and Seminole #855

Contributions by District 2 were:

F for Faith	ESTARL	\$1154.25
A for Assistance	Benevolent Aid	856.25
N for Nurture	Education	1,307.25
S for Support	Youth	842.25

Total Contributions for the 2014-2015 "FANS" Humanitarian Program for District 2 - \$4,159.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Parsons
District 2 Chairman

I recognize Judy Sadberry, Humanitarian District 3.

District 3 Report

I would like to thank Sister Cheryl Albrecht and Brother George Gwaltney for giving me this opportunity to serve in their Grand Chapter year.

I am pleased to present the District 3 Humanitarian Report.

Number of Chapters in District 3: 66
Number of Chapters Participating: 66

We have two Chapters that are 500% - Webb #1140 and Hadassah #188

We have one Chapter that is 1000% - Santana #247

Total Contributions for the individual funds are:

ESTARL	\$2,307.39
Benevolent Aid	2,487.25
Education	3,429.75
Youth	1,049.99

The total contribution for the "Friends Assisting Neighbors" Humanitarian Program is: \$9,274.38.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Sadberry, District 3 Chairman

I recognize Melba Jean Hanna, Humanitarian Chairman, District 4

District 4 Report

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, it has been my great honor to serve this Grand Chapter as Humanitarian Chairman for District 4 for 2014-2015. Thank you, Sister Cheryl and Brother George, for the opportunity to work with the membership and to have been privileged to meet and to make new friends and renew old ones. I hope that the program I presented to you helped you to understand the needs of others and how each of you "Can Make a Difference."

I would like to present the following report:

District 4 has 8,838 members with 100 Chapters represented. Every Chapter was 100% or more as follows:

100%	65	500%	2
200%	14	600%	1
300%	12	700%	1
400%	4	1000%	1

Totals:	ESTARL	Benevolent Aid	Education	Youth Groups
	\$5,155.06	\$4,889.70	\$3,229.20	\$2,107.70

Total Money collected in District 4: \$15,381.66

Remember, "You are only one of 7 Billion in the world in which we live, but you can make a Difference in the way you love and give."

Respectfully submitted,
 Melba Jean Hanna
 Humanitarian Chairman, District 4

I now present Sister Lou Skidd, Humanitarian Chairman, District 5

District Five Report

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, my beloved Sister and Brothers all.

I am thrilled to present to you the District Five Humanitarian report for 2014-2015.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron - my sincerest thanks for having the confidence in me to honor me with this every so important appointment. And a special "thank you" to my General Chairman and my co-workers for all of their support throughout the year.

This year, District Five had 8 Chapters at 200%, 6 Chapters at 300%, 2 Chapters at 500%, 1 Chapter at 800%, 1 Chapter at 1,000% and 1 Chapter at 1,700%. But all of the Chapters in District Five were at least 100% participation.

The totals this year were as follows:

ESTARL	\$3,587.84
Benevolent Aid	2,487.33
Education	1,760.50
Youth Groups	898.33

For a total District Five donation of \$8,734.00

Respectfully submitted,
 Lou Skidd
 District 5 Humanitarian Chairman 2014-2015

Sister Patsy Hewlett: The Chapters in each of the five districts have shown their support for the Humanitarian Program this year and we thank all for their most generous donations. We are proud to announce the following totals for all Districts: ESTARL \$16,112.37, Benevolent Aid \$15,179.72, Education \$12,247.03, and Youth \$6,351.61 for a grand total of \$49,890.73. There will be a supplement report however in August that will increase that amount. Thank you. (Applause) Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Humanitarian Committee we have a gift for you. Come forward girls. I think they want you to open it right now at this moment. It won't take but a second. Something tells me you are going to be very surprised. While she opening that let me just say District III thank you. You were awesome!

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Oh how gorgeous. Oh how gorgeous. I thought it was handcuffs. (Laughter) It is a beautiful Brighton bracelet. Thank you girls!

Sister Patsy Hewlett: Can I say one more word? This concludes our drill and reports and we do have bears, there's a place to be placing those as you walk out. And for the monetary amounts, the checks, there should a basket back there for those. Grand Marshal you're in charge. (Applause)

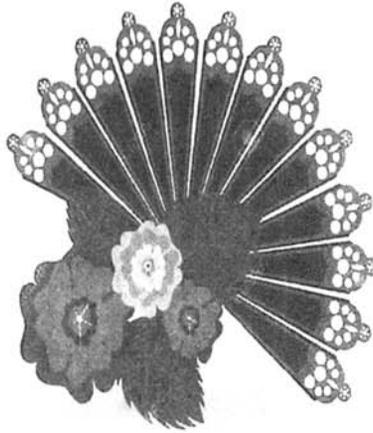
WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Patsy Hewlett and the District Humanitarian Chairmen for a fantastic Humanitarian Report and Sister Loretta Booth, Grand Marshal and the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Jr. Past Matrons and Jr. Past Patrons for a wonderful drill and thank you for supporting our Humanitarian Program.

Sisters and Brothers, we look forward to your joining us this evening for the General Banquet "FANS: Far and Near Supping". Annette said she would explain that. But I hope that you will join us for the General Banquet and then join us back at 8:00 p.m. for our ESTARL and Memorial Programs. Thank you.

*****End of the Opening Session*****



“FANS: Far And Near Supping” ***General Banquet***



Honoring

Cheryl Albrecht
Worthy Grand Matron

George Gwaltney
Worthy Grand Patron

And

The Texas General Grand Chapter
Committee Members

Nelson Campbell
Cancer Committee
Vi Griffin
Public Relations Committee
Bill Wyatt
Shrine Charities

Glenn Whitaker
Heart Committee
Jerry Martin
Scottish Rite Charities
Joyce Nicklas
Support Our Military



“FANS: Far And Near Supping”
August 13, 2015
Arlington Convention Center
6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
Master of Ceremonies

Annette Curry
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Welcome

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

Response

Marianne Shenefelt
Right Worthy Grand Conductress
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron of Wyoming

Invocation

Nancy Brown
Past Grand Matron of Texas

DINNER

Introductions

Sharon Fentress
Past Grand Matron of Texas



Greetings

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas

Michael L. Wiggins
Most Worshipful Grand Master

Texas General Grand Chapter Committee Members

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

Greetings

John E. Grobler
Most Worthy Grand Patron
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Washington

Greetings

Bobbi White
Most Worthy Grand Matron
Past Grand Matron of West Virginia

Greetings

George Gwaltney
Worthy Grand Patron

Greetings

Cheryl Albrecht
Worthy Grand Matron

Benediction

Bill Crews
Past Grand Patron of Texas



Acknowledgement:
SPECIAL THANKS
to all who had a part in making this a
“Fan-tastic” evening



**Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
“FANS: Far and Near Supping” General Banquet
Thursday Evening, August 13, 2015
Arlington Convention Center**

Master of Ceremonies

**Annette Curry
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

Welcome

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

MC Annette Curry: Please stand with me Sisters and Brothers and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

“I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America.
And to the Republic for which it stands
One nation, under God
Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.”

Thank you, you may be seated. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, Installed Board Members, my Sisters and Brothers. We have one that is not here yet and please give a cheer when she comes in. It will be Sharon Fentress. Sisters and Brothers this is our General Banquet which is named “FANS: Far and Near Supping” honoring our Worthy Grand Matron, our Worthy Grand Patron and the Texas General Grand Chapter Committee Members. (Sharon Fentress enters and everyone cheers!) She has arrived. (Laughter) This is our General Banquet “FANS: Far and Near Supping” honoring as I said our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and our Texas General Grand Chapter Committee Members. The word FAN has two meanings. One being: fans are used to cool such as automobiles and many other types of equipment to keep motors and such cool. There are ceiling fans, floor fans, and also you’ve seen many of these this year these hand operated fans. These come in quite handy when you get hot under the collar. Isn’t that right Worthy Grand Matron? The other meaning is if you really love something, you like something, like you like to quilt or sew, or you like sports, you become a fan. A sports fan. Baseball fan, basketball fan, so it’s something you love and you become a fan of that. So you become a fan. We all love Eastern Star so we are Eastern Star fans. This evening we are cool Eastern Star fans. Now, we have fans far away and near so if you look at the first letter you have an F an A and an N, so now we come to the S. The letter S which we needed a word for that. So I got into a little argument with several people about this but its “Supping”. Friends cool Eastern Star Fans, Far and Near Supping. Now the word “Supping” has two meanings also and I will explain that. You can look it up in the dictionary. If you get in an argument you look it up. “Supping” means to eat or drink. Take small swallows or big mouths full. So that’s “Supping” and soon we will be “Supping”. Cool Eastern Star Fans: Far and Near “Supping”.

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Now, the other meaning of “Supping” is this; it is to show interest in the opposite sex (Laughter) with verbal expression. In other words, if you really admire someone, it’s a kind of adjective, you’re “Supping” them. In other words those ladies were “Supping” those gentlemen. (Laughter) or those gentlemen were “Supping” those ladies. (Laughter) It’s just a form of admiration. So this evening... Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for this opportunity of service. She needs a fan. This evening we are cool Eastern Star Fans from far and near and we are going to be “Supping” and maybe even “Supping”. (Laughter) I invite our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton to bring the Welcome. (Applause)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: I believe that protocol has been taken care of and I think all the rest of that was taken care of too. (Laughter) But you know what, I’m not going to do any “Supping” or anything like that. I’m just going to tell all of you how nice it is, for you all, to be here and we’re delighted that you came and I know that the persons who have prepared for this dinner want you to have a good time and we want you to remember that you did have a good time in Texas. We have a lot of fun in Texas and she just did a very good example of how the fun is. Sometimes we don’t really know what’s going on but it’s okay. So thank you for bringing our fun, Annette. We are delighted to have such a good bunch staying for the supper. And we are glad we have a wide bunch from all over the states and I know that you will enjoy your neighbors. So we’ll have lots of fellowship and I know too that the food has been so good this week. It’s bound to be real good. I don’t know, have you had lunch? No? Well it’s going to be good then! But thank you so much for staying and being here with us tonight. And thank you and I appreciate the pleasure and the opportunity of greeting all of these people. And wishing them well this evening and I know so many of them and I haven’t seen them for a long time so I’m just on seventh heaven right now. Thank you very much Sisters and Brothers and have a good time and love your neighbor. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Annette Curry: I invite Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter to come and bring the response to this welcome.

RWGC Marianne Shenefelt: Thank you Sister Annette. It’s indeed a pleasure and gracious courtesy that you have extended to me and the Grand Jurisdiction of Wyoming by asking me to respond to Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Rennie’s cordial and welcoming words and your generous hospitality. It is a pleasure to be here this evening. Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron George I know you are pleased by the fine turn out for this banquet tonight. It’s impressive. If we had this in Wyoming we’d be freaked out. (Laughter) I hope your Session continues on this path of success and satisfaction for you and for the Sisters and Brothers of Texas. Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie, all the best to you this evening. I’m so blessed to have had you at the helm when I started this wonderful journey. Your gracious and kind nature made this greenhorn feel accepted and right at home. Thank you. Thank you to the General Grand Chapter Committee Members for your service to General Grand Chapter. Your work is very much appreciated. This gathering of Eastern Stars from near and far for purpose of support and participation brings to mind a story about a small boy who was auditioning with his classmates for a small play. His mother knew he has set his heart on being in the play just like so many other of the children had hoped and she feared how he would react if he was not chosen. On the day that the parts were awarded the little boy’s mother went to the school gates to pick up her son. The little boy rushed up to her shining with pride and excitement. “Guess what Mom?” he said. “I’ve been chosen to clap and cheer”. (Laughter) and we are all here to clap and cheer for you, Texas because we know

that you have done a great job for your state this year. I would like to take this opportunity again thank those who travelled on the bus to Wyoming to attend our Grand Chapter. We were so very glad to have you and I certainly hope you received the same warm and cordial welcome to our Grand Jurisdiction that Past Grand Matron Julie Birrer and I have received while we've been here in Texas. And again if I may say, and I don't think you'll tire of hearing it because I don't tire of saying it, it will still always be my pleasure to have had your Henry Martin say yes to me when I asked him to serve and for your support and help that you are giving to Wyoming. We truly appreciate it. You know I travel on Southwest fairly often and every once in a while their flight attendants will say something pretty funny and this little gal said "Nobody likes, well we like you best but what we like best is your money." (Laughter) And I thought well that's just getting right down to the point isn't it? And of course I, is it okay if I give you a blonde joke? No, no...it's about me. It can happen. Two blondes were listening to the radio when a commercial for a weight loss program came on. The woman in the ad proudly proclaimed "I've lost 6 inches using this product." Puzzled, one blonde said to the other "Why would anyone want to be shorter?" (Laughter) And just one or two more. My Sister is a legal Assistant and she ran across some that are very funny and these are actual questions that were asked in court by lawyers. She didn't tell me whether they were blonde or not. But how about this?

Without saying anything, tell the jury what you did next. (Laughter) Without saying anything?

And was that the same nose you broke as a child? (Laughter)

Was it you or your brother who was killed? (Laughter)

And this one is a good one:

Now doctor isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning? (Laughter)

Thank you again for this opportunity and pleasure. (Applause)

MC Annette Curry: Thank you. I now invite Sister Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron of Texas to bring the Invocation after which we will begin our "Supping" and possibly "Supping" (Laughter).

PGM Nancy Brown: Sisters and Brothers, please join hands and join our hearts together as we pray. Heavenly Father we come to you with grateful hearts tonight. Thanking you for the many ways in which our lives have been enriched through the Order of the Eastern Star. We ask your guidance on our Grand Chapter as we start tomorrow to handle the business. Please help each of us Father to seek your guidance and we pray for the good of our Order. Thank you also dear Lord for the privilege of sharing tonight the hospitality that's in this room helping us to fellowship with our Sisters and Brothers as Rob Morris had envisioned being one of the most important parts of Eastern Star. Bless this food, our Father, for the nourishment of our bodies. In your name we pray, Amen. (Amen)

****Dinner****

MC Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers, you can continue with your "Supping" and we're going to invite Sister Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron of Texas to come and make our in-

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troductions. And before that, this has been brought to the table here. Someone left a pair of glasses on the table. Did you put something on the table and lay them down? Anyway, here they are. Sharon Fentress.

PGM Sharon Fentress: I will announce to you the first thing that this is *payback*. This is *payback*. I was supposed to do her General Banquet when she was Worthy Grand Matron and I did organize it but then I had a little sick spell and I wasn't able to MC it. Can you imagine? I couldn't hardly talk. (Laughter) Now that's unbelievable isn't it? But anyway, guess who she called on to do introductions. And not only that she furnished me this wonderful list and she told me to start and don't stop. No adlibs, no stopping, just do it. I said "Fat chance". (Laughter) But I do thank you Master of Ceremonies for this beautiful honor that you have given to me. And I will begin speedy introductions.

It is with great pleasure and much pride that I introduce Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron and her husband Brother Darrell Albrecht, Grand Warder. And Brother George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron and his wife Sister Nannette Gwaltney, Grand Esther, all of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Please give them a rousing welcome. (Applause)

We are very proud to have Sister Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron with us here tonight, of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia. And Brother John Groebler, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Washington and his lovely wife, Sister Barbara Groebler, Grand Escort and Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me in extending a big Texas welcome. (Applause)

We are so happy to have our own Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Join me in giving her a special welcome. (Applause, Olé)

I am pleased to introduce the Elected General Grand Chapter Officers. Sisters Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Past Grand Matron of Texas and Grand Representative of Italy in the District of Columbia and her husband, Dr. Charles "Bill" Bane, International Temple Headquarters Administrator, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia and Grand Representative of Sao Paulo, Brazil in the District of Columbia. Please welcome them. (Applause) With those titles they should stay very busy. Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Past Grand Matron of Wyoming. Brothers Dennis Paul Jordan, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and a Past Grand Patron of Wyoming and his wife, Sister Nancy Jordan. (Applause) Henry Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife, Sister Opal Martin, Grand Escort to the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. Please remain standing as I introduce the Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers. Marilyn Meyers, Worthy Grand Chaplain and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia. Annelle Hammond, Worthy Grand Organist and a Past Grand Matron of Georgia. Debbie Dhayer, Worthy Grand Adah and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia. Clara Hamilton, Worthy Grand Electa and a Past Grand Matron of Alabama. Please join me in welcoming all of these General Grand Chapter Officers. (Applause)

I am pleased to introduce the General Grand Chapter Committee Members of other Grand Jurisdictions and will follow with the Texas General Grand Chapter Committee Members since they are a part of our honorees for this evening. Brother Gary Miller, Credentials and a Past

Grand Patron of Illinois and his wife Sister Kathy Miller, Special Appointment of General Grand Chapter, Editor of the OES Journal. Sisters Jerrie Wilcox, Credentials and a Past Grand Matron of Nebraska. Barbara Holmes, Membership Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Nevada. Mary "Pete" Nealis, Registration and a Past Grand Matron of Idaho. Billie Bradfield, Shrine Charities Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Arizona. And now the Texas Grand Chapter Committee Members. Brother Nelson Campbell, Cancer Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas and his lovely wife, Sister Georgia Campbell, Arrangements Distinguished Guests. Sister Vi Griffin, Public Relations Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas and her husband, Brother Thomas, we call him Tommy Griffin, Grand Escort and Past Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Brother Bill Wyatt, Shrine Charities and Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife Sister Ann Wyatt, Grand Representative of Kentucky in Texas. Sister Joyce Nicklas, Support Our Military and Past Grand Matron of Texas. We regret that our other honorees, Brother Glen Whitaker and Jerry Martin were unable to attend this evening. Please give a big welcome. (Applause) I've just been handed a note that we have another one. Our Sister Ellen Glass, Payroll Chairman and I'm sure that's General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you my dear and thanks for this message. And Past Grand Matron of Georgia. (Applause)

We are pleased and honored to have Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Gayle Porch, Oklahoma, Genie Wilcox, Colorado, Worthy Grand Matrons. Brothers...oh, Kathy Warmack, Louisiana. Thank you Kathy. Pierre Rocky Schnix...Schexnee...Schexneider, oh my I should have read this before...Louisiana, thank you. Schexneider is that it? Thank you. Forgive me. Paul Niehoff, Oklahoma and his wife Shirley, Grand Representative of Mississippi in Oklahoma. Worthy Grand Patrons. Please welcome this group. (Applause)

I am pleased to introduce the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Lorraine Howell, Alberta, Canada. Joyce Armonmoth, Connecticut, Jo L. Cullifer, Georgia, Andrea Storjoham, Idaho. Hazel Sutton, Idaho. Susie Roach, Indiana. Mary Howell, Louisiana, Shirley Boone, Louisiana. Joy Beth Williams, Louisiana. Betty Robertson, New Mexico. Cheryl Martin, Oklahoma. Margie McConnell, Oklahoma and her husband, Brother Ron McConnell. Kathy Stegall, Oklahoma and Grand Representative of Australia in Oklahoma. Julie Birrer, Wyoming. Past Grand Matrons. And Brothers Malcolm Howell, Alberta, Canada. Bill Rhyan, Arizona and his wife Sister Jane Rhyan, Distinguished Guests. David Wilcox, Colorado. Carl Lawson, Connecticut and his wife, Donna. And that is Larson, isn't it? Eldon Howell, Louisiana. Bobby Scott, Tennessee, and his wife, Dee. Past Grand Patrons. Please welcome this group. (Applause)

Now for the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. I will introduce myself in the order in which it falls. How do I know? (Laughter)

MC Annette Curry: I wrote it down.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Oh, pardon me. Okay. Sisters...you know I'm just trying to take orders. Sisters,

Betty Benham
Dr. Effie Mae Davis
Naomi Wolfe

Jimmie Lee McMahon
Sharon Fentress, that's me!
Doris Jean Hester
Nancy Brown
Joyce Gilbert
Annette Curry
Jayne Yenger

Betty Benham has a special appointment from the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbi's Forever Friends.

Past Grand Patrons:

Brothers Buddy Baker and his wife, Sister Judy Baker, Arrangements, Distinguished Guests.

Jerry Trees

Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr. and his wife, Sister Marty Drescher, Arrangements, Distinguished Guests.

David Dibrell and his wife, Sister Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and a member of the House of Gold.

Bill Crews and his wife, Sister Kathey Crews, Grand Escort to the Past Grand Patron.

Trey Smith and his wife, Sister Lesa Smith, Grand Representative of Italy in Texas.

Past Grand Patrons.

Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr. has a special appointment from the Most Worthy Grand Patron as Matador.

David Dibrell is a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Please welcome this group. (Applause)

We are very pleased and honored to have Michael Wiggins, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and his wife Tanya Wiggins with us tonight. Give them a hearty welcome. (Applause) We love to have that love relationship with our Brothers.

We are pleased to have Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, both Elected and Appointed.

Sisters Rovenia McDonald, Associate Grand Matron of Louisiana and her husband, Brother John McDonald.

Amber Lemy, Grand Chaplain, Oklahoma

Janice McCray, Grand Marshal, Louisiana

Nancy Parker, Grand Marshal, Oklahoma

Sharon Harp, Grand Martha, Oklahoma

Candice Kolteryahn, Grand Electa, Oklahoma – is that pretty close?

Brothers:

Richard Porsche, Grand Sentinel, Louisiana and his wife, Sister Martha Porsche, District Deputy Grand Matron, Louisiana

Did we miss someone there?

Sister Jerry Butters, Grand Ruth, Louisiana – Welcome

Dana Brooks, Grand Ruth, Oklahoma

Dian Roberson, Grand Esther, Oklahoma

Did we get all of you? I apologize. Thank you ladies. (Applause)

I am pleased to introduce the Installed Grand Officers and the Elected Board Members of Texas:

Sister Jerre Lucas, Associate Grand Matron

Brother Billy Clabaugh, Associate Grand Patron and his wife, Sister Jane Clabaugh, Grand Escort

Sisters:

Marlene Scholari, Grand Secretary and her husband, Brother Joe Scholari

Sharon Mosmeyer, Grand Conductress and her husband, Brother Gary Mosmeyer, Grand Escort

Melissa Hudman, Associate Grand Conductress

Norma Phillips, Grand Chaplain

Loretta Booth, Grand Marshal

Brother Daniel Caldwell, Grand Organist

Sisters, Elaine Rowland, Grand Adah

Cindy Echols, Grand Ruth and her husband, Brother Tommy Echols, Grand Escort

Laverne Hadley, Grand Martha

Barbara Grant-Scott, Grand Electa

Brother Bob Royall, Grand Sentinel and his wife, Cheryl Royall, Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, Section 4

Thank you. (Applause)

Board of Directors:

Brother Ray Hargis, District 1 and his wife Sister Linda Hargis, Endowed Membership General Chairman

Sisters, Deborah Land, District 2

Jean Hobbs, District 3

Jerri Young, District 3

Gerry Sturtz, District 4

Carlotta Fairchild, District 5 (Applause)

Board of Grand Examiners:

Sisters, Carolyn Martin, District 1

Susan Dormady, District 2

Donna Noe, District 3

Terri Rozell, District 4

Linda Winn-Christenson, District 5

Laura Sharp, At-Large and her husband, Richard, Ritualistic Excellence

Please welcome this group. (Applause)

I am pleased to introduce Sister Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and her husband, Brother Charles Whitfield, Masonic Fans. (Applause)

Janice Herridge, Special Appointment from the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbi's Forever Friends. Please welcome all of this group. (Applause)

I am pleased to introduce these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Sharon Sleppy, Arizona

Keri James, Idaho

Delores Woods, Louisiana

Brothers Ron Kammerer, Kansas and his wife

Kevin Leonard, Minnesota

Monty Johnson, Oklahoma

And please welcome this group. (Applause)

I am pleased to introduce these Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters Anita Johnson, Kansas in Oklahoma

Kathy Miller, Maine in Oklahoma

Bernell Scott, Kansas in New Mexico

Marilyn Hunt, New York in Ontario

Barbara Turner, Virginia in Louisiana

Please welcome this group. (Applause)

I am pleased to introduce these Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas.

Brother Raul Garcia, Louisiana and his wife, Sister Sylvia Garcia, OES Treasures

Sisters, Patricia Koehn, Minnesota and her husband, Brother Steve Koehn, Rob Morris Committee

Lou Lewis, Manitoba and her husband, Brother Ray Lewis, General Chairman of Arrangements

Pat Liston, North Carolina

Brothers, Herman Flanagan, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and his wife, Sister

Diane Flanagan, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4

Terry Miller, Ohio and his wife, Sister Joan Miller, District Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 5
Marsha Talton, Ontario

Regina Garner, Quebec and her husband, my sweetheart, Brother Paul Garner, Arrangements, Election Chairman – I just told her to get a grip. (Laughter)

Brothers, Vic Christenson, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Butch Hanna, West Virginia and his wife, Sister Melba Jean Hanna, Humanitarian Chairman, District 4

Please welcome this group. (Applause)

I am pleased to introduce Sister JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and her husband, Brother Bruce Weaver, Grand Executive Committee Member of Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. And I have Emily Cumming, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Welcome. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, these are completed and I did them to the best of my ability as I was instructed. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Annette Curry: That's all I have to say too. (Laughter) We are honored to have Michael L. Wiggins, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. We are so pleased to have him here. I invite him at this time to bring Greetings.

MWGM Michael L. Wiggins: Thank you Sister Curry. I appreciated your definitions of "Sup." I didn't know all of that. This year the Imperial Shrine Session was hosted by Texas in Houston at the Shrine and I got to participate in their parade. I got to ride and do all that stuff and as I was riding along in the parade we got close to my Granddaughters and I began to wave at them and then I blew them a kiss. And there was a woman out there that said "Look, the Grand Master blew me a kiss." (Laughter) So I guess that fits into that second definition. (Laughter) But I didn't know that. Now I do. I appreciate the opportunity to be here with you this evening and to spend the day with you. And I've enjoyed that opportunity. And Cheryl, stand up. I'll let you stand up this time. You know I've been telling my team all year that I like to speak before I eat. And you let me speak at one but you made me wait until 6:30 to eat. That wasn't what I had in mind. (Laughter) Thank you though. I appreciate it.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: You just can't please some people. (Laughter)

MWGM Michael L. Wiggins: And I'm one of those, just ask my wife. And Brother George, in your comments you took my presentation away from me tonight. So I'll remember that later. Your time will come. But I do want to congratulate both our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on a very successful year. And I wish you the best in your business sessions as you go through the next couple of days. My wife sometimes has a way of trying to tell me what to say or how to say it and when to say it. Any of you guys have that problem? Well, I don't see hands. I tell you I don't understand that. Wives are sitting too close? Thank you. That's why I left mine all the way down at the other end of the table. Well, Harry

Truman, as may of you know, was a Mason. He also was a Grand Master of the State of Missouri. He eventually went on to serve as Vice-President and then President of the United Stapes. And while he was President he was asked to speak to the D.C. or Capital Garden Club. And he was talking about how to fertilize their plants and get them to look real nice. And during his presentation he kept talking about you needed good manure for your plants and he repeatedly used the word “manure” for fertilizer. And after his presentation was complete, one of the ladies went up to his wife and said “Can you teach him not to use the word manure because it’s impolite to use it in polite company?” And Bess replied “Heavens No! It took me twenty five years to get him to say manure.” (Laughter) And so my wife has been trying to work with me for a lot longer than twenty five years. (Laughter) I think it is important as a Masonic Family that we use the volume of sacred laws in our meetings. It sets in the center of our Lodge rooms. It sets in the center of your Assembly rooms. And of course the square and compasses rest upon it to remind us that God should be the center of our lives. Several years ago, I was driving through town and I saw a banner hanging from one of the light poles, street poles. And it was placed there by a religious group. And it said “Love God, Serve Others, Transform Lives.” And I am sure it had been placed there by the church to encourage people to serve others less fortunate, to give them a better lot in life. But as I continued driving down the road, as a Free Mason it has a much stronger meaning to me. I think it should in all of us in our Fraternity, our Masonic Family. We are taught to love God, to serve others, but if we applied the principals that our Orders teach, the lives that we transform will not be those of others, it will be our own lives and that’s the life we should work on. If we keep our faith in God, put him at the center, we can always do good for ourselves, for our families and our communities. I appreciate the opportunity this evening. I appreciate the opportunity to speak. I wish you, Cheryl, the best as you finis up your business. Thank you and God bless you. (Applause)

MC Annette Curry: I now invite Sister Vi Griffin, Public Relations Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas to bring Greetings on behalf of our Honorees, our other Honorees the Texas General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Sister Vi.

PGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Annette. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Head Table, Sisters and Brothers. Thank you my friend, I think (Laughter), for the honor to speak on behalf of the Honorees this evening. The title of this Banquet is “FANS.” Now I’m not real sure about the “Far and Near” part cause we’re all right here. But I sure appreciate you making sure that I had a fan for this evening. And it has information about fans. This is a Fantastic Fan. Fans are in vogue and synonyms are trend, fashion, craze, enthusiasm so I’m a Fan with a fan. And I know on somebodies calendar somewhere in the world, this is a bad blonde joke Thursday. (Laughter) So I’m not going to tell you a bad blonde joke. I’m going to tell you a true story. At least it was told to me for a true story. And Sister Annette and her friend Mary Ann found themselves on the Riverwalk in San Antonio but they were on opposite sides. And Mary Ann said “Oh Annette, I’m so gland to see you. How do I get to the other side?” And Annette said “Mary Ann, you are on the other side.” (Laughter) Forgive me. As I have been asked to speak on behalf of the Honorees, I invite them to stand with me. We are so appreciative of all the plans and preparations that have gone into this evening and we know that it didn’t just happen. It touches our hearts that you would put so much effort in to making this such a special evening for us and thought we realize that it’s our General Grand Chapter positions that you honor tonight, we are humbled by the fact that you, the membership, allow us to hold these positions. And we appreciate Sister Bobbi White having the con-

fidence in us to grant us these Appointments. We thank you for the love gifts that you have given us, but more importantly, for the gift of your love. As we approach the conclusion of this Triennium we hope that we have carried out our assignments to the satisfaction of Sister Bobbi and to the honor and welfare to General Grand Chapter. We sincerely thank you for this honor and for the honor of serving our beautiful Order. May you continue to have faith to share, family to care, and friends to spare. Where would we be without them? Thank you. (Applause)

MC Annette Curry: We are honored to have Brother John Groebler, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Washington with us. We are so proud that you are here and I invite you to bring Greetings at this time.

MWGP John Groebler: Thank you Sister Annette. Actually you know I like hearing you talk and I'd like to relinquish my time to you. (Laughter) I'm delighted to be here in Texas and particularly here at this Banquet. And as I look out over there, it seems like all of you were at the Session and I think there's a few of you that may have snuck in a little bit later. It's nice to see all of you here and it's a pleasure for Barbara and I to be in Texas and to "Sup" with you all. Is that right, "Sup," "Supping"... okay. Because "Supping," eating is something that we all do with friends. You know you normally don't sit down with strangers and eat too much. You normally sit down with friends and eat. And I think that we're all here with friends, we're all here with a common goal and that is to share things together. So, it's a pleasure to be here and we're just delighted to see all of you. We're delighted to be here and we hope to be here many more times. And we're looking forward to the business session tomorrow, which is my favorite part. And I understand you have a couple of controversial Resolutions, I'm kind of looking forward to that. (Laughter) If you ever went over to Italy, they practically have gun fights over those kinds of things. They challenge each other to duels over some of their issues. I know you won't do that here in Texas. At least not in this day and age. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I wish you the best in the rest of your session. I understand you've had a very prosperous year and a very good year because everybody tells me that and I think it's true, knowing the tow of your. I do want to tell you one little story, though. It has to do with eating as a matter of fact. It's not "Supping" though, I don't think. This is all about nutrition and health. And this is the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting medical studies. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer few heart attacks than the British or the Americans. The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or the Americans. The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or the Americans. The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or the Americans. The conclusion is eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you. (Laughter) (Applause)

MC Annette Curry: A special honor is ours with the presence of Sister Bobbi White. Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of West Virginia and I invite her to bring Greetings at this time.

MWGM Bobbi White: Thank you so very much Sister Annette. Hasn't this been a lovely Banquet this evening? (Applause) I would especially like to comment on the food at this Convention Center. Every meal I've had here has just been delicious and you don't get that very often, let me tell you. But anyway, I'm pleased to be in Texas as you've heard me say how ever many

times I've spoken to you, and it's still the same. Sister Annette, I'm not sure that I'm even going to touch the lines that you gave because I don't know that I would get it right, so... I think I'm going to leave that one there. I knew what the first definition was, I didn't know about the second one. And it's just as well. I don't think Jim would like that. (Laughter) Anyway, it's nice to be with your Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and the Committee members for this Triennium. They have done a beautiful job working for General Grand Chapter and you heard me tell Cheryl today, she was my Grand Marshal many years ago and we've kept a close friendship ever since. And Brother George, I appreciate your remarks on everything you've said. You are a quiet, gentle man and you just nail it every time you speak. Now you seem to be willing to have some fun, so I hope you'll go along with me with this little tidbit. A man was leaving a convenience store one morning, getting his morning coffee, and he noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching a nearby cemetery. A black hearse was followed by a second black hearse within fifty feet behind the first one. Behind the second hearse a short distance back were about two hundred men walking single file. The man couldn't stand the curiosity and he respectfully approached the man walking with a dog and said "I am so sorry for your loss and this may be a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this, but whose funeral is it?" And the man replied, "It's my wife's." "What happened to her?" "She yelled at me and my dog attacked and killed her." He inquired further, "But who is in the second hearse?" The man answered "My mother in law. She was trying to help my wife when the dog turned on her and killed her as well." A very poignant touching moment of brotherhood. And silence passed between the two men. And the fellow who came from the coffee shop said "Can I borrow the dog?" (Laughter) The best is yet to come, believe me. And the mourners said "Get in line." (Laughter) Thank you and good evening. (Applause)

MC Annette Curry: Before Greetings from our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I'd like to present these love gifts and the love gifts for the other Honorees that have been presented to you a little bit earlier. So, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Are there other love gifts at this time? I now invite Brother George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron, to bring Greetings.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Sister Annette, Our Master of Ceremonies and good evening Sisters and Brothers. How do you follow this? I got blonde jokes, I got dog jokes... well, but anyway. (Laughter) You know it is great to see many of our friends from far and near. As I glance around the room I see many Grand Jurisdictions represented. Thank you for joining us at our Banquet. And I sincerely hope that you've enjoyed your time in Texas. Sisters and Brothers, as Sister Annette and other have said, the word "Supping" means to take drink or food by sips or small spoonfuls. Now, I won't go into that other than that's the definition. You know I hate to bring this up, but there wasn't much time for food today. So, I didn't take my food in by small sips or spoonfuls. I was hungry. (Laughter) Can you relate? We are so pleased to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Most Worthy Grand Patron attending our Grand Chapter. Sister Bobbi and Brother John, it's an honor to have you seated with us at the head table. You are such distinguished members and we thank you for your presence. To know you is to admire and respect your dedication to our Order. Thank you. Texas members, you are the best. There's nothing like homefolks who know how to roll out the red carpet for their own members as well as our guests. Texas pride is strong. Texas dedication runs deep. And Texas service is extraordinary. Thank you Texas for all you do for your Sub-Ordinate Chapters. Thank you friends far and near for your service and dedication to Eastern Star around the world. You have made this an incredible year of service for me and

for our Grand Chapter. You have taught me much during this year of 2014-2015 Gran Chapter year. I have learned that each contact with an Eastern Star member is important and precious. According to Dr. Seuss "We have brains in our head, we have feet in our shoes, and we can steer ourselves in any direction we choose." Thank you for choosing to spend this evening with us and always remember no matter where you go, no matter what you do, always "Just Say Yes to OES." Thank you Sisters and Brothers. (Applause)

MC Annette Curry: Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron, we await your special Greetings.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. My first question is, haven't y'all heard enough from me today? (Laughter) Thank you, Sister Annette, for accepting and volunteering (Laughter) to be Chairman of this Banquet. You came to me and begged me to be Chairman (Laughter) of this Banquet.

MC Annette Curry: You know I can't speak after you.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: That's exactly it, you can't speak after me. (Laughter) I get the last word. That's my version. Seriously, I was at a meeting and I walked over to Annette and said "Do you believe in poetic justice? And she goes "Poetic what?" (Laughter) I said "Poetic justice." She said "I don't know." So I said "Do you remember when you were Worthy Grand Matron and I was Grand Conductress? And my mother was in charge of the General Banquet and when she got sick and she couldn't do it and you said "Ah, you can do it." Poetic Justice tonight Sisters and Brothers. (Laughter) Because not only did I get to do Master of Ceremonies, I still got to do the Introductions which is what I was supposed to do the first time. I was really disappointed that you didn't have to do the Introductions, too. That would have really been "Poetic Justice." But she asked me did it have a name, and I said no, the General Chairman can name their different functions. Girls behind me, you may want to change that policy. (Laughter) You may want to screen a little closer. But we have had a good time. this is a beautiful Banquet and seriously, Sister Annette, I thank you for Chairing this and putting on this beautiful Banquet. We are so very honored to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Most Worthy Grand Patron with us. It is a special treat and something I will always remember. That you both took time to be here. I thank Brother Michael Wiggins and Tonya for being with us. He flew in last night to make sure he was here for ust today. And thank you for that very much. (Applause) Sister and Brothers, I invite you to join us in the Session room after this Banquet. At 8:00 we will have our ESTARL and our Memorial programs and I have cleared some of those so I do know basically what they're about. They're going to be absolutely wonderful. And I hope that many of you will stay and join us for those two programs. To the visitors that are herein Texas, if there is something that is not right, you need help with, you just need somebody to just tell you which way, no we can tell you which way to go, that's not a good one. I'll rephrase that. If you need assistance, all you have to do is yell out "Jim." He's the Executive Chairman... he's gone. (Laughter) Many of you heard him give the Welcome at the beginning of the Session Well, I have to clear up a few things. I am six years younger than he is and I have a birth certificate to prove it. (Laughter) That's the first thing. Second off, I believe he learned not to be telling me what I needed to do and how I needed it done and who I needed to do what and you know "you needed to this and you need to that." Saturday afternoon after I was elected, we went to lunch, we have lunch on Saturdays sometimes. So, we were sitting there having lunch and he goes "You know you need to get this

done and you need to get that done. You need somebody that can do this... you need to do...
" I said "Well you look like a good person." "Okay." Boy, did he regret that one! (Laughter)
There again, Poetic Justice. I love that. Sisters and Brothers, thank you for being here. You
know everybody has told a joke just about, and my jokes usually fail, but I did read a story
this week and it's, you know, we're starting back to school. How many of you... are there
any that are teachers here? Anybody that teaches kindergarten? Okay... that might not be
good. (Laughter) This little boy went to his first day of kindergarten. And he comes home
and his mother said "How did you like school?" He said, "Well, it was pretty good, but I need
a new teacher." And she says "Why do you need a new teacher?" "Cause she keeps asking
all these questions. Mom, she doesn't even know her colors." (Laughter) (Applause) Thank
y'all.

MC Annette Curry: I invite Brother Bill Crews, Past Grand Patron of Texas to come and bring
the Benediction.

PGP Bill Crews: Let's everyone stand. I think we've been sitting down long enough. And
touch a hand next to you. Heavenly Father, we come to you with grateful hearts. Thank you
for the opportunity to meet new friends and renew past acquaintances. We ask your blessings
upon our great Order and we ask for your Blessings on our deliberations. Bless each one that
has assembled here today. And protect them as we go on our way. Amen (Amen)

*****End of Grand Chapter Banquet*****

Thursday Evening Session

Fans of Faith

7:45 P.M.

Musical Prelude
Heidi Niemann

8:00 P.M.

Call to Order

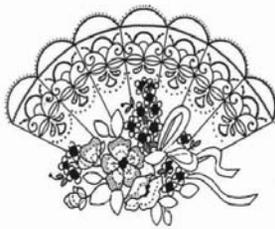
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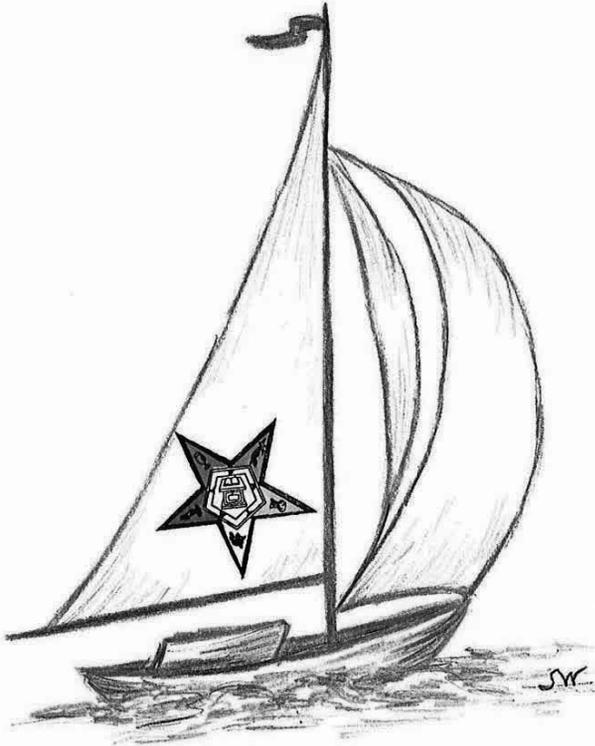
ESTARL Presentation

Jane Wert
General Chairman





Winds of Faith



Cheryl Albrecht
Worthy Grand Matron

George Gwaltney
Worthy Grand Patron

Jane Wert
ESTARL Chairman

ESTARL SERVICE AND AWARDS

Musical Prelude		Daniel Caldwell Grand Organist
Welcome		Jane Wert General Chairman
ESTARL COMMITTEE		
Jo D. Dibrell		District 1
Mary Bond		District 2
Donna Pope		District 3
Betty Fogarty		District 4
Susan Neuenschwander		District 5
Invocation		Jacob Hunter Recipient, District 5
Musical Selection		Jacob Turner Recipient, District 3
Scripture Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-10	Jaron Brandt Recipient, District 1
Message	“Spirit Wind”	Matt Hogan Recipient, District 4
Offertory Prayer		Chad Lawson Recipient, District 4

ESTARL LOVE OFFERING

Offertory Music

Mary Hunt
Past Matron
Livingston Chapter #1139

Presentation of Awards

Cheryl Albrecht
Worthy Grand Matron

George Gwaltney
Worthy Grand Patron

Assisted by the ESTARL Committee

Response from Recipients

Simon Nompone
Recipient, District 1

Benediction

Christian Messemer
Recipient, District 3



Cherished Friends

*Our Creator must have known
there would be times
we'd need a word of cheer
someone to praise a triumph
or brush away a tear*

*He must have known we'd
need to share
the joy of "little things"
in order to appreciate
the happiness life brings.*

*I think He knew our troubled hearts
would sometimes throb with pain
at trials and misfortunes
or some goals we can't attain.*

*He knew we'd need companionship
unselfish ... lasting ... true
and so the Creator answered the
heart's great need*

*With CHERISHED FRIENDS ...
like you.*



Fanning the Faith Memorial Program

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Musical Prelude	“How Great Thou Art”	Daniel Caldwell Grand Organist
Entrance of Grand Officers		Norma Phillips Grand Chaplain
		Loretta Booth Grand Marshal
Invocation		Norma Phillips Grand Chaplain
Musical Selection	“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”	Grand Choir
		Daniel Caldwell Grand Organist
Report of Grand Chaplain		Norma Phillips Grand Chaplain
Dedication		Norma Phillips Grand Chaplain
Solo	“I Believe”	Melissa Hudman Associate Grand Conductress

General Grand Chapter

Tribute

Norma Phillips
Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation

Elaine Rowland
Grand Adah

Grand Chapter of Texas

Tribute

Norma Phillips
Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation

Cindy Echols
Grand Ruth

Other Grand Jurisdictions

Tribute

Norma Phillips
Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation

Nannette Gwaltney
Grand Esther

Subordinate Chapters of Texas

Tribute

Norma Phillips
Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation

Laverne Hadley
Grand Martha

Our Military

Tribute

Norma Phillips
Grand Chaplain

Floral Presentation

Barbara Grant-Scott
Grand Electa

Taps

Daniel Caldwell
Grand Organist

Opening of the Holy Bible

Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

Draping of the Altar

Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

Melissa Hudman
Associate Grand Conductress

Norma Phillips
Grand Chaplain

Closing of the Holy Bible

Sharon Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress

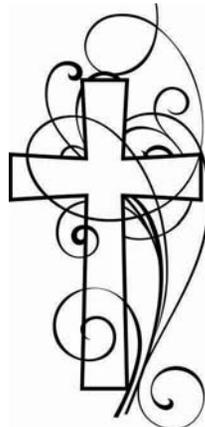
Benediction

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Grand Choir

Daniel Caldwell
Grand Organist

Please Retire Quietly and Reverently



**Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
“Fans of Faith” Session
ESTARL and Memorial Programs
Thursday, August 13, 2015, 8:00 p.m.
Arlington Convention Center**

7:45 p.m.

**Musical Prelude
Mrs. Heidi Niemann**

8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

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

**Mr. Jerry Trees
Past Grand Patron of Texas**

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Masonic Dignitaries, Texas own membership and I always welcome non-member friends who are here for these special programs this evening. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honor of opening this part of the “Fans Always Near” Grand Chapter Session. This evening we will acknowledge the dedicated service each of you has so faithfully given to our Texas Members and our Order of the Eastern Star. Your leadership, accomplishments, and fidelity to your duties have written a wonderful story for our Grand Chapter history book for 2014-2015.

Hi, Jerry. It is so good to have you as a partner for this evening. Brother Jerry is known for his devotion to our Order through his consistent consideration of the sanctity of the work and need for understanding and kindness for the membership. I have many great memories of time spent with the Trees family. And of course all of us know his special act of sending so many cards to all of us is beyond belief. Many thanks for your love and friendship.

Brother Jerry, I know the membership would like to hear from you.

PGP Jerry Trees: Thank you Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Ms. Rennie Ofton. Worthy Grand Matron, you have afforded me much pleasure and I consider it to be a special privilege to share this place of honor with the gracious and charming Ms. Rennie Ofton, as she calls to order this Thursday night “Fans of Faith” Session of this Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as this Grand Chapter year comes to a climax, you have reached the point of greatness. Greatness is the product of justice, love for your fellow man, personal integrity, and all of these we recognize in the deeds and actions of Ms. Cheryl Albrecht and Mr. George Gwaltney. You have served our Grand Chapter with much grace and dignity. You have given freely of your time and talents. The generosity of your minds and hearts has captured the love and respect of the entire membership. May this “Friends Always Near” Grand Chapter continue to be joyful and harmonious and produce all that you would expect and hope for. Thank you.

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PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Thank you Brother Jerry. The programs for this evening are very important to us. Number one is the efforts we put forth to support those who have felt the call of the ministry and servitude to God and mankind.

Number two is a loving tribute to our members who have left us to enter a higher Kingdom as their reward for living a life of love and duty to our Order of the Eastern Star, its members and mankind. Thank you Brother Jerry. I now call this “Fans of Faith” Session to order.
(One rap)

I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

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

Sisters and Brothers it is indeed an honor to present Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (One rap) Worthy Grand Matron I present to you your gavel and I know that you will use it with all the efficiency, proficiency and love.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you, Sister Rennie and Brother Jerry for opening this “Fans of Faith” Session. I knew exactly who I wanted to open this very special session. You have always been so supportive and your faith in our Order and in me has always been an inspiration and a source of strength for me. I have and will always respect you not only for the offices you have held but for the person you are. Thank you. You are two very special people in my life. Thank you.

WGP George Gwaltney: Of all of our beautiful feathered friends, the Texas Red Bird is our favorite. Sister Rennie, I have never known anyone quite like you. Regardless of the situation, love, kindness and fairness are always your priority. The membership of Texas loves and admires you for all you have done for Eastern Star but particularly we love you because you are Rennie, a person that we can count on and trust. Brother Jerry Trees, where do I start? When I was selected to walk this road with Sister Cheryl, my thoughts immediately were of the two years I served as your Grand Page. Without even trying, you taught me the essence of what it takes to be a good leader. I appreciate your quiet manner, strong leadership capabilities and objectivity. Thank you for your belief in me and for the friendship we share. Sister Rennie and Brother Jerry, thank you for opening the “Fans of Faith” Session for our Grand Chapter.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: The Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Chapter. Sisters and Brothers, we welcome you to our ESTARL service this evening. We are honored this evening to be joined by some of our ESTARL Recipients from across the state. Through your support of this very worthwhile project we are privileged to enjoy the endeavors of these dedicated servants of God this evening. We get to see a small portion of the fruits of our labors and to be blessed by the knowledge that in a small way we are assisting these fine young men and women to go forth into the world and spread His word. It is with great pleasure that I present Sister Jane Wert, General Chairman of the ESTARL committee who will present our program and awards. Sister Jane.

Mrs. Jane Wert: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Past Beautiful Red Bird, our most Distinguished Guests, members, families, Sisters and Brothers. How delighted we are that you chose to attend the “Winds of Faith” ESTARL Program at this 133rd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. The Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership are presented annually to deserving young members of our communities who seek additional education in religious fields. A part of the selection process involves Chapter members getting to meet the applicants. We are blessed by their enthusiasm and zeal for religious service and we are eager to support their efforts with financial means. This year we were able to provide twenty-one, one thousand dollar ESTARL scholarships. And at this time I do want to thank, we have had a few fill-ins and dear Heidi, you’re over there helping us with our music tonight, Heidi Neimann and we’re so pleased. Thank you dear. We appreciate that. (Applause) And at this time I’d like to introduce the ESTARL Committee members for the state.

From District 1 we have Jo D. Dibrell

District 2, Mary Bond

District 3, Donna Pope

District 4, Betty Fogarty and

District 5, Susan Neuenschwander.

Please help me thank them for their hard work. (Applause) And at this time Susan Neuenschwander will introduce our first recipient.

Sister Susan Neuenschwander: It is my honor to introduce Mr. Jacob Hunter, who was sponsored by Creedmoor Chapter #607 in Austin. Jacob was a 2013 and a 2014 ESTARL Scholarship recipient and has continued to pursue his career in the ministry as a student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and he is excited about his upcoming final year with graduation in May 2016. Jacob also serves on staff at Covenant United Methodist Church in Austin as the Minister of Pastoral Care. Jacob Hunter will now give our Invocation.

Jacob Hunter: Will you join me in prayer? Gracious and loving God, thank you for this opportunity we have to gather this evening and celebrate the achievements of these students as we continue to move forward in our education. We are thankful and appreciative for the generosity and support of this amazing group of women and men and the faith they have demonstrated in each of us honored tonight. Father God we ask that you bless our time together that we might be able to celebrate this evening in your holy and wonderful name. Amen (Amen)

Sister Jane Wert: At this time, Donna Pope will introduce our musical selection.

Sister Donna Pope: Thank you. It’s been a real privilege to serve on this committee and to get to know these young men and women and to help in any way to help them participate in furthering their education. It is my distinct pleasure to introduce to you Jacob Turner who is a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is sponsored by Everman Chapter #624 in District 3. Jacob will be providing our musical selection this evening entitled “My Hope” and he is accompanied by his wife, Julie. I give you Jacob Turner and Julie.

**(Beautiful music by Jacob and Julie Turner, “My Hope”)
(Applause)**

Sister Jane Wert: Amen, we are certainly blessed tonight. Thank you so much. Susan Neuenschwander will please introduce our Scripture reading.

Sister Susan Neuenschwander: It is my honor to introduce Mr. Jaron Brandt, who was sponsored by Schertz Chapter No. 911. He has just completed his third year Bible Major at Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond, Oklahoma and he is presently a college ministry intern at Edmond Church of Christ. He attributes his motivation to his Christian up-bring and by the outstanding examples provided by his grandparents, George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron and Nannette Gwaltney, Grand Esther. We are very blessed to have Jaron Brandt with us tonight to read our scriptures.

Jaron Brandt: I'm going to read from Ezekiel 37:1-10. It says, "The hand of the Lord was upon me and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley, it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones hear the word of the Lord!' This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones. I will make breath enter you and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin. I will put breath in you and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling sound and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was not breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come from the four winds, O breath and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me and breath entered them. They came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army.

Sister Jane Wert: Betty Fogarty will introduce our message.

Sister Betty Fogarty: God has told each of us to call the four winds of spirit. We have used our Fans this year to give us cooling winds. I feel we have called the winds from the North, the South, the West and the East. To bring our message of the Spirit Wind tonight is Matthew Steven Hogan who is attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is presently Director of Music Ministry at the First United Methodist Church in Alvin. Matthew is sponsored by Alvin Chapter No. 15. Matthew.

Matthew Hogan: Well good evening everybody. It's a bizarre passage of scripture isn't it? They told me it was going to be "Winds of Faith" and somehow that was the first one that popped into my head that had anything to do with winds. It couldn't have been "Jesus calms the storm" or something like that right? (Laughter) But instead we gotta get this bizarre vision from the book of Ezekiel which is one of my favorite passages of scripture. It's probably one of my favorite passages of scriptures for all of the wrong reasons because I've always been obsessed with this and it's probably because for so many years I had a fundamental misunderstanding of what was going on in this passage. Now you're going to have to excuse me because I was a child born in the 80's and I've watched entirely too much television. When I read God's word, I think in pictures and so when I heard this passage for the first time I imagined like a skeleton army. So there was this movie a million years ago called "Jason and the

Argonauts” and there were these really cheesy claymation skeleton warriors that they had to fight. That’s always what I imagined when I read Ezekiel 37. And maybe if that was too long ago, if any of you saw any of the “Pirates of the Caribbean” movies with Johnny Depp. And the pirates when the light shines on them they are skeletons and they’re fighting each other with swords. That’s always what I imagine when I read this passage. Like I said I have a fundamental misunderstanding of what’s going on in this passage of scripture. Because it’s not something scary or creepy or gory, it is a beautiful promise of God’s redemption and resurrection. “The hand of the Lord was upon me and he brought me out of the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley and it was full of bones. And he led me around among them and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’ and I answered “O Lord God, you know.”” And I thought of what I would have said if I was in Ezekiel’s place. And the Lord takes me out to this place and all I see is bones everywhere. Bones that have been there for a very long time and the Lord asks me “Can these bones live?” Well what’s the obvious answer? No. Nothing here has lived in a very long time. But Ezekiel says something very interesting. He says “Lord, only you know.” Ezekiel is in a place where all hope has been lost. He and God’s people are living in exile. They’ve been conquered, they’ve been driven from their homeland. They’re prisoners in a foreign nation. For them this is the end of the road. But it’s interesting to me when the Lord asks Ezekiel “Can these bones live?” Ezekiel doesn’t say no, he says “Only you, Lord, know”. The first thing I want to point out tonight as we study this text more in just a moment is that God knows more than we could ever know. And when it looks hopeless to us, it’s not necessarily hopeless to him. We look at the world around us. We look at the tragedies that are going on all over the world. We look at the things that are going on in our society. The things that are going on in our neighborhoods. And sometimes we feel like all hope has been lost. And it is easy to be discouraged. And I would encourage you to rather than say “well, this is the end of the line. This is the end, all hope is lost”. Rather look to the Lord and say “Lord, only you know what is going to happen, because you know so much more than we could ever know.” Then he said to me “Prophecy over these bones and say to them “O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord”. Sometimes we are called to speak in hopeless situations. Sometimes we are called to do good when it seems like the evil is overwhelming. Sometimes we look at a situation and say “What is it that I could ever do that would ever make a difference?” Let me tell you something. Not only does God know more than anything we could ever know. God is able to do far greater than anything we could ever do. When God calls you to speak the truth, to speak life, to speak justice into someone’s life or into a situation, or into a relationship, to right a wrong, even if the opposition seems overwhelming I encourage you to stand up for what is right. To stand up for what is true. To follow that calling. “Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord. So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied there was a sound and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me ‘Prophecy to the breath. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, thus says the Lord God: ‘Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain that they may live.’ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.” You see that is the part of the prophecy that I never understood when I was younger, when I was growing up and I would hear this read I didn’t understand it. I thought we were talking

about some kind of skeleton. You know it might be because of that song...y'all know the song right? Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones, now hear the word of the Lord. I don't really get it. You know I'm a choral director by trade. I still don't get it. Is it like an anatomy lesson? I don't really understand how the bones fit together. Because it's not about the bones it's about the fact that God brings life where there was lifelessness. It's about the precious gift that Jesus Christ gave to us on the cross. To give life, resurrection and hope where there was hopelessness. It's about the fact that no matter what situation we find ourselves in, if it's a situation in our homes, in our communities, its broken relationships, it's a frightening diagnosis, God is in control of all of it. And God is bringing life and breath into all of it. We are here to celebrate the "Winds of Faith". Wind and Spirit are two very related concepts in scripture. It's the same Hebrew word for both of them. God made Adam and breathed the breathe of life into his nostrils. God gave up his only son and he gives new life to his people by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, the Holy Wind. I'm the proud father of three, soon to be four beautiful children. That behave some of the time. (Laughter) When my second child was being born we were doing the granola thing at a stand alone birthing center so we weren't at the hospital. It's what my wife wanted and I was there to be supportive. That's what we were doing. And the pregnancy went well and the labor was really long but it went really well. All up until the very end and then things got really scary because right at the end of labor, she labored all night long, right at the end of labor the baby's heart tanked and we were really scared. They delivered the baby as fast as they could and I was there holding my wife in the hospital bed. There is our brand new baby daughter and she is a terrifying shade of purple. And she's not breathing. She's not making a sound. And of course we're not at the hospital, there are no doctors. There's a midwife and a couple of nurses but there's no doctors, there's no hospital. So the midwife and the nurses, they start doing their thing. They're doing the infant CPR and someone gets on the phone to call 911 to get an ambulance because this baby's going to have to go to the hospital and me, I'm just there holding my wife, praying. Dear Lord, trying to prepare myself for the worst, but just begging the Lord to just breath the breathe of life into my child. I remember it so vividly. It's like the longest seven and a half minutes of my entire life. I'm just saying "Lord please, breathe life into her lungs the way you breathed life into Adam all those years ago." And they brought the paramedics in and you know it's funny because you know the baby is this big and the gurney is a full size gurney. And they come over and the nurses and the midwife, they're doing baby CPR and they've got this chant going "This baby's got to breathe, this baby's gotta breathe". And I'm thinking in my mind, yeah, this baby's gotta breathe. Trying to prepare myself for the worst and on my knees holding my wife, just pleading with the Father to let my little baby live. The paramedics arrive and they come on over and if she's not breathing we need to do like an intubation or something. And it's like she heard them. (Laughter) She there in the bed, she's still not breathing but she cracks open one eye and kind of looks around. And she has a look on her face like "What the heck is going on here?" And she lets out this noise, sorry for the pop culture reference again, but she's like a velociraptor. It's like "erkkque". (Laughter) And that was the most beautiful sound I have ever heard in my life. So there was a little "waaaa". And before long there was another one and then she starts screaming her head off and it was the most glorious sound I've ever heard in my life. Because God had given me back my baby girl. Because in the same way that he breathed life into Adam all those years ago, the same way he breathed life into my little baby girl. I got her back. We got to ride to the hospital and I got to listen to her scream her head off all the way there. Finally I said "Sweetheart that's the most beautiful song I've heard in my entire life." Because you see God had brought life to where there was lifelessness. And that's the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God knows more than we

could ever know. God can do more than we could ever do. God gave something we could never give. He gave of himself, he gave of his son, that we might be filled with life. That we might be resurrected. When Jesus gave himself up on the cross he conquered the enemies of Satan, of sin, and death. Death where is your sting, where is thy victory? Folks, death is an enemy and all of us are impacted by it on a regular basis. I think of a dear lady that sang in my choir. Her name was Carol Little. She was a member of an Eastern Star Chapter in Alvin and was one of those women who was a mother and a grandmother to everyone including me. Taken from this world way too soon. But because of the hope of the resurrection, I know I'm going to see her again someday. And we will rejoice in the blessing that it will be to celebrate the new life that comes because of Jesus Christ. To celebrate the new life that will come because God sent the wind of the Holy Spirit to change lives. God knows more than we could ever know. God can do more than we could ever do and God gave more than we could ever give. He gave the gift of his son. He gave the gift of his Spirit. May we be filled with that spirit and wind and go forth to change the world around us, to fill it with life where there is lifelessness. Amen. (Amen) (Applause)

Sister Jane Wert: And now Betty Fogarty will introduce our Offertory Prayer please.

Sister Betty Fogarty: As we think about these dedicated recipients who have given their lives to serve the Lord. Let us all be giving servants to help these dedicated recipients in their endeavors of serving the Lord. To offer the Offertory Prayer is Chad Aaron Lawson who will be attending Seton Shoal Creek College. Chad is presently serving as a hospital Chaplain in Austin and he is sponsored by Newbern Chapter #1135. Chad.

Chad Lawson: The Lord be with you. (And also with you). Let us pray. Gracious and loving God who laid the foundations of the earth and the heavens are the work of your hands. They shall perish but you shall endure. You are always the same and your years will never end. You made us in your image and called us to be your people but we turned away from you leaving sin and death to reign. Still you loved us and sought us. You breathed the "Wind of Faith" into our dry bones. Gracious and loving God we thank you for the many gifts and blessings you have given us. We ask tonight that you would pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and open our hearts and minds to see your gracious activity into the world. By the wind of you Spirit, unit us by the living Christ with all who are baptized in his name that we may be one in ministry in every place. Help us O God to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weakness may we stand with you and humble. Sharing in his suffering may we remember all who are in need and all who suffer. Held in Christ love, may we embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in your forgiveness O God, may we forgive all who sin against us. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection arrives when the redeemed of all ages will stand and feast with you at your table. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen. (Amen)

Sister Jane Wert: Sisters and Brothers this collection that is being taken up tonight, this offertory will be used to start the 2015-2016 ESTARL Awards. So this money will be used next year to get that started. We're asking our Deputies to please move among the audience as you collect our offertory. And I ask that dear Heidi is going to be playing some music for us. Thank you.

(Heidi Neimann playing offertory music)

"Friends Always Near"

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Sister Jane Wert: Thank you Sisters and Brothers for your generosity and I know next year's work will really appreciate it. Thank you Heidi. (Applause) And at this time I would like to introduce Cheryl Albrecht, our Worthy Grand Matron and George Gwaltney, our Worthy Grand Patron who will make the presentations of the award certificates of those recipients who are here with us tonight. I will read all of the names because I think all of you would like to know who the twenty one recipients were. From District 1 we have with us tonight Roy Garrett Atwood and Simon Nompone. Other recipients from District 1 were Dustin Benock, Lauren Goodman, Rachel Marcello, Robert Marcello, Rachel Rigdon and Stephanie Staten. And from District 3 we have Jacob Turner with us tonight. We have a lot of Jacobs on the stage tonight. The other recipients from District 3 are James Atkins, Taylor Crews, Joy Dister, Christian Messemer, Olivia Ramsey. And from District 4 we have Matthew Hogan, Chad Lawson, Ariel Myers is not with us tonight. And from District 5 we have Jaron Brandt, now Jacob Hunter. The other recipients from District 5 are Shanell Johnston and Laura Silvo.

At this time we'll ask Jo D. Dibrell to introduce the response from the recipients.

Sister Jo D. Dibrell: Thank you Jane. This is such a wonderful committee to be a part of because these scholarships are given by you, the membership, the Chapters in this great Jurisdiction. And for next year's scholarship recipients, you just put the first money in that pool for them. It is certainly my honor and my pleasure and a blessing to me to be able to introduce this young man who is already working with the youth in his church and of course an ESTARL scholarship recipient, Simon Nompone. And I will mention that he is sponsored by Dal-Cliff Chapter #574.

Simon Nompone: Good evening. My name is Simon Nompone and I am a youth pastor working at Spring Creek Church in Garland, Texas, not far from here. I am very honored to be here with you. My ministry consists of teens 14-18 that are currently in high school. So I get to play around and love and work with some of the most rambunctious people that you'll ever meet. But I also get to witness in working with them a lot, a lot, a lot of mini miracles that I call them. When I say mini miracle I mean when you get to see a teen that comes out of a rough situation or they grow up in a rough family or has some tragedy in their life and they get through it but they grow through it and I call that a mini miracle. And it may not be water in one, it may not be cruising along on the surface of the ocean, but it is none the less a miracle in and of itself. When you see a kid coming up out of the water after being baptized you get to see God's face. You get to see the Spirit move. You get to see Jesus' work. And I call those mini miracles. They happen all around us all the time if we would just look. In fact you and I get to partake in some of those mini miracles all the time and these miracles are God's will unfolding in a life and should be treated with love and joy and grace and gratitude. Now before I give my thanks I want to tell you a story. I get to work with a lot of young kids and I want to share a story with you about a young man who actually dropped out of high school. He was 15 years old and he homeschooled some in his life and he got his GED when he was 17. And he's been part of the workforce ever since. He grew up in a Christian home and did well in school having been homeschooled most of his life. Now this boy would feel the call to ministry at the age of 5 or 6 and thus found himself serving in every single church and volunteering in every church that his family was a part of. Unlike most tonight, his story is one of grief and joy, of loss and rebirth, of love and pain. All the things you might expect a minister to encounter in his ministry. But it wasn't until later in life that he would pursue a calling to full time ministry at a local church. Now this young man found a wonderful family

whose daughter he fell in love with and got married eventually. In fact they are expecting a second child. Another son very very soon. Early in their marriage in their life together I got to witness some of these mini miracles in this young man's life. Miracles as when his in-laws would generously help with the rent while his wife was in school. And while he didn't have a ride sometimes I got to see that there was a ride when his car broke down and he needed a ride to and from work or wherever he needed to go or to the church he attended. He found a community of family there after being displaced by hurricane Katrina. Or the friends that he would find and grow after moving to a new city. Or even when his first son was born, I got to be at the hospital and hold that little thing. And witness yet another mini miracle in his life. Now all these little mini miracles add up over time, the difficulty, and the joy, the love and the pain and all the time spent volunteering and working in church, they add up and they mean something. Someone once told him that integrity meant taking every part of his life and integrating it into his experiences, to inform and better speak, not only his life but the life of others. And so each of those experiences were useful when becoming a pastor and trying to direct people to see God in their lives. Which brings me to his journey in Seminary this past year. You see, never finishing high school or never attending undergraduate school are things not normally accepted for Seminary work. But yet again due to a series of mini miracles and with all those life experiences, working in the church, Fuller Theological Seminary accepted him to join and study with their community. And he's maintained a handsome GPA all year long but the point I want to make from his story was it wasn't merely his hard work that got him to where he was, that brought him to where he was in his journey, it was the people around him. It was God through all the generous people and loving people working to make many mini-miracles happen in his life that brought him there. And it's the people that see God working in just one person's life and they jump on board and they say yes! I see the spirit moving. Yes, I feel the spirit working and I want to be a part of that. It's in those people that you can see God's work. You see this young man that I've told you about briefly is standing here before you tonight. And I'm extremely humbled by the fact that an organization such as yourselves would look at his application and hear his story and decide to help fund his Seminary education. So I want to personally thank Eastern Star for your love and your support of God's will in my life. I'm truly humbled and honored by this gift and award. I want to thank Ellen and Jim Pickrell, my in-laws whose love I cannot do justice to with words. Especially their love for their grandson, my son Elijah. And I'd also like to thank Jo D. Dibrell, David Dibrell, Ben Day, Mary Ann Davis, and all the unnamed people and members in this organization whose work and whose gifts allow things to be given to people like me, help to be given to people like me. I'd also like to give a special thanks to the Dal-Cliff Chapter for sponsoring my application. You see Seminary has proven to be extremely beneficial to my work as a youth pastor. It only further deepens my relationship with the Lord if I remain humbled and diligent. So I've got one year down and four more to go in this race and I will finish this race which is part of the larger race that God has set before me. And I speak for all the recipients when I say this, that this scholarship, this award will not be taken lightly. And we will strive to bring it and you honor by doing our best in school and remain diligent in our study of the scripture. Thank you all for being a part of this Not-So Mini miracle in our lives. Thank you. God is working with us and proving and growing within us. We would not be where we are without you. Thank you and God bless you all. (Applause)

Sister Jane Wert: Yes I think we all are truly blessed. Sister Betty Fogarty will you please introduce our Benediction.

Sister Betty Fogarty: Our Benediction tonight will be given by Chad Lawson. Chad.

Chad Lawson: Friends may we leave here tonight and be encouraged and may we find hope. May we find a way to hope against hope like Abraham and Sara did. May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world. And now may the love of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen. (Amen)

Sister Jane Wert: Thank you Sisters and Brothers for your very attentive nature tonight. You have witnessed and you have shared with us a wonderful experience and knowing that what we do in our good works of Eastern Star certainly benefits us, the lives of our children and the lives of our future. And we're so proud that we are able to be a part of helping these young men and women as they continue their education and service to the Lord. So in conclusion, this does finish our program for tonight and we thank you again for being here. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Jane and the ESTARL Committee, thank you for your many hours working with these deserving recipients. We appreciate each of you for all that you have done this past year. A very special thank you to the ESTARL recipients for being with us tonight. We wish you continued success in your endeavors and that the Lord will continue to bless and keep you. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Sister Jane Wert and the ESTARL Committee for your diligent work. This ESTARL program is very special to me because as you have seen, my grandson, Jaron Brandt, is one of the recipients. I have watched Jaron grow up into a strong Christian leader in his church and at his University. There are no words to describe my pride this evening, as the Worthy Grand Patron of Texas and especially as Jaron's Grandpa George. Jaron, Grandmommy and I love you very much and we are very proud of you. I feel certain that each recipient here this evening have similar stories they could share about their journey of faith and their family's pride. Remember God's work is never done and we encourage each of you to always follow God's plan for your life.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: The Grand Officers will retire and prepare for the Memorial Service.

**“Fanning the Faith” Memorial Program
Thursday Evening, August 13, 2015**

Grand Chaplain Norma Phillips: Let us pray. Our heavenly Father thou art a friend of every sorrowing heart. We come to Thee in our weakness, asking for strength and guidance. We are grateful to Thee for thy never failing love and pray that we may find comfort in the rich promise of thy grace. We thank thee for the lives of the loved ones who walked with us for a while and who have passed to the Great Beyond to await our coming. Give us the love that made them trustful and strong and the faith that made them steadfast and true to thy glory. And may we have the peace that passeth all understanding. We ask it in the name of our Lord who is our great friend and comforter. Amen. (Amen)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patrons, General Grand Officers and Committee

Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters and Brothers all, we'll have a musical presentation "Just a Closer Walk with Thee".

**("Just a Closer Walk with Thee by Daniel Caldwell on piano and choir singing)
(Applause)**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is indeed my privilege to present this "Fanning the Faith" Memorial Program. May those who have sustained losses of a loved one be comforted by the words of the Lord.

In Proverbs 3:5-6 we hear "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. In John 13:34 we hear "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you; that you love one another"

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, this past year has been a highlight of my Eastern Star career. I thank you for the privilege and pleasure of serving Grand Chapter. To all the friends I have met while traveling this year thank you for the many kindnesses and courtesies. Worthy Grand Matron it has been a delight serving with you and all the Grand Officers. Thank you.

I received from the Grand Marshal	\$400.00
Postage (US)	196.00
Foreign stamps	17.25
Get Well and Sympathy cards	<u>214.00</u>
For a total of	\$427.25

The Grand Chaplain paid for all props for the Memorial Program.

Letters of sorrow sent to other Grand Jurisdiction and Grand Chapters in the U.S.	61
Letters of sorrow sent to other Grand Jurisdictions in Canada	15
Get Well and Sympathy cards to Texas members	<u>237</u>
For a total of	313

This "Fanning the Faith" program is lovingly dedicated to Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, Eastern Star 1929-2014, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas and to all Eastern Stars who have passed on to another life. Sister Lallah Mae was a friend and mentor to all Eastern Stars and we will miss her.

**(Musical Presentation "I Believe" by Melissa Hudman, Associate Grand Conductress)
(Applause)**

Isn't she wonderful? Thank you Sister Melissa.

(General Grand Chapter Tribute)

A floral tribute is a lovely thing.
They help to heal the wounded heart
And bring comfort and relief.

And if our bough breaks in youth
Or in the noontime glare
May we feel it's just going home
To be with loved ones there.

To live where flowers always bloom
At home in that fair land
Sometime, someday when life is done
We'll know and understand.

Sister Grand Adah (Elaine Rowland) will place a blue flower in the vase on the altar.
"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." May this promise keep us true to the convictions of right and duty.

(Grand Chapter of Texas Tribute)

Beyond the evening twilight we see a land so fair
It's just beyond the river and loved ones await us there.
The soft glow of candles, remind us of our loss.
And just within the shadows, we see our Savior's Cross.
We hear again His message; so blessed to receive.
That with Him we will live always, if we will just believe.
There we will need no candles; for in that land of love,
The radiance of His presence will light that home above.

Sister Grand Ruth (Cindy Echols) will place a yellow flower in the vase on the altar.
"Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." He also said "I will never leave thee, Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world". May these words help us to be obedient to the demands of honor and justice in all conditions of life.

(Other Grand Jurisdictions Tribute)

This past year I have received seventy six letters from other Grand Jurisdictions notifying our Grand Chapter of the losses of one of their own. We are again reminded of how very fragile life can be.

Soft as the voice of an angel,
breathing a lesson unheard
Hope with a gentle persuasion,
Whispers her comforting word.

Wait till the darkness is over
Wait till the tempest is done
Hope for the sunshine tomorrow
After the shower is gone.

Sister Grand Esther (Nannette Gwaltney) will place a white flower in the vase on the altar. We find this promise in God's holy word: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." May these words bring us joy as we labor in the service of God.

(Subordinate Chapters of Texas Tribute)

God hath not promised skies that are always blue
 Flower strewn pathways all our lives through
 God hath not promised sun without rain
 Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
 God hath not promised we shall not bear
 Many a burden may we care.
 But God hath promised strength for the day
 Grace for the trials, help from above.
 Unfailing sympathy and undying love.

Sister Grand Martha (Laverne Hadley) will place a green flower in the vase on the altar. With Martha's trustful faith, look beyond the sunset to the dawn of a celestial day. We are assured that we shall meet our loved ones again for Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

(Our Military Tribute)

Let them not be forgotten. Fill them with the hope of freedom and the knowledge that their loved ones and comrades anxiously await their return.
 The soldier stood and faced God, which must always come to pass.
 He hoped that his shoes were shining just as brightly as his brass.
 God said "Step forward now you soldier, how shall I deal with you?"
 The Soldier replied "If you've a place for me Lord, it needn't be so great.
 I never expected or had so much, but if you don't I will understand."
 There was silence all around the throne where saints had often trod.
 As the Soldier waited quietly for the judgement of his God.
 God replied "Step forward now you Soldier, you've born your burdens well.
 Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets, you've done your job well.

Sister Grand Electa (Barbara Grant-Scott) will place a red rose in the vase on the altar. Provide strength, courage and wisdom to the protectors of this Nation who administer their duties. For those whom you have received into eternity we pray that the peaceful shadows of the setting sun will rest gently on their graves.

(Taps played by Daniel Caldwell on the piano)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our holy Bible. (Three raps)
 (One rap after the Bible is opened)

A beautiful Memorial program. And at this time Sister Grand Conductress and Sister Associate Grand Conductress and Sister Chaplain you will take your places to prepare for draping the altar. (Three raps)

(Draping of the Altar)

Grand Chaplain Norma Phillips: Our Father, we come to You this evening, to give thanks for the many Blessings we have received, in generating the Love of our dear Sisters and Brothers and on sharing a life here on earth with them. For the beautiful memories that fill our hearts and for the inspirations that we will carry with us always. In Christ's name, our Savior, we thank Thee. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: (One rap) Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible. (Three raps) (One rap) Sisters and Brothers, we are in for a treat as we enjoy our Grand Choir as they bring our Benediction in "The Lord's Prayer".

(The Benediction "The Lord's Prayer was played by Daniel Caldwell and sung by the Grand Choir)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Amen. Before we go out there is one thing...I'd like to thank the choir for that beautiful, beautiful rendition, probably the most beautiful rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" that I have heard and I thank y'all so much for that. (Applause) I also want to take just a little bit of liberty to let you know how very special that altar is to me. The blue drape that is on it with the beaded fans was made by Sister Brenda Ruiz who passed away before I was installed. She is here with us and that was her gift to me. And then tonight, the black drape that was put on it was a black drape that was made by my grandmother. So looking at this, it's a very special thing. Thank you.

*******End of the ESTARL and Memorial Program*******

**“Fans of Service” Session
Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
Friday Session, August 14, 2015
Arlington Convention Center**

DISCLAIMER: The audio of this Session was corrupt and could not be retrieved. The transcript is taken from the Podium Book, all notes that were taken by the Session Recorder and copies of all the reports that were given to the Session Recorder. This was recreated by the best of my ability.

7:45 a.m.

**Musical Prelude
Marlene Dibrell
Past Matron Richardson Chapter #934**

8:15 a.m.

Call to Order

**Nancy Brown
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

**David Dibrell
Past Grand Patron of Texas
Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of TX**

PGM Nancy Brown: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. It is my distinct privilege to welcome each of you to this Friday morning “Fans of Service” Session of the 133rd Grand Chapter of Texas. Recently I read a quotation which said, “When Heaven touches Earth, music happens”. Our beautiful music this morning has been provided by Sister Marlene Dibrell Supreme Inspector and member of the House of Gold. Please join me in expressing our appreciation to Sister Marlene for sharing her beautiful talent. And we are doubly blessed to have PGP, David Dibrell opening this session with me.

Sisters and Brothers, no more appropriate attributes could be given to describe our membership than Service, which our Worthy Grand Matron chose for today’s Session. Service is defined as “devotion of one’s time and energy over a period of time” and “assistance or kindness rendered to another”, both of which describes our members. I’m sure you have each heard OES as standing for Opportunity, Enthusiasm and Service. Albert Schweitzer is said to have admonished his medical students by saying “I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know. The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve”. Past Grand Patron, Brother David Dibrell, I know the membership would love to hear Greetings from you.

PGP David Dibrell: Thank you Sister Nancy. What an honor it is for me to be invited to open this “Fans of Service” Session with you. Many of us remember the “Surrounded by God’s Love Session” held in nearby Fort Worth and the way you presided with courtesy and elegance. It is my pleasure to join Sister Nancy in also welcoming each of you to this “Fans of Service” Session of Grand Chapter. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron George for allowing me this honor of assisting in opening this Session with my much loved Past Grand Matron Sister Nancy Brown.

“Friends Always Near”

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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 kept us as a “Friend Always Near” as we “Just Say Yes to OES”. Your leadership has allowed the Grand Chapter to make significant progress toward these goals. May the final days of your year of service be as rewarding to you as the year has been to Grand Chapter. Thank you.

PGM Nancy Brown: I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Installed Grand Officers and their Personal Pages to enter for the “Friends are FANTastic” Drill under the direction of our Grand Marshal, Sister Loretta Booth.

Please give your attention to the Precision Drill under the direction of Brother Darrell Albrecht, Grand Warder. Let’s please show our appreciation to Brother Michael Coté for his beautiful inspiring song.

(Precision Drill by the Masons)

PGM Nancy Brown: I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Installed Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Three raps)

Sisters and Brothers it is my great honor to present Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron. You will salute them with the Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron I sincerely thank you for the honor of opening this “Fans of Service” Session with Brother David Dibrell. It is nice to see another Past Grand Matron’s daughter have the privilege of following her mother, as I did. You have served this Grand Chapter in so many capacities and always in an exemplary manner. As we begin the business of Grand Chapter, I know you will guide us very capably in your kind and loving manner. Worthy Grand Patron, I remember well you initiation when I had the privilege of serving as a Star Point. This year you have encouraged us to provide help for our military, such a worthy cause. Thank you for the support you have given to the Worthy Grand Matron and to the entire membership.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we wish you a most enjoyable and productive day as we begin taking care of the business of Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to present to you your gavel.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron and Brother David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron for opening our “Fans of Service” Session. You are very special to my family. Sister Nancy, I really got to know you when you served as District Deputy for Wanda Fairchild and you have been a special friend ever since. Brother David, you have always been special to Darrell and I and when you asked Darrell to be one of your pages, it really made his day. I thank you and Marlene for all you do, not only for Eastern Star but for the Rainbow Girls. Thank you Sister Marlene for sharing your special talent with us this morning. I will always remember the year we served together. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron and a very special friend to this Grand Chapter and Brother David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron and the most Distinguished Gentleman for this day, thank you both for opening the “Fans of Service” Session. If there is one word to describe each of you it would be service. You are remarkable leaders with unflinching dedication to our Order. I thank you for making our Grand Chapter a priority and thank you for your continued service to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers please join me in showing our appreciation to these two dedicated members.

(“Fans of Service” Session called from Rest to Labor)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Our invocation this morning will be voiced by Sister Joyce Nicklas, Support Our Military Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Good morning Lord. We are so very thankful for this beautiful day. We are thankful for the continued blessings you bestow upon us, and the boundless love we receive each day. Please hear our prayer. We ask you to bless and guide the leaders of our Order, and also each and every member of the Order of the Eastern Star. We ask that you open our ears and minds that we might listen and understand all that comes before our Grand Chapter during ongoing business. Help us understand and act upon what needs to be done to help our Order. Please forgive us where we fail thee. We ask these things in the name of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: (One rap) Sister Joyce Nicklas, thank you for leading us in prayer. We as a membership are dependent on God, the source of all wisdom and love. Your words strengthens our desire to follow His light and acknowledge him in all ways.

The Scripture for today will be presented by Sister Jayne Yenger, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Jayne Yenger: Proverbs 3:6 “In all your ways acknowledge him and He shall direct our paths”. Are you facing a significant decision? Then look again at these words in Proverbs 3:6. The truth is that God knows what is best for us. And that He wants to guide us so we will make right, God honoring decisions. When you face a decision about the future, seek Gods will above all else. Make your decision a matter of prayer and ask Him to guide you. If we are truly open to His will, He will direct us.

WGP George Gwaltney: Sister Jayne, each of us are in need of hearing God’s Holy Word to give us direction. Thank you for the inspirational words of this Scripture.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I now declare this “Fans of Service” Session called from Rest to Labor. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GW: (With raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, this “Fans of Service” Session has been called from Rest to Labor.

GS: It is well.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I invite those who will be presenting reports this morning to be seated in the East.

As a reminder, all those presenting reports to this Grand Chapter Session please be sure the Grand Secretary or her Pages have copies of your report.

As we may not have time to call for all Committee Reports, if anyone wants to see any of the reports, Sister Marlene or her Pages will be happy to let you look at the reports. Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, we will proceed with the business of this Grand Chapter. If at any time you do not understand what you are voting on, please let us know and we will do our best to explain more clearly so that you totally understand the issues. The appointed Parliamentarian is Sister Willie Mae Shaw. Always remember, this is YOUR Grand Chapter. We want to conduct it in a manner that will be pleasing to you.

PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR GRAND CHAPTER 2015

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 48, 49 and 50 that contain the parliamentary rules of procedure for this Grand Chapter

You will probably be pleased to know that I am not going to read all of them, but I would like to point out the following:

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

We have a timekeeper, and time will be called if your debate lasts longer than three minutes.

NUMBER 12.e relating to the asterisked "previous question." It states: "A member wishing to close debate shall proceed to a microphone; wait to be recognized; address the Presiding Officer; state your name, title, chapter name and number; and then make the following motion: "I move the previous question." Simply calling out the word "question" from the audience will not be recognized by the Presiding Officer.

And, **NUMBER 22.** 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.

Willie Mae Shaw
Registered Parliamentarian

PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR GRAND CHAPTER 2015

In accordance with Code of Laws - Article 157,
Page 118 - 120 and the following:

1. "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall be the adopted parliamentary authority and the rules found therein shall govern in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
2. The Credentials Committee, immediately prior to the Ritualistic opening of Grand Chapter, shall report the number of delegates registered. The report of this committee will determine if a quorum is present. Immediately prior to holding the election at the Saturday morning session, the Credentials Committee shall make a final report of those entitled to vote and the total number of votes.
3. In order to enter the Grand Chapter meeting room for all business sessions, delegates shall wear the official badge issued by the Registration Committee and must also show a current dues card or demit. On Saturday morning, delegates also must have their signed official ballot for admission to the Grand Chapter room.
4. There shall be three (3) written copies of all motions made from the floor. These copies shall have the name, signature, and chapter name and number of the maker of the motion, as well as that of the member seconding the motion. These copies are to be distributed as follows:
 - a. One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron;
 - b. One copy to the Grand Secretary;
 - c. One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.
5. Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction (or member holding the proxy of the Worthy Matron and/or Worthy Patron) are entitled to speak, make motions, debate or vote.
6. In order to obtain the floor, the following procedure will be used:
 - a. Proceed to the nearest microphone;
 - b. Address the Presiding Officer;
 - c. Wait for recognition from the presiding officer before speaking;
 - d. State your name, title, chapter name and number then proceed to make a motion of participate in debate.
7. All motions must be seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer before debate can begin.
8. A motion may be amended (primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment as amended, then the original motion as amended.
9. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker for each question. No mem-

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

10. A majority vote shall determine all question, unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure. If the result is not clear, a division can be called. Voting delegates will hold up the BLUE card; Chapter Representatives will hold up the LIME GREEN card.
11. After a motion has been made, seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer, it cannot be withdrawn without permission of the voting body.
12. The following motions are not debatable:
 - a. Reconsider
 - b. Refer to a committee
 - c. Call for the orders of the day
 - d. Division of the question
 - e. Previous question *
 - f. Lay on the table
 - g. To call off
 - h. To proceed to close

* A member wishing to close debate shall proceed to a microphone; wait to be recognized; address the Presiding Officer; state your name, title, chapter name and number; and then make the following motion: *"I move the previous question."* Simply calling out the word *"question"* from the audience will not be recognized by the Presiding Officer.

13. Emergency Legislation may be presented at Grand Chapter if it is approved by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. There shall be three (3) copies in writing of all emergency legislation proposals with distribution as follows:
 - a. One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron
 - b. One copy to the Grand Secretary
 - c. One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.
14. The motion to reconsider must be made by a delegate who voted on the prevailing (winning) side either on the same day the vote was taken on the original motion or the next succeeding day.
15. The maker of the motion shall be entitled to be the first speaker on that motion.
16. The affirmative and the negative vote will be taken on all questions and resolutions and the result announced by the Presiding Officer.
17. The Worthy Grand Matron shall make all rulings and decisions. It will take two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting to overrule a decision of the Chair.
18. Nominating speeches are not permitted. Nominations shall be made on election day by a member making the nominations as follows:

- a. Go to a microphone and address the Presiding Officer;
- b. Wait for recognition before speaking;
- c. State your name, title, Chapter name and number;
- d. Give the name and Chapter name and number of the member being nominated and the office for which the nomination is made.

19. Nominations do not require a second.
20. The election results will be announced by the Presiding Officer.
21. No tape recorders (except official recordings) are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.
22. Bottled water and small snacks are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Blue cards are for voting delegates and lime green cards are for Chapter Representatives. Constitutional amendments require delegate approval and Chapter Representative approval. We cannot conduct our business unless we have 25% of the Chapter representatives present in this room. I know the Vendors are enticing but please stay in the room with us. I appoint Sister Shirley Scholl as our TIMEKEEPER. This will be the first time to use the Blue card. All those in favor a adopting the Parliamentary Rules of Procedure for this Grand Chapter as printed on pages 48-50 of the Session Program and as presented by our Parliamentarian, please raise your blue card at this time. Thank you. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. These are the rules for our Session.

There are microphones in the West, North, South and of course, you are welcome to use the microphones in the East. There are Arrangements personnel stationed at each microphone to assist you if there is a problem. After you are recognized to speak, please give your name, title and Chapter. Thank you.

Now that we have our rules of Parliamentary procedures defined, we are ready to begin our business.

I invite Sister Joyce Nicklas to give the report of Chapter Under Dispensation Committee.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: This committee has nothing to report. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by Brother George Gwaltney to accept the report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. Thank you Sister Joyce.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside, so I can give the Supplemental Report of the Worthy Grand Matron.

WGP George Gwaltney: I invite the Worthy Grand Matron to give her Report

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Welcome to Arlington and to our 133rd Grand Chapter Session. You will find my report in the Advanced Annual Report. Since submitting that advance report, I have attended Grand Assembly for the Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Waco. I was delighted to bring greetings from the Grand Chapter of Texas at their Opening Session, and invite them to join us at our Session in Arlington. I was privileged to witness the fantastic work that was performed during their remaining sessions. I was extremely proud to receive my Grand Cross of Color, and to have it presented by Mrs JoAnn Weaver. I also attended the Ceremonial Opening, the General Banquet, and the Closing Ceremonies of the DeMolay Conclave held in Austin. I was honored to bring greetings from the Grand Chapter of Texas and invited them to join us at our Session in Arlington. I approved several more sets of By-Laws. I issued a Special Dispensation for a late installation of a Worthy Patron, who was hospitalized and could not attend Chapter. I responded to a Chapter requesting a clarification on the office of Worthy Matron. Their Worthy Matron had passed away, and they were inquiring if they could elect a Worthy Matron or if the Associate Matron would pro tem the station. I participated in six Open Installations and attended the Board of Directors Farewell Dinner in Fort Worth. I also was honored with five more Fraternal Visits I met several times with members of the Bard of Directors and the Museum Committee regarding the setting up of the museum items, and had several discussions with the Corporate Bard regarding the pending litigation with the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. I was honored with a Brunch at the Texas Masonic Retirement, and received a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a donation which I placed in the Educational Fund. It was my honor to attend each of the Line Officers' Banquets, and I truly appreciate all of their support over the year.

Sister Associate Grand Matron, the van has been detailed and the inspection and licenses are ready to go. To date, the van has 40,442 miles.

Sisters and Brothers, it has been a fantastic year filled with memories that I will cherish forever. I have traveled across the state, visited the Chapters, but the absolute best part of this year was having the opportunity to visit with the members. Thank you for every kindness extended to me, this is an awesome membership.

I move the adoption of this report to be referred to the proper committee.

WGP George Gwaltney: We have a motion and a second to accept the Supplemental Report of the Worthy Grand Matron. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron for an excellent job. I now invite the Worthy Grand Patron to give his Supplemental Report.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, I submitted my preliminary report to be printed in the Advanced Proceedings. I will not read that report due to our limited time, but, I offer the following Supplemental Report.

I served as Assisting Installing Grand Officer for Longview Chapter #610 and Crescent Chapter #820. I also attended many installations in District 5, Section 7. It was my pleasure to install our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl Albrecht, as Treasurer of Crescent Chapter #820. On June 20, 2015, Sister Cheryl Albrecht installed me as Worthy Patron of my chapter, Schertz

#911. These two installations are Note-worthy for the history of our chapters and in the report of the Worthy Grand Patron.

It was my pleasure to attend the Rainbow Grand Assembly of Texas session in Waco. Eastern Star was well represented with many of the Installed Grand Officers as well as other members in attendance. As always, the girls performed their ritualistic work beautifully. The drill was executed without a flaw. I am in awe of the dedication and enthusiasm exhibited by the Rainbow girls. We understand that our youth is our future. If when of age, the Rainbow Girls "Just Say Yes to OES" our Order will be in good hands.

Due to Sister Nannette's eye surgery and my shoulder surgery, I was unable to attend several of the Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron or the TMRC Patriotic Party.

Again this year, I had the privilege of attending the DeMolay Conclave in Austin, Texas. Several of the young men are already Master Masons which speaks highly of their dedication to Masonry. As I watch and listen to the DeMolay, I thought to myself; these young men have it together. Their lives are about service, strengthening the principals of DeMolay and enjoying the fellowship of other. My only regret as an adult is that I did not know about DeMolay as a youth. I am confident that these young men are the leaders of tomorrow. They will become leaders in Masonry as well as leaders in their communities.

I attended the banquet honoring the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Jerre Lucas and the Associate Grand Patron, Brothr Billy Clabaugh, held in La Marque, Texas. Any opportunity to fellowship with Eastern Star members is a privilege

Once again, I thank you the membership of Texas for your support of the Worthy Grand Patron. The many love gifts, special presentations and letters are too numerous to list, but will live in my book of memories forever. Your support of the Warrior and Family Support Center, located at Ft. Sam Houston, was not only enormous but also overwhelming to me, as well as to the warriors. Mrs. Judith Markelz calls me her "Fair Godfather," but that name belongs to the membership of TExas. I told her at the banquet of the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand MAtron for Schertz Chapter, don't ever underestimate the power and determination of the Eastern Star membership of Texas. Sisters and Brothers, I am proud to serve you and I thank you for every courtesy you have extended to me, to each other and to our Warriors.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second to accept the Supplemental Report of the Worthy Grand Patron. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. At this time, as we have some very important decisions facing us at this Session, The Corporate Board and the Board of Directors have voted to ask our investment Bankers to join us today to present the financial status of our Order. We hope this will give a clearer picture of our finances and aid you in the decisions that lay before us.

Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this "Fans of Service" Session from Labor to At Ease Within Closed Doors.

**(Chapter called from Labor to At Ease Within Closed Doors
and Grand Conductress attends at the altar.)**

Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege to introduce Mr. Randall Rose, Managing Director and Mr. Lyndon Westerberg, Allocation of Assets, from J. P. Morgan Chase and Randall Noel and Kelly Simpson.

(Presentation of the Bankers)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Brother Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this “Fans of Service Session from At Ease within Closed Doors to Labor.

**(Chapter called from At Ease Within Closed Doors to Labor,
Grand Conductress attended at the altar)**

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I would like to thank the Bankers for coming this morning and presenting our membership with this information. It was very informative, and this information will assist in planning for our Future. Thank you again for joining us this morning.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I now recognize, Sister Marlene Scholari, Grand Secretary to give her report.

Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all.

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.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl Albrecht and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Gwaltney; 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 you this year.

To Sister Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer: This was our 5th year to work together! You as Grand Treasurer and I as Grand Secretary have met many challenges that have come our way. I look forward to another wonderful year.

To the Board of Directors: It has been good serving with all of you this year. To those of you who are movong on, God Speed! As I know you will not be retiring, but embarking on new opportunities. Thanks to all.

To the Grand Chaper Office staff current and those that have retired. I would like to say “Thank You” to each or you for your service to themembership and to myself.

To the Associated Grand Conductress, Melissa Hudman and her little helpers, I cannot tell you how much it meant to me that you came and voluteered at the Grand Chapter office for all of June and July. Without all the work that you did I could not ahve been ready for this Grand Chapter Session.

Lynn Kearney, A special thank you for all you volunteer help again this year. You will never

know how much I appreciate you. Thanks again for your service.

Connie Harrell, 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.

To those of you who have served as pages for me the last few years, Jackie Lemon and Addie Taylor. Please know how much I appreciate and Love, both of you. Thanks again for serving.

If you will turn to page 23 of your Advance Annual Report, I will give the membership numbers as of today.

The numbers will not be final until the last report pending is worked. The final membership report will be printed in the bulletin as soon as the outstanding Chapter Annual report is received.

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.

Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by George Gwaltney to accept the Supplemental Report of the Grand Secretary. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried.

Thank you Sister Marlene for all your hard work.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize, Sister Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer to bring her report.

Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Members, my loving Sisters and Brothers:

My heartfelt thanks to the Texas membership for electing and allowing me again to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas in this responsible position. This Grand Treasurer continues to work for and with you, the Texas members of the Order of the Eastern Star. I have worked to fulfill your expectations concerning the duties of this office. September was a busy month working on a special project regarding the possible relocation of the Grand Chapter Office. The Texas Masonic Retirement Center had notified the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star that the rent would increase from \$2,750 per month to \$3,500 per month beginning January 1, 2015. Three members of the Corporate Board (George Gwaltney - Worthy Grand Patron, Marlene Scholari - Grand Secretary and Lorrie Owens Grand Treasurer) and three members of the Board of Directors (Gerry Sturtz - Chairman, Becky Austin Vice-Chairman and Ray Hargis - District One Member) were charged with finding and looking at suitable rental properties for our new office. This committee presented the results of this search to the joint meeting of the Corporate Board and Board of Directors during the weekend of the Abilene School. It

was decided to pursue negotiations for leasing the property at 8101 Valcasi Drive, Suite 101 in Arlington. In October the outside Auditors began the audit for the fiscal year (September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014). I furnished any requested information to our auditors in a timely manner to prevent additional hourly costs. I provided the necessary financial reports (Trial Balances, Profit & Loss Statements and Journals showing deposits, checks and journal entries for the Eastern Star Home and the Grand Chapter of Texas to the Corporate Board, the Board of Directors and the Worthy Grand Matron's Financial Committee. These reports were provided, even the time I was not physically present at their meeting. I express my gratitude to Marlene Scholari, Grand Secretary and her staff for all their help. My sincere thanks to the members on the Board of Directors this Grand Chapter year for their cooperation and frequent communication. My appreciation to my three Grand Pages, Ethel Dammann, Emma Markins and Mary Brunet for their help this Grand Chapter year.

In addition to performing the Constitutional duties of the Grand Treasurer (one of which is to calculate and send checks to those subordinate chapters due income/interest for their endowed members as of May 31, 2014), I have attended or participated in all Corporate Board (your eight elected Grand Chapter Officers) and Board of Directors' meetings (except the ones during my illness or vacation) and the yearly Purposes and Policy meeting. Also, I attended the budget meeting in April as well as conference calls and budget meetings regarding actual amounts for the current year (for Cheryl Albrecht and George Gwaltney) and changing the cut-off date to April 30, 2015 with an estimated remainder for the four remaining months for the current year. This was all done so that the membership could see the information printed in the July Official Bulletin. Additionally, I attended or participated in the following activities: 44 Chapter meetings; 5 Schools of Instruction; 9 Fraternal Visits; 9 OES Installations; 31 food events (banquets, luncheons, breakfasts and fund raisers); 23 Miscellaneous Events (practices, roundups, One Officers', District, Section and Chapter Past Matrons and Past Patrons, Past Appointed Grand Officers); 2 Funerals; 4 Rainbow functions; 13 Masonic functions (including 3 Installations); and Grand Chapter sessions in Waco.

For your information and consideration, I have prepared a summary of the financial status of the Eastern Star Home and the Grand Chapter of Texas for September 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015. The exception is the report for Endowed Memberships that is from the beginning November 1, 1987 through May 31, 2015. Detailed Accounting of all Funds are on file in the Grand Secretary's Office for use in the annual audit of the books and records of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Lastly, a loving thanks to my husband and best friend, Jerry Owens and my two daughters, Suzette and Dee who have continued to aid and support me this year.

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

Lorrie Owens
Grand Treasurer

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

The Report of the Grand Treasurer in the Advance Annual Report is different than the report

you have received in recent years in that there is not a comparison between this year and the prior year. The cutoff was moved to April 30, 2015 instead of March 31, 2015 and gives you actual revenues and expenses for eight months Instead of seven months. Revenues (Income) and Disbursements (Expenses) are estimated for the remaining four months. This shows a more accurate revenue and expense for the entire year for Cheryl Albrecht and George Gwaltney. You, the membership, can compare these with the projected budget for Jerre Lucas and Billy Clabaugh.

Just a reminder that our Grand Chapter fiscal year for the current year goes from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. We are not on a calendar year and we do not follow the subordinate chapter year. The Per Capita collected in June of this year when each subordinate chapter filed its annual report is not available for use until September 1, 2015. The Per Capita (\$11.00) is transferred to the proper accounts per our Code of Laws. Also, the income from the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund - 501(c)(8) becomes available on September 1, 2015. That amount is then transferred to the Eastern Star Home of Texas Trust Fund.

Part of June and July of this year was spent in meetings and conference calls with the bankers and other committee members to provide the Bankers with requested information and amounts for their Wealth Projection Analysis. The committee consisted of representatives from the Corporate Board, the Board of Directors and the Worthy Grand Matron's Investment Committee.

The workers on all the special projects have spent much time and effort to keep you informed of our financial status so that the membership can make intelligent and relevant decisions for the good of our, Order.

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.

Lorrie Owens
Grand Treasurer

**OES GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
GENERAL FUND
OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT**

**Sep. 1, 2014 thru
Apr. 30, 2015**

REVENUE (INCOME)

Interest General Fund Checking	4
Interest General Fund Holding	4,095
Endowment Interest - 501c(8)	211,430
Endowment Interest Sub-Account - 501c(8)	62,632
Interest - Endowed Memberships	1,592
Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Funds	72,680
General Fund Per Capita	911
Refunds/Adjustments/Ret Checks	2,851
Registration Fees	-
Session Income/Returned Funds	44,945
Grand Chapter Sales	13,232
Bulletin Subscriptions	16,771
Bulletin Articles	23,566
Supplies/Postage/Shipping	24
25% Adm Fee (WGM Special Projects)	-
GGC Supplies Sales	14,266
Admin Revenue - Endowed Memberships	5,955
Credit Card Conv Fee for Sales	105
Misc. Fees/CK/CCREB/Spec. Dispensations	347
International Headquarters	-
Founder's Day 100%	349
Gifts and Donations Made to Grand Chapter	5,840
General Fund Humanitarian	-
Other Misc. Receipts-Old Projects/Demised	142
TOTAL REVENUE	481,737

DISBURSEMENTS (EXPENSES)

Office Salaries	57,553
Grand Secretary's Salary	18,961
Grand Treasurer's Salary	4,000
Worthy Grand Matron Expense	3,600
Worthy Grand Patron Expense	1,800
Associate Grand Matron Expense	2,250
Associate Grand Patron Expense	900
Grand Secretary Expense	2,000
Grand Treasurer Expense	600
Grand Conductress Expense	675
Associate Grand Conductress Expense	450

Past Grand Matron's Jewel	-
Past Grand Patron's Jewel	-
GGC Officers Expense	-
GGC - Hospitality	-
International Headquarters	5,265
Official Reporter-GC	3,750
Advanced Reports	-
Audit/CPA	19,400
Interpretations	-
Scanner Rental/Ballots and Voting Cards	1,955
CPA-990 Tax Filing	-
Printing Bulletins	16,878
Grand Master Expense Session	-
GC Support Staff Housing	-
Installation Programs/Humanitarian	-
Photos for Proceedings	-
Registration Forms/Postage/Badges	-
Session and Memorial Programs	-
Vehicle-Fuel	2,882
Vehicle-License (Van/2 Trailers)Toll Tags	-
Vehicle-All Mainenance/Repairs	200
Auto Acquisition	12,000
Legal Services	5,368
Humanitarian Ribbons	278
Auto Insurance	-
Insurance-Directors Liabliity	-
Furnishings,Personal Prop/Umbrella	6,222
Insurance-Workman's Compensation	-
Miscellaneous	-
Bank Fees/NSF	-
General Grand Chapter Per Capita	27,356
Credit Card Fees	244
District Workshops/Chapter Packets	79
Document Storage	660
Office and Museum Items Storage	2,759
NSF Return Checks	152
Trust Fees - OES GC Endowment 501c(8)	26,068
Trust Fees OES GC Endowment Sub 501c(8)	10,310
The Session 2015	13,500
Endowed Interest 501c(8) to 501c(3)	258,465
Contingency Fund	-
Annual Proceedings-Printing	12,023
Printing-Chapter Packets/Line Officers/Comm	-
Letterhead for WGM,WGP & Chaplain	141
Postage/Petty Cash/Certified Mail	214
Postage - Bulletin Mailings	4,842
Postage for Chapter Packet Mailing	-

Postage Permit	470
Postage Meter Lease	1,694
Computer Contract Services GLMMS	9,950
Equipment Maintenance	1,608
HVAC Service Maintenance Contract	-
Postage for Meter	2,900
Copy Machine	14,216
Janitorial/Cleaning Service	-
Security Services	151
Supplies Purchased from General Grand	7,772
Directories Printed to Sell	-
Office/Committee-Printing/Mailing Supplies	4,040
Chapter Directories Furnished to Chapters	-
Chapter Bulletins Furnished to Chapters	3,175
Shipping Charges for Supplies from GGC	609
Utilities - Electric	3,979
Utilities - Gas	211
Utilities - Telephone	2,157
Website	311
Internet Service	982
Computer Maintenance	1,740
Rent - Office	29,250
Property Taxes/Office Maint/Landscaping Fee	-
Sale of Property Exp. (Items for Move Prep)	15,973
Payroll Expense (Liability)	6,968
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	631,956
NET INCOME	(150,219)

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS
May 31, 2015

Certificates Issued	Date	Number Issued	Principal Amount
1 - 4520	Nov. 1, 1987 thru Aug. 31, 2007	4,520	2,260,000
4521 - 5127	Sep. 1, 2007 thru Aug. 31, 2009	607	303,500
5128 - 5624	Sep. 1, 2009 thru Aug. 31, 2012	497	248,500
5625 - 5994	Sep. 1, 2012 thru Aug. 31, 2014	370	185,000
5995 - 6181	Sep. 1, 2014 thru May 31, 2015	187	93,500
TOTAL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS		6,181	3,090,500

In April of 2015 the Chapters received \$19.66 for each eligible Endowed Member as of May 31, 2014.

In accordance with the Code of Laws, Article 204 e(4)(b), Page 149, income in the amount of \$1,592.46 was credited to the General Fund for the following 81 Endowed Members of demised chapters:

Vera Albright	Ruth Gregersen	Debra D. Morlock
Faye E. Anderson	Nina G. Hale	Heather Morlock
Lillian Arnold	Joyce M. Hall	Raymond B. Morlock
Carrie Ethel Bailey	Joan Hegdal	Hazel K. Nunn
W.J. Beaver	Helen W. Henson	Gladys Juanita O'Brien
Vera A. Gardner Biggs	Lila D. Holt	Cynthia O'Brien-Richlefsen
Barbara Bouton	Sulema R. Jimenez	Betty Offield
Rita Joyce Bragg	Mildred Jimison	In Honor of Yvonne Owens
Bertha D. Brown	Katherine Johnson	Isela Perez
Lois Carver	Luella V. Johnson	Julio (Aldo) Perez
Caneillia C. Cook	Tommy Kelso	Lillie Ruth Regian
Jack Cook	Mary Jo Kemp	Edna Richardson
Charles E. Day	Betty Jo Kindred	Vernon G. Searcy
Patricia Ann Day	Edna Kissick	Katherine Koym Seymour
In Memory of Dorotha Deering	Gladys Juanita Kissick	Tearsa Smesny
Rhonda Bailey Dittfurth	James W. Kissick	Henry L. Smith
Ann Dodd	Beatrice Lamar	Carl E. Starkey
Winnie Fenton	Faye E. Lesley	Florence Sullivan
Eloise H. Ficke	Julianna Lindsay	Dorothy Teel

**Suella Fortner
Susan Fritsche
Keal Fritsche
Inez Gentry
L.C. Gentry
Sandra Jean Gilbert
Lester Roy Gober
Margaret Elaine Gober**

**Margaret L. Lowell
Lorie Ware McCulloch
Robert B. McMurray
Sydney C. McMurray
Kimberly Morlock Martin
Glenn C. Mathis, Sr.
Dorothy L. Mead
Norma G. Morgan**

**Rhonda Earl Torres
Jerome Ulrich
Shirley Ulrich
Elsie Underwood
Sandra R. Vasquez
Loretta Jo Walker
Margaret C. Watson
Susan Day Whitted**

EASTERN STAR HOME FUND - 501c(3) (LADIES)

Sep. 1, 2014 thru
Apr. 30, 2015**REVENUE (INCOME)**

Interest - Checking	3
Endowment Interest 501c(8)	258,465
Interest 501c(3)	4,215
Gain/Loss Eastern Star Home Investment	280
Per Capita Income	144,982
Refunds/Adjustments/Returned Checks	2,921
Oil & Gas Royalty	33,380
Ladies' Pensions	60,503
Gifts/Donations	5,035
Bequests, Wills & Grants	168,948
TOTAL REVENUE	678,732

DISBURSEMENTS (EXPENSES)

Audit	6,000
CPA-990 Taxes	-
Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	574
In-service/501c(3) Accounts Mgmt.	-
Checking Bank Fees & Error Adjustments	-
Legal	-
Allowance to Ladies @\$70.00	6,160
Funeral Expenses	4,230
Independent Resident Expense	40,608
Clinic Resident Expense	477,721
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	535,293

INCOME/LOSS**143,439**

BENEVOLENT AID

Sep. 1, 2014 thru
Apr. 30, 2015

INCOME	
Per Capita	27,356
Humanitarian	14,337
Prior Year Fund Balance	40,000
Donation Gifts Received	-
TOTAL INCOME	81,693
EXPENSES	
Long Term Aid	22,000
Temporary Aid	1,960
Emergency Aid	5,600
TOTAL EXPENSES	29,560
NET INCOME	52,133

BROKERAGE ACCOUNTS - EDUCATION
J.P. MORGAN/CHASE - April 30, 2015

Mary C. Kennington - Education/ESTARL	525,923
Fannie V. Ward - Education	35,720
Helen M. Bramlett - ESTARL	8,639
Education Fund	66,203

OTHER ACCOUNTS
J.P. MORGAN/CHASE - April 30, 2015

Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund 501c(3)	772,471
Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund Checking	2,827
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund 501c(8)	9,222,630
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund Sub-Acct. 501c(8) Sale of OES Home	3,661,286
Endowed Membership Trust	3,046,949
Property Sale Account (15%) Relocation Funds	346,870
General Fund Holding Account (excludes above Property Sale Account - 15%)	354,587
Endowed Membership Stamps	98,000

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by George Gwaltney to accept the Supplemental Report of the Grand Treasurer. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. Thank you Sister Lorrie for all your hard work.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I invite Sister Cathi Cannon for the Report of the By-Laws Committee.

Cathi Cannon: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron:

Being By-Laws Committee Chairman this year has been one of my most interesting experiences. It has put me on a 90-degree learning curve and has made me a lot more familiar with the Constitution. It has also been a pleasure to get to know some of the secretaries of our local chapters and appreciate their dedication to our Order.

Thank you for this appointment, for working with me so closely, and for also placing two very knowledgeable and conscientious members on the committee with me. My thanks to Jeannette Cotton and Marion Pierce for their willingness to work. There were 72 By-laws change requests, and all but one were eventually approved.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to serve Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Cannon, Chairman
Jeanette Cotton
Marion Pierce

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

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by George Gwaltney to accept the Report of the By-Laws Committee. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. Thank you Sister Cathi for all the faxes, phone calls, and many hours of service that you given this year.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize, Brother Donny Broughton, for the report of Titles, Deeds, and Properties.

Donny Broughton: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and distinguished members all:

On behalf of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee, I would like to thank you Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity to serve you and this Grand Chapter.

The members of our committee are Donny Broughton (District 1), Chris Puckett (District 2), JoAnn Snow (District 3), Francis C. "Johnny" Johnson (District 4) and Janet Kramer (District 5).

The duties of our committee are listed in Article 152-Q of the Code of Laws of this Grand Chapter and are summarized as follows:

To provide counsel and advice by way of providing and recommending legal services support for the management of Grand Chapter real property and personal property, especially as to examining and protecting titles and records of titles thereto, and recommending policies and procedures in general.

Worthy Grand Matron, while matters requiring action relating to the acquisition or disposition of real and/or personal property of this Grand Chapter *may have been referred to other committees or legal services*, no requests have been made or brought before our committee.

I therefore report to you, that we have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

Title, Deeds and Properties Committee
Donny W. Broughton
Chairman

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

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by George Gwaltney to accept the Report of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. Thank you Brother Donnie.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize, Sister Sharon Fentress for the Preliminary Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Sharon Fentress: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the members of the Jurisprudence Committee: District 1-John Creel, District 2-Bess Caldwell, District 4-Vi Griffin, District 5-Jerry Trees, and I am Sharon Fentress-District 3.

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

1. 1: TO THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
 - A. All matters contained in the reports specifically assigned to the Jurisprudence Committee by Chapter 10, Article 152-E of the Code of Laws for the Government of Grand Chapter.
2. TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 - A. The Report of the Grand Secretary
 - B. The Report of the Grand Treasurer

3. TO THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
 - A. The amendments to the By-Laws as contained in the reports of the Worthy Grand Matron
 - B. Code of By-Laws of U.D. Chapters submitted by the Committee of Chapters Under Dispensation in accordance with the Code of Laws.
4. TO THE COMMITTEE OF GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS
 - A. Any disciplinary matters contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's Report, including her supplemental Report.
5. TO THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION
 - A. That portion of the Worthy Grand Patron's Report on New Chapter instituted.

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

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept the Preliminary Report of the Jurisprudence Committee. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Carried.

Sharon Fentress: I now present Brother John Creel for Jurisprudence Report #1.

John Creel: Good Morning. I present Report #1 of the Jurisprudence Committee. This is Amendment #5 as printed on page 44 in the Advance Annual Report. This is the second reading of this amendment as amended at the 2014 Grand Chapter Session and if adopted will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session. It is titled Grand Chapter Sessions and Matters related hereto. It is in proper form. This amendment's intent is to change the date of the annual Grand Chapter Session from the month of August to the month of October beginning in 2016. It's effect will be that Sister Jerre Lucas has arrangements made for the 2016 Session to begin on Thursday, September 1, 2016, so, if this amendment is adopted, following that session, we would meet in October. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept report #1 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Much discussion pro and con. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion is Defeated. Thank you Brother John.

John Creel: I recognize Sister Bess Caldwell for the presentation of Report #2.

Bess Caldwell: I present Report #2 of the Jurisprudence Committee. This is Amendment #2 as printed on page 45 in the Advance Annual Report. This is the first reading of this amendment, if adopted it will have a second reading at the Grand Chapter Session in 2016. It is titled Boards of Grand Chapter, Composition, Duties and Prerogatives; B-Board of Directors; Section 3-Officers (a). It is in proper form. The intent of this amendment is to remove verbiage which was inserted in the Code of Laws when the Boards were combined. It will have no effect on the manner in which the Board of Directors elects their officers. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept report #2 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Passed. Thank you Sister Bess.

Bess Caldwell: I recognize Sister Vi Griffin for Report #3.

Vi Griffin: Thank you Bess. I present Report #3 of the Jurisprudence Committee. This is Amendment #3 as printed on page 45 in the Advance Annual Report. This is the first reading of this amendment, If adopted it will have a second reading at the Grand Chapter Session in 2016. It is titled Article VII, Section C Board of Grand Examiners. It is in proper form. The rationale for this amendment is the work load of the Board of Grand Examiners has diminished over the years and as a rule, there are more than one Grand Examiner at any given School. Each capable and willing to substitute for another, the talents of one qualified for the position would better serve Grand Chapter in another capacity. It's effect would be to reduce the Board of Grand Examiners to Five members, one from each District. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept report #3 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion is Defeated. Thank you Sister Vi.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Are we ready for some excitement? Maybe a little change of pace? Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you present Sister Elaine Batchelor in the West.

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, I present Sister Elaine Batchelor, as requested.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Surprise! Sister Elaine, you have been a friend for many years. You have worked tirelessly for your Chapter, your Section, and for Grand Chapter. It is my honor to...

Whereas the Grand Chapter of ... I'm not telling, and the Grand Chapter of Texas seeking to promote fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing the ties of affection may be strengthened. The prosperity of the Order promoted, its unity, integrity and strength be protected and utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other. Therefore, be it known that by evidence of our trust and confidence, we do hereby present, constitute and appoint Elaine Batchelor, Grand Representative of Nevada in the Grand Chapter of Texas for the purpose foresaid. Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will be presented in the East.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Elaine, it is my honor and privilege to present to you this Grand Representative. I know you will represent Texas well. Sister Sandra Sorani, Worth Grand Marshal and a Past Grand Matron of Nevada has volunteered to show you around. I would invite her to present you with your pin.

Sandra Sorani: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this honor. Sister Elaine I am so excited to have been here to see you receive your Grand Representative commission, and I will be looking forward to seeing you in Nevada.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Elaine would like to say something.

Elaine Batchelor: I'm speechless, Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize Sister Jane Wert for the adoption of the Report of the ESTARL Committee. Didn't they have a beautiful and moving program last night.

Jane Wert: I move the adoption of the Report of the ESTARL Committee as presented last night.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept the report of the ESTARL Committee. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Carried. Thank you Sister Jane, and your committee for a fantastic job.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize Sister Patsy Hewett for the adoption of the Humanitarian Report.

Patsy Hewlett: I move the adoption of the Humanitarian Report as presented last night

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept the report of the Humanitarian Committee. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Carried. Thank you Sister Patsy and your committee for all their hard work.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize Sister Kaye Swain for the adoption of the Report of the Fraternal Correspondent as presented yesterday afternoon.

Kaye Swain: I move the adoption of the Report of the Fraternal Correspondent as presented yesterday afternoon.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept the report of the Fraternal Correspondent. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Carried. Thank you Sister Kaye and the Grand Representative for a fantastic Report and a beautiful program. 0

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I invite Sister Norma Phillips, Grand Chaplain, for the Report of the Grand Chaplain which was given last evening.

Grand Chaplain Norma Phillips: I move the adoption of the Grand Chaplain's Report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept the report of the Grand Chaplain. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Carried. Thank you Sister Norma for a beautiful and moving Memorial Program.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize Sister Kathy Paschal for the Report of the Education Committee

Kathy Paschal: On behalf of the members of the Education Committee, we want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this appointment. It has been a most rewarding experience and we enjoyed reading about the goals and aspirations of so many young people. It has been an honor and privilege to serve our Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Chapter in this capacity. I would like to introduce my co-workers on this committee.

They are:

District 2	Joyce Marlar
District 3	Joyce Followill
District 4	Wanda Goodson
District 5	Joyce Whiteside

The application deadline for the scholarship was March 1, 2015. The committee met on April 22, 2015 at the Grand Chapter office in Arlington. We were greeted by the friendly staff who took us to the meeting room where we begin to process the box of applications. The Grand Secretary's office had dated the applications with the date received in the office. There were 34 applications to review. We divided them among ourselves and proceeding to open and review each one of them. Of the 34 applications, three were disqualified because of not meeting the requirements of the scholarship. The remaining 31 met all requirements and much to our enjoyment and honor and the memberships' generosity, we were able to give thirty-one (31) \$1,000 scholarships to very deserving students for a total of \$31,000. A letter was sent to each recipient with the good news and instructions to verify all information in regard to the school they would be attending and the address along with their school ID number. I also expressed our appreciation for their interest in the Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship.

A list of all the recipients was sent to the Grand Secretary with their school ID and the address where the money should be mailed. It was wonderful to read of the goals and ambitions of these young people, and to see such diligence in achieving these goals for their education. We all enjoyed reading the essays that were part of the application. We also enjoyed reading the family connection to the Order of the Eastern Star. I can assure you there are some pretty proud Stars out there right now because of their children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews.

The money that was donated to the Education fund went all over the Great State of Texas... from Amarillo to Beaumont, from Tyler to San Antonio and everywhere in between. Your money went to 19 Texas colleges and universities. I have received many thank you notes expressing their sincere appreciation to the generosity of the Order of the Eastern Star. Let me read a couple of them.

Ms. Paschal.

I wanted to express my immense gratitude towards you and the Education Committee for selecting me as a recipient of your scholarship! As a non-traditional student, you all are contribution to my second chance at life and dreams of success.

Thank you for this honor, it means more than words are able to describe!

Kindest Regards,
Haley Hernandez

Dear Scholarship Donor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in funding the Eastern Star Scholarship. I am very honored to be a recipient of this award.

This fall will be my first semester at Lamar University. I plan on getting my Masters in Speech Pathology with a minor in Sign Language.

Receiving this scholarship motivates me to maintain my GPA and complete my degree. I thank you for your confidence and willingness to help me achieve my goals.

Sincerely,
Kaylee Parsons

August 1, 2015
Mrs. Kathy Paschal
The Order of the Eastern Star Educational Scholarship
402 South Ross
Mexia, TX 76667

Dear Mrs. Paschal,

I am writing to thank you for your generous Educational Scholarship. It is with humility and profound gratitude that I accept this scholarship.

Thank you personally for your generosity: Without scholarship patrons willing to support higher education, students such as myself would be unable to pursue advanced health care degrees. this scholarship comes at a truly pivotal time in my life and has given me the funding to continue my education to its completion. I understand that God often speaks and facilitates through others, and in this instance, scholarship donors. Your scholarship will help me earn my degree in Nurse Anesthesia, which requires special training and coursework. I am committed to my education and to the health care field and one step closer to becoming a CRNA, thanks to your continued generosity and the Order of the Eastern Star Education Scholarship.

It is my long-time passion and desire to serve my community and make a positive impact on the people I come in contact with on a daily basis. The generosity of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star inspires me to help others and give back to the community just like you all have. I will forever be in debt to the organization and will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Letitia Robinson

Because of your generous donations to the Education Fund, we were able to help these 31 students to move a step closer to their dreams.

2015 EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Logan Baird	Tyler Jr. College
Bailey Bohlken	University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Clayton Carey	Sam Houston State University
Faith Chandler	Del Mar College
Emily Cumming	Central Texas College
Jessica Doss	Texas A&M University
Kyla Drake	Kilgore College
Michelle Durden	Sam Houston State University
Sauna Dykowski	Stephen F. Austin University
Wyatt Evans	The University of Texas at San Antonio
Landon Fox	Lone Star College
Jordan Gartman	Angelo State University
Justin Gartman	Angelo State University
Walker Goodman	California Baptist College
Haley Hernandez	San Jacinto College
Jacob Jones	University of North Texas
Rachel Jones	The University of Texas at Austin
Vivanh Keomoungkhoun	University of Texas at Dallas
Kristen Key	Texas A&M University
Taylor Luke	Sam Houston State University
Allison McGraw	Texas A&M University
Kaylee Parsons	Lamar University
Alexandria Pittman	Northlake College
Colton Metz	Sam Houston State University
Victoria Robinson	Tarleton State University
Letitia Robinson	Western Carolina University
Meagan Ross	University of North Texas
Jeffrey Stephens	Kilgore College
Taylor Tadlock	Texas State University
Bethany Walker	Baylor University
Sydney Yorke	University of Texas at Austin

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kathy Paschal
 Education Fund, District 1
 Chairman

I move for the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept the report of the Education Committee. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Carried. Thank you Sister Kathy and your committee this wonderful report.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize, Sister Konnie Harrell for the Report of the Museum Committee.

Konnie Harrell: First I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for asking me to Chair this Committee. It has been an honor to be trusted with our many beautiful items for the Museum. Also, thank you to the people on this Committee:

Laura Brooks - District 1
 Keith Mikeworth - District 2
 Elaine Batchelor - District 3
 Patricia Callahan - District 4
 Jacklin McCarn - District 5

On February 21, 2015, the Board of Directors met during the District 3 Section 1 School of Instruction in Fort Worth and asked the members of the Museum Committee to attend. As Chairman, I attended this event and afterwards went with Board Member Ray Hargis over to the Storage Unit to see what was left in storage. Marlene Scholari met us there to let us into the units.

At that time we had a large unit and a small one. One of the goals was to get enough items out of the large one so we could get rid of the smaller unit.

In April, Board Member, David Ouellette called me and said he would be coming to Arlington the weekend of April 24 and asked me to get some help so we could begin actually setting up the Museum display. After talking with the members of the Museum Committee, several were on the Worthy Grand Matron's Cruise and some were ill and not able to assist us in this project. With the help of Eastern Star friends, we were able to work for four days and in that time we accomplished the following:

1. Opening all the boxes already in the Museum area at the Grand Chapter Office.
2. Sorting out as best we could the boxes that were already there and putting items up for display in the Museum.
3. Moving items out of the large storage unit in order to put the rest of the items in the smaller unit into the larger unit.
4. Moving some furniture to the Museum to display some of the items we unpacked.

From the first, we knew we would not have enough room at the Grand Chapter Office for all the items in storage. I continued to go over to the Museum for a few weeks to finish arranging things.

On June 30, 2015, the Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl Albrecht, met me and three members of the Board of Directors - Ray Hargis, Gerry Sturtz and David Ouellette along with three other people at the Grand Chapter Office and we went over to the storage unit to see what was left. There is only one unit we are using now and it is mostly furniture, pictures and the Past Grand Matron's Dresses which are safely boxed up to be moved when we find a place for them.

The result is that Museum contents are still taking up the large storage unit we are paying for monthly. Unfortunately, most of the things we have in the Museum consist of beautiful glassware, silver and crystal, but not much that is really indigenous to the Order of the Eastern Star. Many things were sent to the Grand Chapter that probably should be displayed in the Chapter from which it came because it is history to them rather than Grand Chapter. Until there is a place to put the items in storage, we have no room in the Museum. The only thing we did not finish was hanging pictures and since the building is leased we felt someone should decide which ones to hang before we made a bunch of holes in the walls.

There are some boxes of pictures, some papers and scrapbooks that would be nice to display but we don't have the kind of display cases to put them in at this time. Also, the Past Grand Matron's Dresses are still packed up with no place to display them.

In conclusion, there are still decisions to be made about what to keep and where to put it because there is no more room at the Grand Chapter Office. Also, there are many pictures that could be hung, but the decision of which ones and where has not been made.

In conclusion, there is still much to be decided about the items in storage, as well as the items on display.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Harrell
Museum Committee General Chairman

I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept the report of the Museum Committee. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Carried. Thank you Sister Konnie and your Committee, and others that helped to set up our Museum, it looks great.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize Sister Betty Friend for the Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee.

Betty Friend: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, I give this report on behalf of Sister Joyce Gilbert who could not be with us this morning. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

This is the Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee for 2014-2015.

I am from District One: those who served with me on this committee are:

Sisters: Betty Benham, PGM, District Two
 Elise Hammack, PGM, District Three
 Mary Ruth White, PGM, District Four, and
 Betty Friend, PGM, District Five

On January 24, 2015, the Purposes and Policies Committee met with Sister Jerri Lucas, AGM, and Brother Billy Claybough, AGP, to review their purposed projects along with the Humanitarian Program for 2015-2016.

Those who attended with the committee were the WGM, WGP, Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, and Board Members.

As Chairman, I opened the meeting with Prayer, thanked Sister Jerri and Brother Billy for meeting with us, and turned the meeting over to the Associate Grand Matron. she presented each one present with a beautiful notebook listing their plans. It was well organized with pictures and explanation of each project, a summary of each project, a description of their purposes, and how the income would be distributed.

The first group included the committees that would require funding. There are 11 committees, including music, calendars, dress pins, candles, proficiency stickers, stuffed animals, poetry books, travel books, pins, scarves, and jewelry.

The second group of committees will not require funding. There are 15 of these. An explanation was given for the purpose of each one and how the proceeds would be distributed.

The Humanitarian Program, named "Spur one Another" on with love and do good deeds, was taken from Hebrews 10:24.

After Sister Jerri and Brother Billy completed their plans for the coming year, the Purposes and Policies Committee complemented them on a job well done. Everything was in proper order with complete detail in the back of the book and with a spreadsheet of projected cost, profit, and how the income would be distributed.

By a unanimous vote, the Purposes and Policies Committee approved the projects and Humanitarian Program for 2015-2016.

Thank you Sister Jerri and Brother Billy for your hard work, and I know a lot of planning.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, again the committee would like to thank you for allowing us to serve Grand Chapter in this position.

Joyce Gilbert, PGM, District One

Purposes and Policies Committee Chairman

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

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Carried. Thank you Sister Betty.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I would like to invite Sister Marilyn Butler for the Report of the International Headquarters.

Marilyn Butler: Our International Headquarters is a wonderful sight to behold in side and out. The history of the building alone, The Belmont Mansion, is remarkable but, our history it holds of our order is jaw dropping.

The Belmont Mansion was built in 1909 as a private residence of Perry and Jessie Belmont. In 1935, the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star purchased the mansion as its International Headquarters for the General Grand Chapter, OES for approximately \$250,000.00. The mansion has served as the private residence for six Right Worthy Grand Secretaries since its dedication in 1937. Over the years many dignitaries have visited and stayed. Many items of our historic significance are located in the Belmont Mansion and tours are given daily to Eastern Stars, Masons, and visitors from around the world.

On May 6, 2015, the District of Columbia Preservation League recognized the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the Belmont Mansion, for outstanding preservation of a historic building in the District of Columbia. The Most Worthy grand Patron, Brother John Grobler, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, along with all Right Worthy Grand Trustees in attendance accepted the Stewardship Award for the preservation and maintenance of the International Headquarters Building. The accomplishment of this Stewardship Award is the direct result of the many years of service and contributions of the members of the General Grand Chapter in the Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapters. An award we all can be so proud of.

To continue this stewardship of our beautiful International Headquarters, The Right Worthy Grand Trustees have established a "Hall of Honor." The hallway between the Gold Room and State Banquet Room on the second floor has two beautiful display cases that are original to the Belmont Mansion. They invite the membership to participate in the "Hall of Honor" by making significant donations to International Headquarters by private or group donations to have a plaque placed in the display cases with Donor information on the plaque. Donations are as low as \$1,000.00 to \$10,000.00 or more and also, donations may be in the form of a bequest in a will.

Many charitable events and balls have been held in the ballroom and state dining room. These events were benefiting a variety of charitable organizations in the DC area. Concerts benefiting several children's music programs and a musical program for Wounded Warriors at Walter Reed Hospital.

The General Grand Chapter, OES, is a 501-C-10 fraternal, charitable, non-profit organization. Funds for the Belmont Mansion-Eastern Star International Headquarters Restoration Project for 2014 are being raised by the sale of pins and ribbons for the 1618 Project, the Belmont Donor Dinner and Ball (November 7 and 8, 2014) and by individual donations of the membership of General Grand Chapter, OES.

The Belmont Mansion is very dear to the hearts of the Eastern Star membership world-wide and they want to maintain this lovely structure in our nations' capital and shine as a structure representing the elegance of a bygone era in today's world. Recently, it was determined that interior damage was a result of deterioration of the roof and built-in gutter system. Rather than patching the roof and gutter, it was decided to replace the roof and restore the built-in gutter system. Shortly before the roof and built-in gutter restoration began, the sub-basement flooded and damaged the control unit and motor for the elevator. These three projects were undertaken and fund raising began to pay for these restoration projects. The Elevator restoration is completed and pain for in full. The restoration of the roof and built-in gutters is completed and over \$380,000.00 remains to be paid. The "Hall of Honor" is a great way to help pay for these repairs.

If you ever get a chance, by all means, go by for a tour and visit. It is worth every minute. I had the honor of taking this tour and cherish every minute of it.

Marilyn Butler
International Headquarters

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



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
Order of the Eastern Star
Established November 1876

June 5, 2015

TO: Grand Chapters directly under General Grand Chapter, OES
Subordinate Chapters directly under General Grand Chapter, OES

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Donation levels will be the following:

- Recognition for donations of \$10,000 or more.
- Recognition for donations between \$5,000 and \$9,999, or
- Recognition for donations between \$1,000 and \$4,999.

It is the hope that by creating a Hall of Honor, the necessary funds to adequately preserve and maintain our beautiful International Headquarters located at 1618 New Hampshire Avenue NW in Washington, DC will be available in the future. If there is a person or group you would like to see in the "Hall of Honor", this is your opportunity to give them recognition.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Attested:

Paula Argus *Betty J. Briggs*

Paula Argus Betty J. Briggs
RWG Trustee, Chm RWG Trustee, Co-Chm

Dennis Jordan

Dennis Jordan
RWG Trustee

Alma Lynn Bane

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
RWG Secretary

CC: Bobbi White, MWGM
John Grobler, MWGP

General Grand Chapter, OES is a Fraternal, Benevolent, Non-Profit 501-C-10 Organization

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept the report of the International Headquarters. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Carried. Thank you Sister Marilyn. I have never had the opportunity to visit the International Temple, but I plan to do so in the near future.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize Brother David Dibrell for the Report of the Financial Investment Committee.

David Dibrell: The Financial Investment Committee attended the Board of Directors Workshop in San Antonio in September to establish communications and to set guidelines for interaction with the Board of Directors. The committee attended most meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings that involved the Investment Bankers. The Committee also held multiple teleconferences with the Investment Bankers.

Based on advice from the Investment Bankers, the Investment Committee decided to draft legislation to give the Committee and the Board of Directors more flexibility in determining investments. A draft of the legislation was presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting in Montgomery on April 18, 2015. Most members of the Board of Directors approved the legislation and signed it for presentation at this Grand Chapter Session. This legislation is Resolution No. 7 and we urge its adoption.

The Board of Directors asked the Investment Bankers to assist in projecting income and expenses for Grand Chapter for the next few years. The Investment Committee was invited to participate. Multiple meetings were held and conference calls conducted. The resulting projections will be presented by the Investment Bankers in conjunction with the Grand Chapter Budget discussion. The Investment Committee is concerned with the increasing costs to care for our ladies at TMRC and the diminishing funds to pay for their care. Although it appears that Grand Chapter has large fund balances, the restrictions on those funds limit their availability. The Committee has attempted to identify all restrictions to allow a better view of funds available. To date, that identification process has not been completed.

Respectfully submitted:
David Dibrell
Pauline McClymonds
Brian Dodson

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

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept the report of the Financial Investment Committee. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Carried. Thank you Brother David.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I think this is a good time to break for Lunch.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Past Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester I invite you to voice our Benediction. (Three raps)

PGM Doris Hester: Let's bow our heads and hold the hands of those by your sides as we pray. Heavenly Father, we come thanking you for all the many blessings we receive each day. We ask for your guidance as we continue this 133rd "Friends Always Near" Grand Chapter Session. May all our actions be for the good of our Order and be a blessing to You with love in our hearts. This is a special time in our Order that we gather to conduct our business and fellowship with all our members. We pray for the men and women who are serving our great nation. We ask for their safety and return home to their families. We pray for your guidance for the leaders of our Order and the leaders of our great nation. May each of us always remember our Obligation and work for peace and harmony. In God's Holy name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

WGP George Gwaltney: Sister Doris Hester, your benediction reminds us that it is through prayer that we close our deliberations. As we leave the Chapter room to attend the luncheons may we walk with God by our side.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Doris. Brother Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this "Fans of Service Grand Chapter Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

(Session called from Labor to Rest)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers we have appreciated your attention and cooperation. Enjoy your lunch and please be back with us this afternoon as we continue with the business of Grand Chapter.

*******END OF MORNING SESSION*******



**Friday Afternoon Session
“Fans of Love” Session
Friday, August 14, 2015**

1:15 p.m.

**Musical Prelude
Mrs. Donna Rings**

**1:30 p.m.
Call to Order**

**Mrs. Annette Curry
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

**Mr. Bill Crews
Past Grand Patron of Texas**

PGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers it is my special privilege to call this “Fans of Love” afternoon Session to order. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this honor. I invite my Worthy Grand Patron of 2012-2013, Brother Bill Crew to bring remarks.

PGP Bill Crews: Thank you Sister Annette, my Worthy Grand Matron of 2012-2013, we made lots of wonderful memories traveling over this beautiful state. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George, thank you for the honor of addressing this great membership at this “Fans of Love” Friday afternoon Session of Grand Chapter. You have had a Fantastic year giving the membership encouragement and enthusiasm to build and grow our Order. Thank you for the opportunity to stand in the East once again.

PGM Annette Curry: Thank you Brother Bill Crews. I now invite Sister Loretta Booth, Grand Marshal to present the “Friends are FANTastic” Drill.

(“Friends are FANTastic” Drill under the direction of Loretta Booth)

PGM Annette Curry: Please give attention to the Precision Drill under the direction of Mr. Darrell Albrecht, Grand Warder.

(Precision Drill under the Direction of Darrell Albrecht)

PGM Annette Curry: I invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers I present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl Albrecht and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Gwaltney. Join me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron with Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Worthy Grand Matron, as we continue this “Friends Always Near” Grand Chapter Session and begin the “Fans of Love” afternoon Session, may you feel the presence of love of friends near. Bill and I wish the very best for you and thank you again for allowing us to serve together in the East this afternoon. I now present you with your gavel with love and best wishes for a successful Grand Chapter Session.

“Friends Always Near”

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WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Annette Curry and Brother Bill Crews for opening this “Fans of Love” Session. I know this setting brings back many memories as it was only a few short years ago, you stood here presiding over your Grand Chapter Session. Thank you for your support this year and I wish only the best for you. Thank you Sister Annette for a beautiful General Banquet las evening. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Sister Annette Curry and Brother Bill Crews, thank you for opening the “Fans of Love” Session. There is a quote that reads, Love is like the wind, we can’t see it but we can feel it. Sister Annette, your love for this Order gave you the strength to be a strong leader in this Grand Chapter. Brother Bill, your love for the Order and your love for our Lord have given you blessings too numerous to count. Thank you both very much for your continued service.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Did everyone enjoy their Lunch? We will now continue with our business. The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter.

(Session called from Rest to Labor)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Our invocation will be given by Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: (Says the invocation)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Jimmie Lee for beginning this day in the presence of the Lord. The Scripture for today will be presented by Sister Karen Morgenthaler.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trust, 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.”

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Karen. I now declare this “Fans of Service” Session called from Rest to Labor. Brother Grand Warder you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GW: (With raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, this “Fans of Love” Session has been called from Rest to Labor.

GS: It is well.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I would ask that the Corporate Board and the Board of Directors join me in the East.

Emergency Legislation was held this afternoon for Grand Chapter to raise our Per Capita for General Grand Chapter to \$11.00. PGP K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. made the motion and PGP Bill Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sisters and Brothers, as you know we have pending litigation with the Grand Royal Arch Masons of Texas concerning the lease in the new building at TMRC. The Corporate Board has been working diligently to reach an agreement in this litigation since the invoice was presented prior to Grand Chapter in 2013, and the subsequent filing of the lawsuit against the Order of the Eastern Star. In February, members of the Corporate Board along with our attorney met with representatives of the TMRC Board and their attorney in an attempt to reach a settlement through mediation. This was unsuccessful. Recently, a proposal to settle for an amount of \$200,000 has been received from their attorney. After many discussions with the Corporate Board, the Board of Directors, and our attorney, it is recommended that we accept this settlement offer.

Associate Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we accept the settlement of \$200,000.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I have a motion and a second by our Worthy Grand Patron to accept the settlement in the amount of \$200,000. Do we have any discussion? (Pause) Do we have any discussion? Okay... We will proceed to vote, all in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion carried. Sisters and Brothers, you have just settled the lawsuit with the Royal and Select Masons and TMRC. (standing ovation and a few tears)0

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: OK, I will call our Attorney and instruct him to begin the paperwork. Thank you Sisters and Brothers. I now recognize our Jurisprudence Committee—Brother Jerry Trees.

Jerry Trees: Thank you and Good Morning. I present Report #4 of the Jurisprudence Committee. This amendment has been withdrawn. I now present Sister Sharon Fentress for Report #6.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: That one was easy. Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to preside.

Sharon Fentress: I present Report #5 of the Jurisprudence Committee. This is Amendment #5 as printed on pages 47 and 48 in the Advance Annual Report. If adopted, it will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session. It is titled Chapter 5-Board of Directors, Article 82-Additional Duties (b). It is in proper form. The rationale for this amendment is that the Secretary of the Board of Directors does not have any books or accounts other than the minute book and the Board does not elect a Treasurer, therefore the phrase "Secretary and Treasurer of the Board" is not necessary. This amendment would remove the reference to the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board. The amendment will have no effect on the Audit of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. Worthy Grand Patron, oh Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept report #5 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Passed. Thank you Sister Sharon.

Sharon Fentress: I recognize Brother John Creel for Report #6.

John Creel: I present Report #6 of the Jurisprudence Committee. This is Amendment #6 as printed on page 49 in the Advance Annual Report. If adopted, it would take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session. It is in proper form. This amendment is titled Chapter 5-Board of Directors; Article 82 (g), page 73 of the Code of Laws. It is in proper order. Since there have not been appropriations for postage to the Deputies of Grand Chapter for many years, and there will probably not be any in the foreseeable future, they should be removed from this article. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept report #6 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Passed. Thank you Brother John.

John Creel: I recognize Sister Bess Caldwell.

Bess Caldwell: I present Report #7 of the Jurisprudence Committee. This is Amendment #7 as printed on page 49 in the Advance Annual Report. It adopted it will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session. It is titled Article 83 Funds and Trusts Investment Limitations & Restrictions (page 82 of the Code of Laws). This amendment is in proper order. This amendment will give the Board of Directors, the Financial Investment Committee and the Investment Bankers more flexibility in the investments and set out a strategy in place of restrictions. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept report #7 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion.

There was quite a lot of discussion pro and con. Motion was made to lay this report on the table.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to table report #7 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Passed. Thank you Sister Bess.

Bess Caldwell: I present report #8 of the Jurisprudence Committee. This is Amendment #8 as printed on page 52 in the Advance Annual Report. This Amendment is not in proper form. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept report #8 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards, all op-

posed same sign. Motion Passed.

Bess Caldwell: I present Report #9 of the Jurisprudence Committee. This is Amendment #9 as printed on page 53 in the Advance Annual Report. This Amendment is not in proper form. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept report #9 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Passed. Anything more Sister Bess, they are making you work this afternoon.

Bess Caldwell: No Worthy Grand Matron, but I would like to recognize Brother Jerry Tress for Report #10.

Jerry Trees: I present Report #10 of the Jurisprudence Committee. This is Amendment #10 as printed on page 54 in the Advance Annual Report. This Amendment is adopted will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session. It is proper form. This Amendment is titled Chapter 8, Article 234;3(e) Duties of the Chapter Secretary (page 169 of the Code of Laws) This amendment addresses the fact that as the Secretary Interface Database system allows Chapter Secretaries to make changes in the database as changes occur, some Chapter Secretaries will not use the Interface System, therefore they need a method by which their changes will be recorded. This amendment allows the Chapter Secretary to submit their changes to the Grand Secretary on the Monthly Change/Addition form. I move the adoption of the report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept report #10 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion.

Jack Beall: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jack Beall, Past Patron of Ferris Chapter No. 508, I would like to submit an amendment to Amendment #10. I have the three copies and have provided a copy to the Jurisprudence Committee.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Ok, Brother Jerry, do have the amendment at this time.

Jerry Trees: Yes Worthy Grand Matron, the Amendment to the Amendment adds to the end of Article 234 (e): The Grand Secretary shall forward to all Chapter Secretaries a copy of all members (active and not-active of their Chapter from the previous OES Database. This Database shall be kept and maintained as it is a permanent record.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Is there any discussion on the Amendment to Amendment #10. Discussion followed.

Kristen Gardner: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Kristen Gardner, a Past Matron of Carthage Chapter No. 747, I would like to submit the following Amendment to the Amendment to the

Amendment. I move that we change “maintained as it is a permanent record” to “Archived as it is a permanent record.”

Priscilla Locke: I second the motion.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Ok, this is getting complicated. Sisters and Brother, the motion on the floor is to change the word “maintained” to “archived”. Is there any discussion. OK. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Passed.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Now, we will vote on the Amendment to the Amendment as Amended. Clear as mud, right. This will add the verbiage: The Grand Secretary shall forward to all Chapter Secretaries a copy of all members (active and not-active of their Chapter from the previous OES Database. This Database shall be kept and archived as it is a permanent record. Any Discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion passed.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Ok, I think we are ready to vote on the Amendment as amended. Is that correct Sister Parliamentarian? (yes). Ok. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion passed.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Brother Jerry for helping us keep everything straight. Sisters and Brother, I only show one more amendment in my Advance Report.

Jerry Trees: I present Sister Sharon Fentress for Report #11.

Sharon Fentress: I present Report #11 of the Jurisprudence Committee. This is Amendment #11 as printed on page 55 in the Advance Annual Report. If adopted, it will take effect at the end of this Grand Chapter Session. It is in Proper Form. This Amendment is titled Division VI, Appendix (page 82 of the Code of Laws). This Amendment will change all forms to include Membership ID#, Initiation Date, and Date of Birth information. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion, seconded by George Gwaltney, to accept report #11 of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards, all opposed same sign. Motion Passed. Thank you Sister Sharon and the Jurisprudence Committee for all their hard work. Applause.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Grand Choir, could we have a song, and maybe a seventh inning stretch.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I invite Sister Gerry Sturtz, Chairman of the Board of Directors, to give her report.

Gerry Sturtz: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers All:

The Board of Director’s Chairman’s report can be found on Page 34 of your Advance Annual

Reports. I am not going to take up our time by reading it to you in its entirety. I will, however, hit the highlights.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the members of the Board of Directors for the 2014 - 2015 year: Becky Austin, Vice chairman from District 1; Audri Rowell, Secretary from District 2; Ray Hargis, member from District 1; Deborah Land, member from District 2; Jean Hobbs and Jerri Young, members from District 3; Debi Fincher, member from District 4; David Ouellette and Carlotta Fairchild, members from District 5.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the Bard members for their hard work and diligence in responding with timely email votes and addressing all the challenges that have occurred during this Grand Chapter year. You have many times gone above and beyond the call of duty. I appreciate each one of you.

There is one other person who deserves our recognition and that is Sister Vi Griffin, who is our appointed Recording Secretary this year. At each meeting, she has generously made a folder for each of us and included all items such as the agendas, the minutes and anything else that we needed to have printed to help us conduct our meetings. Because of Vi's effort, we only had to print the financial statements sent by our Grand Treasurer. Sister Vi has been very dedicated to making sure that our regular session and executive session minutes were accurately recorded. She is my friend and I thank her for her extra effort.

Eight open meetings were held where we had good attendance by the membership. We held 6 workshops through the year, 2 of which were dedicated to working on the budget. One of those workshops was held in lieu of our November meeting because we did not have a quorum of seven, which is unfortunate because no business can be officially conducted.

On September 26, a Corporate Board meeting was held in Abilene on Saturday afternoon. An invitation was extended to the Board of Directors, for those of us who could attend, to join in that meeting. The primary business discussed was relocation of the Grand Chapter Office. Since we did not have a quorum at that time and it was not a mandatory meeting, we could not vote.

We did, however conduct an email vote to look for a place to relocate our headquarters later. Our Worthy grand Matron appointed a committee of Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari, Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens, Worthy Grand Patron George Gwaltney, Becky Austin, Ray Hargis and myself to search for a good relocation site.

We voted to buy a conference table for the boardroom. The price of the table was \$770 and we were advised by the Grand Secretary that we could buy it from the Move Money. I will be handing that donation to her when I give her this report.

At our May meeting, we requested the Bankers to give us a long-range forecast of how long our money will last. You heard that report earlier this morning.

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

that you are always welcome. The Board of Directors meets every third Saturday of the month, with the exception of June and December. In case of location changes, it will be published in the Bulletin to keep the membership notified.

to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, thank you for taking time to attend our board meetings. Thank you for your support and dedication to this Order.

To the Board Members, I appreciate your confidence in electing me to serve as your Chairman for the past year. Thank you so much for promptly responding to each email vote and doing whatever was asked of you. Each of you has become a special part of my life and I thank you for all your love and support.

To the membership of Texas, thank you for electing me to serve on the Board of Directors. It has been such a rewarding and fulfilling experience. I have enjoyed this time so very much, even with the challenges that have gone along with the responsibility. I am experiencing some bittersweet moments as I think about my duties having to end.

To the Chapters where I am a member, I thank you for your support and understanding during the times that I had to be somewhere else and couldn't fill my stations and attend our meetings.

Most of all, I want to thank my husband, Bill, for his support and understanding and for standing by me while I fulfilled my obligation to the Board of Directors. Know how much I love you, but, Bill, I still won't be cleaning up your Chocolate Kitchen.

Fraternally,
Gerry Sturtz

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

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by George Gwaltney to accept the Report of the Board of Directors-Report #1. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. Thank you Sister Gerry.

Gerry Sturtz: I present Sister Becky Austin, to give Report #2.

Becky Austin: Thank you, Sister Gerry for the debatable honor of brining Report No. 2 of the Bard of Directors. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished membership, Sisters and Brothers, and friends one and all. Your Board of Directors present for your consideration, deliberation and approval, the Proposed Budget of the General Fund for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. The proposed budget was printed in the July, 2015 Bulletin, and is also located on pages 57-59 of the Advanced Reports found in your Registration packets.

The budget process is in actuality a year long process in which the Board of Directors review the financial reports of the Grand Chapter as presented and provided by the Grand Treasurer in accordance with the Constitution and Code of Laws. In March of this year the Finance Com-

mittee of the Board met in Bastrop for a workshop to orient and prepare our three new Board members on the budget process.

In April, the Board of Directors met in Montgomery, Texas, to hear the presentation by the Associate Grand Matron of her proposed budget for the upcoming year. The Board members reviewed the proposal and found that there were questions which required answers before we could consider adoption for presentation of the proposed budget. After consultation with the Grand Secretary, many of the questions were answered, however, some of the answers generated more questions.

At the May Board meeting in Arlington, the answers to the questions posed by the Board members, along with the report of the Investment Bankers, required further research. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board met with the Corporate Board in Emory on May 25 to facilitate obtaining the answers requested by the Board members. It was at this meeting that the suggestion of changing the format for presenting the Proposed Budget to Grand Chapter was offered by a member of the Corporate Board. The suggestion was met with a majority approval of those present, and this is the format which you see now. The answers and research was presented to the Board members and the Proposed Budget was finally adopted for presentation to this August assembly in June via email vote which was ratified at the July Board meeting.

As you will note in the Budget presentation, the First column shows the budget amounts adopted by this Grand Chapter membership last year in Waco. The Second Column represents the actual amounts expended from September 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015. The Third Column is the approximation of the expenditures for the remaining four months of the current fiscal year. The Fourth Column is the compilation of Columns Two and Three. The Fifth Column is the Proposed Budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Since the submission for printing of this Budget Presentation, there has been further review of some of the Line Items in which some of the numbers were found to be in error from being posted to the incorrect account code. These have now been corrected.

I will begin relaying the corrected information with Line Item 12, Columns 3 & 4 from the Eastern Star Home of Texas Budget which relates to the cost of our 990 Tax Return preparation. Line Item 12, shown on page 56 of your Advanced Reports or on page 9 of the Grand Chapter Pull-out Section of your July Bulletin. I realize that this does not directly come under the General Fund Budget Report, however it is a related item and will save time in the "Ladies" Fund Budget Report. The correct amount for Line Item 12 is \$1,500.00. This amount for the preparation of the Tax Form 990 for the Eastern Star Home of Texas in compliance with our 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status.

Now for the correction amounts in the General Fund Budget. All of these amounts are for Column 4. Starting with Line Item 8, the correct amount should be \$3,611.17, and is for refunds received, returned checks (and yes, we do receive checks which are returned unpaid when they are deposited to our accounts. More often than we should.), and for adjustments (for example, the speakers for our portable sound system were traded in for speakers that were a more suitable size for traveling to schools. The new speakers cost less than the ones we traded in. That is categorized as an adjustment.) Line Item 24 relates to Miscellaneous Receipts. This is mainly money received when chapters demise and their bank accounts are

turned over to the Grand Chapter in accordance with the Constitution and Code of Laws. It also includes revenue from the sale of merchandise left over from a previous Grand Chapter year. The correct amount for this Line Item is \$740.57. The correction for Line Item 46 is for Columns 3 & 4, and for the amount of \$2,510.00. This account is the same category as Line Item 12 in the Eastern Star Home of Texas Budget which we reviewed just a moment ago concerning the Tax Form 990. This is the Grand Chapter General Fund assessment for preparing the tax forms. See, It old you the previous item was related to the General Fund. On to Line Item 69 pertaining to the storage of the hard copies of our paper documents. The correct amount for this allocation is \$907.50. Line Item 70 is related to the storage of items from the Eastern Star Home and Grand Chapter Office which have been in storage since 2005. A report on the progress of downsizing our dependence on storage facilities will be given later by one of my co-workers and by a member of the Worthy Grand Matron's Museum Committee. The correct figure for this line item is \$3,314.05. We're almost to the end of the corrections. Stay with me just a little longer. On Line Item 83, the correct amount is \$220.00. This line item is our bulk mail permit used for mailing out the Bulletins, Chapter packets, and other large quantity mailings. Line Item 89 continues to be an annoyance for some members of not only this Board of Directors, but some members of this Grand Chapter as well, So, in the spirit of the upcoming year's theme, I'm just going to try and head them off at the pass. There may still be problems with the posting on this account, and the Grand Secretary is working with the bookkeeper on getting them straightened back out. This is not an attempt to criticize anyone working with these figures. HOnest mistakes can happen under the best of circumstances; and whenever an office goes through relocation, staff turnover and new software installation, well I believe even the most perfect individual might miss a step or two. This is also not an attempt to whitewash the situation. "But, we must continue the correction process, learn from our errors and move forward. All that said to bring you to the current figure for this line item, which is \$19,166.00. Our last correction pertains to Line Item 94, which is office supplies. Now I think we all know these are items necessary to the day to day running of an office, any office. pens, paper, toner, paper clips, etc: things which make life easier to keep things organized. The correct amount for this line item is \$5,274.09. With these corrections, our total revenue in Column 4 is \$723,168.64; and our total expenditures are \$830,677.18; leaving our current year finances in the red for a total amount at the time of this report (\$107,508.54).

Sisters and Brothers, I would like to point out that while thus far in this report we have concerned ourselves with the actual expenditures of the current fiscal year; this report is about the Proposed Budget for the upcoming year. Yes, the actual revenue and disbursements of the current year, and even perhaps the previous two years, do have a bearing on projecting income and spending for the future; the decision facing you now is whether to adopt this deficit budget or not. I would like to give you something to consider as you make that decision. The members of this Board have no control over a lot of factors related to this budget. We cannot control the price of oil, gas or other minerals; therefore, we cannot increase royalty revenue. We cannot control the stock market, the bond market, or any other investment revenue market; therefore, we can only marginally affect the revenue generated by our investments by listening to the advice of our Constitutional Financial Investment Committee's recommendations and the advice of our INvestment Bankers, whom you heard this morning. We cannot control whether or not you, the members, subscribe to the Bulletin, attend the Grand Chapter session, donate to the Worthy Grand Matron's projects, or buy any supplies from Grand Chapter. That is up to you, the membership. We cannot even effectively control the cost of per capita, as evidenced by the outcome of legislation presented at Waco last year.

Bottom line, the members of this Board cannot - no matter how hard we wish we could - pull money out of thin air. Yes, we can cut spending further than we have. Point of fact, we tried with the cooperation of both the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary to cut some cost on the Bulletin by going totally black and white to save money. You, the membership, complained and wanted the color back. So, you need to advise us on what you are willing to give up. The choice is yours.

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

Thank you. It is now my pleasure to present Jerri Young who will give the Board of Directors' Report No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Austin
Vice-Chair
District No. 1

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the Motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by George Gwaltney to accept Report #2. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. Thank you Sister Becky.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize, Sister Jerri Young for Report #3

Jerri Young: 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 page 56 of your Advanced Annual Report. The four main sources of 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 perpetual care of our ladies continues to be the utmost priority of the Board of Directors.

Per Grand Treasurer, Lorrie Owens,

Beginning Balance as of 9/1/2014	\$629,481
Balance as of 6/30/2015	\$665,480
Restricted: \$310,964	
Unrestricted: \$364,835 (Investment Earnings)	
A difference of	\$ 35,999

A breakdown of the Revenues and Disbursements from 9/1/2014 to 4/30/2015 can be found on page 56 of the Advanced Annual Report.

As you can see on your Advanced Annual Report, the budgeted amounts for 2015-2016 are Income of \$499,604.75, while the corrected Expenses of \$999,050.05 create a shortfall of \$499,445.30.

I wish to establish that the majority of this report pertains to the expectations of the coming year, and is an estimation of the additional revenue to be generated and the probable expenses to be incurred. Last evening, the members of this Board as well as the members of the Jurisprudence Committee and the Line Officers met to review this budget. To rectify the projected shortfall situation, the members of this Board voted to move the \$368,000.00 authorized by the vote of this Grand Chapter membership last year in Waco to the Eastern Star Home of Texas account. These funds, which are required to go back into the Sub-account principal at midnight on August 31, 2015, per our Constitution and Code of Laws, are to be added to the existing funds already in the above mentioned account in the amount of \$364,835.00. This will bring the total amount of available funds in the Eastern Star Home of Texas account to \$732,835.00. This amount, coupled with projected revenue to be generated in the amount of \$499,604.75 will bring the total expected funds available to pay the expenses of the upkeep of our ladies to \$1,232,439.75. We had truly hoped that we would not need to follow through on our request at last year's Grand Chapter Session. Taking this investment income money is merely an expedient stop gap measure to get through the immediate situation.

Texas Masonic Retirement Center. This report is on our Ladies residing at TMRC from September 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015.

Grand Chapter currently has 11 residents, 4 in Independent Living and 7 in the Clinic.

In 2001, the charge for Independent living was \$39.56 daily. Today, we are paying a daily charge of \$57.97 for each Independent Living Resident, an average of \$1,763 per month or \$21,159 per year.

In 2001, the daily rate for the Clinic was \$113.18. Today, we pay \$267.11 daily for each Clinic resident, an average of \$8,125 per month, or \$97,495 per year. This is the minimum amount that we cover for each of our Ladies. Additionally, we give each lady an allowance of \$70 per month, an amount mandated by law.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the Membership for your continued support of our Ladies and invite you to visit them as often as possible.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to give this report on our Ladies.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 3.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Sister Jean Hobbs who will present Report No. 4.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second to table this report and for the Board of Directors to reconsider all options to bring it in balance and report back to the membership.

All in favor, raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize Sister Jean Hobbs for Report #4

Jean Hobbs: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy grand patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

In compliance with Chapter 5, Section 1., Article 82, Paragraph P., Sub-Article F., 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, 2014 through August 1, 2015. This is not a year-end final report of the Benevolent Aid Fund with regards to the fact that this Grand Chapter Fiscal year runs through August 31, 2015; and therefore, still have 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, 2015.

Beginning Balance for September 1, 2014

Income Received:

Benevolent Aid per Capita	\$27,356.00	
Humanitarian Donations	14,337.00	
Prior year Fund Balance	40,000.00	
Donations	0.00	
Total Income Received		\$81,693.00

Expenditures:

Long Term Benevolent Aid	\$36,000.00	
Temporary Benevolent Aid	2,460.00	
Emergency Benevolent Aid	8,600.00	
Total Benevolent Aid Expended		-\$47,060.00

Balance as of AUGUST 31, 2015 \$34,633.00

The Benevolent Aid Fund currently Extends Long Term Aid to eight (8) members of our Order representing seven (7) subordinate chapters. The current fiscal year began with only six (6) members on Long Term Aid. Beginning in June, 2015, two (2) members were added. Throughout the past 11 months, Temporary Benevolent Aid was extended to two (2) members, and Emergency Aid was extended to five (5) members.

The Benevolent Aid Budget for the 2015-2016 Grand Chapter Fiscal Year is projected as:

Income Received:

Benevolent Aid Per Capita	\$55,000.00	
Humanitarian Donations	15,000.00	
Prior Year Fund Balance	25,000.00	
Donations	0.00	
Total Income Received		495,000.00

Expenditures:

Long Term Benevolent Aid	\$45,000.00	
Temporary Benevolent Aid	12,000.00	
Emergency Benevolent Aid	18,000.00	
Total Benevolent Aid Expended		\$75,000.00
Net Income		\$20,000.00

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

Thank you. It is now my pleasure to introduce Audri Rowell, District 2, who will present Report No. 5.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Hobbs
Benevolent Aid Chairman
Board of Directors
District Three

BENEVOLENT AID FUND EXPENDITURES

September 2014 through May 2015

Long-Term Aid

Polytechnic #420	\$250.00
Polytechnic #420	\$500.00
Everman #624	\$500.00
Alamo Heights #734	\$500.00
Whitney #930	\$500.00
Wimodausis #141	\$500.00

June 2015 through August 1, 2015

Long-Term Aid

South Fort Worth #835	\$250.00
South Fort Worth #835	\$500.00
Everman #624	\$500.00
Alamo Heights #734	\$500.00
Wimodausis #141	\$500.00
Springtown #498	\$500.00
Midlothian #234	\$500.00
Whitney #930	\$500.00

September, 2014 through August 2015

Temporary Aid

Arlington #249 (2 payments @ 320.00)	\$640.00
Midlothian #234 (3 payments @ 500.00)	\$1,500.00

Emergency Aid

Arlington #249	\$1,100.00
Friendship #10098	\$1,500.00
Midlothian #234	\$1,500.00
Hillsboro #769	\$1,500.00
Kerrville #24	\$1,500.00
Sweeney #873	\$1,500.00

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the Motion

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by George Gwaltney to accept Report #4. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. Thank you Sister Jean.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize Sister Audri Rowell for Report #5

Audri Rowell: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

In the absence of the Audit Chairman, Debi Fincher, I have been asked to present this Report.

The independent accounting firm of Ratliff & Associates, P.C., completed their audit of the books of Grand Chapter on February 20, 2015, for the Grand Chapter year ending August 31, 2014, in compliance with the Constitution and Code of Laws on pages 71 and 72, Chapter 5, A. Board of Directors, Article 82(b) of the Grand Chapter.

Ratliff & Associates conducted the audit in accordance with general auditing standards. The standards require that they plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of 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 with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

It is the written opinion of Ratliff & Associates, the Consolidating Statement of Financial Position and Consolidating Statement of Activities are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole for both the Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star and the Eastern Star Home of Texas.

This report will be printed in its entirety in the proceedings of August 2015, 133rd Annual Session of Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Audri Rowell, Board of Directors
District 2

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

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce Brother David Ouellet for Report No. 6.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the Motion.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by George Gwaltney to accept Report #5. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize Brother David Ouellette.

David Ouellette: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers;

I am David Ouellette, a member of the Facilities Committee 2014-2015.

This report is to inform the membership on the Grand Chapter Office move from the location we were renting from the Texas Masonic Retirement Center to the current location, 8101 Valcasi Drive, Arlington, Texas. In late August of 2014 a letter was received from the board of Directors of Texas Masonic Retirement Center that the rent would increase effective January 1, 2015. A decision was made in a joint meeting of the Corporate Board and the Board of Directors to investigate the possibility of renting office space and moving the Grand Chapter Office. An investigation committee of three members of the Corporate Board and three members of the Board of Directors was appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron for the purpose of locating a suitable office in Arlington, Texas.

The committee met in early September of 2014 and listed reasons for considering relocation which included:

1. Current location is not suitable for a productive office;
2. Rent increase, and not likely to be the last one in the foreseeable future;
3. No ability to adapt for our realistic needs;
4. Inadequate emergency services - Fire suppression response;
5. Improper maintenance by landlord;
6. No written official lease available;
7. Rate increase exceeds budget for the current year by \$6,000.00.

Guidelines were established by the committee for the actual amount of floor space required and other requirements in the floor space such as storage and office space, including a museum and conference area.

An extensive search began by the committee within the city limits of Arlington, Texas. After

contacting business real-estate companies and visiting more than 12 locations, the location at 8101 Valcasi Drive, Suite 101 Arlington, Texas was selected. A discussion between the owner of the property and his real-estate representative were initiated and a tentative agreement was reached.

A joint meeting of the Corporate Board and the Board of Directors was held and a motion was approved to accept the contract and relocate the office by the Corporate Board. The Board of Directors did not have a quorum at this meeting and voted via email to approve the contract. A contract was signed.

The move of the Grand Chapter Office was completed by December 31, 2014. This was done under the direction of the Grand Secretary, Sister Marlene Scholari, and assisted by many. Bids were obtained and a professional moving company owned by off duty Firemen was contracted to move the office with the approval of the Board of Directors.

This concludes my report.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 6.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Brother Ray Hargis, who will present Report No. 7.

David Ouelette
Board of Directors, District 5
Grand Chapter of Texas, OES

WGP George Gwaltney: I second the Motion.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by George Gwaltney to accept Report #6. Any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers, Thank you for attention and assistance. I hope you will be joining us for our District Banquets, and our Rob Morris Birthday Celebration. We have some wonderful entertainment for you to enjoy.

(Copies of other reports are on the following pages)

(ESTARL report was given Thursday evening and voted on Friday morning.) Other reports in the order that they were given are copied on the following pages and in the following order:

- ESTARL Committee Report
- Fraternal Correspondent Report
- Humanitarian Committee Report
- Webmaster Report
- Bulletin Committee
- Home of the Brave
- Other Reports that were turned in to Grand Secretary

REPORT OF THE ESTARL COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other distinguished guests, my sisters and brothers all:

The responsibility of being General Chairman of the ESTARL Committee this year has been enlightening and rewarding. I want to thank you, Worthy grand Matron for this wonderful appointment. Doing the work of Grand Chapter is a rewarding experience that will remain a highlight of my years of service I am sure that the District Chairmen, Jo D. Dibrell, Mary Bond, Donna Pope, Betty Fogarty, and Susan Neuenschwander, feel the same way.

As part of the Humanitarian Program, to date we have received this year -	\$15,446.00
Mary C. Kennington Fund	541.00
Helen Bramlett Fund	105.00
Other Donation	100.00
Total	\$16,192.00

Funds allocated by Worthy Grand Matron from undesignated funds \$4,808.00

The additional money allowed the Committee to award twenty-one (21) scholarships for the amount of \$1,000.00 each to very deserving men and women that will help them pursue additional education in religious services.

From the generosity of our members last evening we received \$2,565.00.

I have attached a list of recipients by District.

Donna Jane Wert,
ESTARL General Chairman 2014-2015

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

2014 - 2015 ESTARL Scholarship Recipients

District One:

Roy Garrett Atwood	Lewisville #93
Dustin Davis Benac	Plano #703
Lauren Goodman	Forney-Terrell #557
Rachel Marcello	Templar #374
Robert MArcello	Templar #374
Simon Suriya Nompone	Dal-Cliff #574
Rachel Elizabeth Rigdon	Lewisville #935
Stephanie Staton	Richardson #921

District Three:

James R. Atkins	Gatesville #1005
Taylor Cruse	Webb #1140
You Dister	Grapevine #326

Christian W. Messemer	Polytechnic #420
Olivia Ramsey	Weatherford #21
Jacob Turner	Everyman #624

District Four:

Matthew Steven Hogan	Alvin #15
Chad Aaron Lawson	Newern #1135
Ariel Valley Myer	Timpson #1144

District Five:

Jaron Lee Brandt	Schertz #911
Jacob Earle Hunter	Creedmoor #607
Sheanelle Nicole Johnston	Violet #158
Laura Jane Silva	Texas #35

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers. It is with great pleasure that I bring this report to you. I would like to extend a warm welcome to those Grand Representatives from around the world and state who are with us this afternoon. We know that you traveled many miles. Our prayers are for you to have a safe journey home

The 2014-2015 year was a good one for Texas Grand Representatives. I received reports that spoke of warm welcomes from their counterparts as well as the membership of the jurisdictions they represented. Many new friendships were made and will last a lifetime. Many of the reports brought back wonderful memories of my own travels when I was Grand Representative to District of Columbia.

I wish to thank Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron for the honor and privilege of serving Grand Chapter of Texas in this position. This has been the most rewarding experience for me. I would also like to thank Loretta Booth, Grand Marshal, for all her valuable assistance and support.

Our lives are made up of yesterdays, todays, and tomorrows. Our order is rich in the heritage of those who served the yesterdays. We have almost completed our service for today, and we look forward with hope and confidence to those who will serve tomorrow.

And now our beautiful Grand Marshal, Mrs. Loretta Booth, will present the Grand Representatives and their escorts. They have truly earned the title for they have traveled many miles through Grand Jurisdiction cementing the ties of friendships and brotherly love.

Mrs. Kaye Swain
Fraternal Correspondent

HUMANITARIAN REPORT SUPPLEMENT 2014-2015

Received additional contributions as follows:

ESTARL	\$170.00
Benevolent Aid	\$465.00
Total	\$635.00

Revised Totals:

ESTARL	\$16,282.37
Benevolent Aid	15,619.72
Education	12,247.03
Youth Groups	6,351.61

Total monthly reports	50,500.73
Add	25.00

(Eastland \$280 mailed direct to G.C. was deposited)

*GRAND TOTAL \$50,525.73

*Please note \$25.00 was added to the total. Eastland Chapter 280 mailed a check directly to the Grand Chapter Office and it was deposited and not forwarded to the Humanitarian District Chairman. The actual total of monthly reports was \$49,865.73, however \$25.00 was added, making a total of \$49,890.73. Adding \$635.00 for August Report, leaving a Grand Total of \$50,525.73.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patsy Hewlett
General Chairman 2014-2015
Humanitarian Committee

WEBMASTER COMMITTEE REPORT

The Webmaster Committee has worked to keep the Grand Chapter Website up to date as information has become available to us. We rework the Grand Chapter forms as changes are made. This year we renewed our hosting service for 2 years and our domain name for 1 year. We have added an area under information button called O.E.S. Happenings with pictures and some information about what is going on in the different sections.

We have received e-mails from members, and visitors to the Website. All have been answered either by the Webmaster Committee, Grand Secretary's Office, or forwarded to someone who could provide the proper response. There have been inquires about membership in the Order. These have been responded to with information on how to locate a Chapter close to them, or the information necessary to contact the closest Chapter Secretary.

The Website is a continuing effort and we welcome comments and suggestions to help us improve the information that is provided to the Membership of Texas.

All the Chapters in Texas have been listed on a links page and if they have their own website and will send the information to the Webmaster or the Grand Secretary's Office we will make the link active so members will be able to access the Chapter's site from this page. One rule is that there cannot be any membership list of address or phone numbers on the Chapter's website, except for the WM's WP's and Secretary's contact information on the site. There are also links to the General Grand Chapter Site and other Masonic bodies.

Fraternally,
Jack York
Webmaster Committee Chairman

BULLETIN COMMITTEE REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Distinguished Members.

It has been my privilege to have been placed in this position and would like to thank all of my committee for their hard work this year.

The total number of Official Bulletins purchased as new subscriptions or renewal subscriptions were 972 with a total amount of \$24,300.00 from September 1, 2014 to August 1, 2015.

(New Subscriptions total were 266 x \$25.00 = \$6,650.00 and Renewal Subscriptions total were 706 x \$25.00 = \$17,650.00)

Thanks to the membership for supporting our Official Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Beall
General Chairman, Bulletin

HOME OF THE BRAVE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

I had the pleasure of serving as General Chairman for the “Home of the Brave” Committee. This Committee was responsible for selling pins, encouraged donations of all types to support the “Warrior and Family Support Center” which is located in San Antonio at San Antonio Medical Support Center (SAMC). This agency is only run on donations as it does not receive any funds from the Military or the Government.

I wish to thank these District Chairmen: Brother Rex Parkinson, District 1; Brother Dallas Alford, District 2; Sister Judy Brian, District 4; and Brother John Searson, District 5; for their help and enthusiasm. I want to thank all of the various Associations, Chapters, and the members of our Grand Chapter that have donated a total of \$5,030.50 in donations that were processed through the Home of the Brave Committee. I am aware of many other donations that were sent directly to the Warrior and Family Support Center with receipts and sometimes Certificates sent directly to the donors, of which I did not receive any report to add to the donations I have physically taken to the Center.

I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honor and privilege of serving the Grand Chapter of Texas.

This effort from the Order of the Eastern Star has generated a very good relationship with the Warrior and Family Support Center, which has allowed them to continue the great work that they do. Our donations do not need to stop as our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron end their term. It would be wonderful if this great organization could continue to support this Facility.

The following items have been donated directly to the Warrior and Family Support Center:

District 1 Chairman, Rex Parkison	
Christeen Ledbetter	\$50.00
District 4 Chairman, Judy Brian	
Spurger Chapter #315	\$44.25
Cash	\$20.00
District 5 Chairman, John Searson	
Cash	\$186.00
Total Donations	\$250.25

Respectfully Submitted,
Boyd Kramer,
General Chairman, “Home of the Brave”

I move the adoption of this report.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

LEGISLATION:

- Amendment 1 – Defeated -To change Grand Chapter from August to October.
- Amendment 2 – Passed - To allow the Board of Directors elected annually to elect within themselves toe Chairman, Vice Chairman, & Secretary as they feel necessary but none of the 3 elected officers shall be from the same District. (Board of Directors consists of 10 members, 2 from each district)
- Amendment 3 – Defeated – to eliminate the Grand Examiner At Large office as having five Grand Examiners – one for each District.
- Amendment 4 – Withdrawn
- Amendment 5 – Passed - Change the Board of Directors to make a full report at the annual session. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall have an audit by a CPA annually and the report forwarded to the WGM & WGP.
- Amendment 6 – Passed – Add - Allowing the Deputies of Grand Chapter special appropriations for postage.
- Amendment 7 – Tabled – removed from tabled – defeated
- Amendment 8 – Not in form
- Amendment 9 – Not in form
- Amendment 10 – Passed – New database on Grand Secretary’s office on all members to be used for updating membership and previous computer records to be copied and archived.
- Amendment 11 – Passed As Amended – Database available to Chapter Secretaries to update membership records and send promptly back to the Grand Secretary’s Office.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

This the Second Reading of this amendment as amended at the 2014 Grand Chapter Session and if adopted will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session.

Titled: Grand chapter Session & Matters Related Thereto

In proper Form? Yes

INTENT: To change the date of the annual Grand Chapter Session from the month of August to the month of October beginning in 2016.

EFFECT: Sister Jerre Lucas has arrangements made for the 2016 session to being on Thursday, September 1, 2016 so, if this Amendment is adopted, following that session we would meet in October.

VOTE OF GRAND CHAPTER: Failed

CONSTITUTION - SECOND READING

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OUR CONSTITUTION

(To be presented as amended at our 2015 Session to be held in Arlington)

(Due for the second reading)

If adopted, shall become effective from and after the adjournment of the 2015 Session of Grand Chapter

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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 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 P.M. on Thursday in the month of October at such place s the Grand Chapter may select COMMENCING with the 2016 Session.

Karen Kidd	Trey Smith
Jo Ann Snow	Mary Bowst
Margie Curry	Jayne Yenger
Bess Caldwell	Faye Murphy

AMENDMENT NO. 2

If adopted will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session.

TITLED: Article VII, Boards of Grand Chapter, Composition, Duties and Prerogatives; B - Board of Directors; Section 3 - Officers (a)

IN PROPER FORM? Yes

RATIONALE: A housekeeping amendment which removes verbiage which was inserted in the Code of Laws when the Boards were combined.

EFFECT: The amendment will have no effect on the manner in which the Board of Directors elects their officers.

VOTE OF GRAND CHAPTER: Passed

CONSTITUTION - PAGE 36
First Reading
Page 36: Article VII, Section 3(a)
Board of Grand Chapter, Composition, Duties and Prerogatives
Officers

Whereas, the Board of Directors consists of 10 members, 2 from each district, and

Whereas, the Officers are elected annually following the election at Grand Chapter, and

Whereas, there has only been on Board of 10 members for several years

We, the undersigned propose the following amendment:

Now therefore reads:

- 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.

Be amended to read:

- 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 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.

Respectfully Submitted

Gerry Sturtz	Carlotta Fairchild	Debi Fincher	Deborah Land
Ray Hargis	Audri Rowell	Jean Hobbs	Jerri Young
David Ouellette			

AMENDMENT NO. 3

THIS IS THE FIRST READING. If adopted on the first reading, will lay over until the 2016 Session for the Second Reading. The note at the bottom is simply a reminder to the authors and this amendment in no way affects the code of Laws Article referenced at this time.

TITLED: Article VII, Section C. Board of Grand Examiners

IN PROPER FORM? Yes

RATIONALE: The work load of the Board of Grand Examiners has diminished over the years and as a rule, there are more than one Grand Examiner at any given school; each capable and willing to substitute for another, the talents of one qualified for the position would better serve Grand Chapter in another capacity.

EFFECT: The Board of Grand Examiners would consist of five (5) members - one from each District.

VOTE OF GRAND CHAPTER: Failed

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 3
(First Reading 2015)
Article VII, C. (p. 38-39)

WHEREAS, the Grand Examiner at Large has been called to substitute for another Grand Examiner very few times in the past five (5) years and;

WHEREAS, the Grand Examiner at Large, in the past five (5) years has administered not more than twenty (20) Certificates of Proficiency at any Grand Chapter Session; and

WHEREAS, in support of each other, one or more members of the Board of Grand Examiners are generally in attendance at any given School of Instruction and willing to substitute for a fellow member; and

WHEREAS, in support of each other, one or more of the Board of Grand Examiners are present at Grand Chapter and are capable of holding the Examining Room open to the membership at Grand Chapter;

THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, propose the following change to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Texas:

ARTICLE VII, SECTION C, BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

WHICH NOW READS:

C. BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. There shall be a Board of Grand Examiners of Grand Chapter, consisting of six members; one member from each of the five O.E.S. Districts, and one member from the State at-large. Any member of the Board of Grand Examiners must be a Sister.

SECTION 2. HOW ELECTED AND TENURE. Members of the Board of Grand Examiners shall be elected annually by Grand Chapter for a term of one year. Any member of the Board of Grand Examiners shall be eligible to succeed herself.

SECTION 3. OFFICERS. The said Board shall have such officers as may be prescribed by the law, which officers shall be elected annually by the members of the Board immediately after Grand Chapter election.

SECTION 4. DUTIES. The members of the Board of Grand Examiners shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Code of Laws consistent with the Constitution.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE VII, SECTION C, BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

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SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. There shall be a Board of Grand Examiners of Grand Chapter, consisting of five members; one member from each of the five O.E.S. Districts. Any member of the Board of Grand Examiners must be a Sister.

SECTION 2. HOW ELECTED AND TENURE. Members of the Board of Grand Examiners shall be elected annually by Grand Chapter for a term of one year. Any member of the Board of Grand Examiners shall be eligible to succeed herself.

SECTION 3. OFFICERS. The said Board shall have such officers as may be prescribed by the law, which officers shall be elected annually by the members of the Board immediately after Grand Chapter election.

SECTION 4. DUTIES. The members of the Board of Grand Examiners shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Code of Laws consistent with the Constitution.

NOTE: If this amendment should pass on the first reading, an amendment to the Code of Laws, Chapter 5, Article 85 would need to be presented for consideration at the 2016 Grand Chapter Session.

Vi Griffin	Marlene Scholari
Thomas Griffin	Alys Newsom
Sharon Mosmeyer	Gary V. Mosmeyer

AMENDMENT NO. 4

If adopted will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session.

TITLED: Division IV, Chapter 4, Section E, Grand Secretary, Article 54, Office & Office Hours (p65 COL)

IN PROPER FORM? Yes

RATIONALE: Grand Secretary knows what is needed for day to day operation. The Per Capita is not enough to meet expenses, therefore cost of operations need to be reduced.

EFFECT: Office hours of the Grand Chapter Office would be reduced from 7 hours to 6 hours, will add 3 additional holidays and allow "cleaning/repair days."

QUESTIONS OF CONCERN: Since only the Grand Chapter Staff knows what staff members are paid, how can we tell what the cost reduction will be? Adding 3 additional paid holidays? What constitutes extensive cleaning?

Amendment was WITHDRAWN

**AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF LAWS
Chapter 4, Section E., Article 54
Page 65, COL**

WHEREAS Code of Laws Chapter 4, Section E., Article 54, states the Duties and Prerogatives of the Grand Secretary.

WHEREAS the day to day operation of the Grand Secretary's office is the responsibility of that officer and the Grand Secretary knows sthe needs and requirements of the office operations at any given time.

WHEREAS the per-capita for General Fund does not meet the necessary expenses in order to run the day to day operations. One of the ways to cut costs is to operate the same hours in conjunction with General Grand Chapter Headquarters, as specified in the Red Book.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Chapter 4 Section E. ARTICLE 54, OFFICE AND OFFICE HOURS which now reads:

Chapter 4, Section E., GRAND SECRETARY
Duties and Prerogatives

** ARTICLE 54. OFFICE AND OFFICE HOURS. The Grand Secretary office shall be located within the designated Grand Chapter office. The office shall be kept open from 8:30 o'clock a.m. to 4:30 o'clock p.m. every day except Saturdays and Sundays and the holidays named below: New Year's Day, President's Day, the Friday preceding Easter, Memorial Day, National Independence Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday). Christmas holidays will be determined each year by the Grand Secretary with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Be amended to read as follows:

** ARTICLE 54. OFFICE AND OFFICE HOURS. The Grand Secretary’s office shall be located within the designated Grand Chapter office. The office shall be open to members and friends of Eastern Star and members of Masonic Bodies in fraternal relationships with Grand Chapter of Texas, from nine A.M. to four P.M. each day except Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays to be in conjunction with General Grand Chapter Headquarters and when necessary for extensive cleaning or repairs.

Respectfully submitted:

Alys Newsom
Donna Kirkpatrick
Tava Smith

AMENDMENT NO. 5

If adopted will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session

TITLED: Chapter 5 - Board of Directors; Article 82 – Additional Duties (b)

IN PROPER FORM? Yes

RATIONALE: The Secretary of the Board of Directos has no books or accounts other than the Minute Book and ht Board does not elect a Treasurer, therefore the phrase “Secretary and Treasurer of the Board” is not necessary.

EFFECT: A housekeeping amendment which removes reference to the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board. The amendment will have no effect on the Audit of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

VOTE OF GRAND CHAPTER: Passed

**AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF LAWS
Page 72: Chapter 59 (a) Article 82 (b)
Boards of Grand Chapter
Duties and Prerogatives
Board of Directors
Additional Duties**

Whereas, the Board of Directos have no monetary funds, books, or accounts, and

Whereas, in addition to the powers and duties providedin the Constitution, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors oversees the audit annually by a Certified Public Accountant

We, the undersigned propose the following amendment:

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Now therefore reads:

b. Cause the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Treasurer and Secretary of the Board of Directors to be audited at least annually, the audit to be made by a Certified Public Accountant. A copy of the report shall be furnished to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron after each audit. The Board shall make a full report thereon to the Grand Chapter at each annual session covering the entire Fiscal or O.E.S. year.

Be amended to read:

b. Cause the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to be audited at least annually, the audit to be made by a Certified Public Accountant. A copy of the report shall be furnished to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy grand Patron after each audit. The Board shall make a full report thereon to the Grand Chapter at each annual session covering the entire Fiscal or O.E.S. year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Sturtz	Audri Rowell
Debi Fincher	Jerri Young
Ray Hargis	Jean Hobbs
David Ouellette	Carlotta Fairchild
Deborah Land	Becky Austin

AMENDMENT NO. 6

If adopted will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session.

TITLED: Chapter 5 - Board of Directors; Article 82; g (P73 COL)

IN PROPER FORM? Yes

RATIONALE: There have been no appropriations to allow postage for Deputies of Grand Chapter for many years and probably will be none in the foreseeable future.

EFFECT: There will be no appropriations considered for postage for Deputies of Grand Chapter

VOTE OF GRAND CHAPTER: Passed

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF LAWS

Page 72: Chapter 59(a) Article 82(g)

Boards of Grand Chapter

Duties and Prerogatives

Board of Directors

Additional Duties

Whereas, there have been no provisions allowing special appropriations for postage to the Deputies of Grand Chapter in many years, and

Whereas, there probably will be no provisions made for special appropriations for postage in the future, and

Whereas, the Deputies of Grand Chapter presently cover any and all appropriations for postage

We, the undersigned propose the following amendment:

Now therefore reads:

g. They shall recommend special appropriations for postage for the following: Grand Chaplain, Jurisprudence Committee, Humanitarian Committee, and Educational Fund Committee, ESTARL Committee, By-Laws Committee, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and Deputy Grand Matrons.

Be amended to read:

g. They shall recommend special appropriations for postage for the following: Grand Chaplain, Jurisprudence Committee, Humanitarian Committee, Educational Fund Committee, ESTARL Committee, and By-Laws Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Sturtz	Audri Rowell
Debi Fincher	Jerri Young
Ray Hargis	Jean Hobbs
David Ouellette	Carlotta Fairchild
Deborah Land	Becky Austin

Amendment No. 7 and No. 8 were found NOT IN PROPER ORDER and were not read.

Amendment No. 9 was found NOT IN PROPER ORDER and was not read. Ritual Page 165

AMENDMENT NO. 10

If adopted will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session.

TITLED: Chapter 8, Article 234; 3 (e) Duties of the Chapter Secretary (p;169 COL)

IN PROPER FORM? Yes

RATIONALE: Secretary Interface Database system allows Chapter Secretary to make changes in the database as changes occur. Some Chapter Secretaries will not use the Interface System, Then, therefore they need a method by which their changes will be recorded.

EFFECT: Chapter Secretaries not using the Interface System will send the Monthly Membership Change/Addition form to the Grand Chapter office.

QUESTIONS OF CONCERN: What does Grand Chapter office do with then? When I hear of members who have long since died still on the chapter roll, I wonder.

VOTE OF GRAND CHAPTER: Passed

**AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF LAWS
Chapter 8, Article 234, 3, (e.)
Page 169**

WHEREAS Code of Laws Chapter 8, Article 234, states the Duties of the Chapter Secretary.

WHEREAS the day to day operation of the Grand Secretary’s office is the responsibility of that officer and the Grand Secretary knows the needs and requirements of the office operations at any given time.

WHEREAS teh Grand Chapter of Texas has implemented anew Computer Secretary Interface Database, for the use of all Chapter Secretaries to use for maintaining membership records information.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Chapter 8 ARTICLE 234, 3, (e) DUTIES SECRETARY now reads:

****e.** The retiring Secretary shall prepare an annual report of the work of the Chapter ending May 31st. This report shall list all members, initiated, affiliated, deceased, etc., setting out the names in alphabetical order. Making a distinction in sex and between ladies by prefix Miss or Mrs. This report shall designate those who are members of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center and shall contain a tabulation of monies due the Grand Chapter, showing the amount due under each item, and the total amount due Grand Chapter on all items covered by said report. A Monthly Membership Change/Addition Form will be sent to the Grand Secretary’s office each month reporting all changes in membership, such as Name Change, Address Change, New Members, Demits and deceased.

Be amended to read as follows:

****e.** The retiring Secretary shall prepare an annual report of the work of the Chapter ending May 31st. This report shall list all members, initiated, affiliated, deceased, etc., setting out the names in alphabetical order. Making a distinction in sex and between ladies by prefix Miss or Mrs. This report shall designate those who are members of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center and shall contain a tabulation of monies due the Grand Chapter, showing the amount due under each item, and the total amount due Grand Chapter on all items covered by said report. A Monthly Membership Change/Addition Form will be sent to the Grand Secretary’s office each month for secretaries not using the Comupter Secretary Interface Database (refer to as CSI) in reporting all changes in membership, such as Name Change, Address Change, New Members, Demits and deceased.

Respectfully submitted,
Alys Newsom
Donna Kirkpatrick
Tava Smith

AMENDMENT NO. 11

If adopted will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session.

TITLED: Division VI, Appendix (p82 COL)

IN PROPER FORM? Yes

RATIONALE: Secretary Interface Database system requires Membership ID#, initiation date and date of birth for effectiveness.

EFFECT: Changes to the required forms will promote the efficiency of the INterface system and eliminate confusion when properly submitted.

VOTE OF GRAND CHAPTER: Passed

**AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF LAWS
DIVISION VI, APPENDIX Page 191-222b
Giving Forms and Ceremonies Adopted by
Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star
Together with General Index**

WHEREAS Code of Laws DIVISION VI, APPENDIX, Giving Forms and Ceremonies Adopted by Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star Together with General Index, Forms and Ceremonies adopted by the Grand Chapter.

WHEREAS the Grand Chapter of Texas has implemented a new Computer Secretary Interface Database, for the use of all Chapter Secretaries to use for maintaining membership records information.

WHEREAS the forms located in the Code of Laws require additional information to be collected. In order for the Chapter Secretaries to have the necessary information needed to enter into the new Computer Secretary Interface Database.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved tht all forms in the DIVISION VI, APPENDIX starting at page 191-222b have the following added to them, as appropriate, to the individual forms requirement. Membership ID #, Initiation Date and Date of Birth.

Respectfully submitted:

Alys Newsom
Donna Kirkpatrick
Tava Smith

The Amendment to the code of Laws #11 was adopted.

Closing and Announcements

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this “Fans of Love” Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GW: (With raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, by Order of the Worthy Grand Matron, we are calling this “Fans of Love” Session from Labor to Rest and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GS: Brother Grand Warder, there will be no interruptions.

GW: Worthy Grand Matron there will be no interruptions.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I invite Brother Bill Wyatt, Shrine Charities Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas, to bring our benediction.

PGP Bill Wyatt: (Voices our Benediction)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Brother Bill. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

*******Session closed until 8:00 a.m. Saturday Morning*******

**“Fans of Hope” Session
Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
Saturday Morning Session
August 14, 2015
Arlington Convention Center**

7:45 a.m.

**Musical Prelude
Mrs. Mary Alberts**

**8:00 a.m.
Call to Order**

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

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

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Boy there's nothing like a typo to start off your day. I looked at the program before I left my room and it said we'd start at 8:00 and I come up here and the podium book says 8:30. I'm going to go by the program and think this in the podium book is a typo because we want to get on with business. Sisters and Brothers, the Worthy Grand Matron has accorded me, assisted by my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry Martin, the honor of calling this Saturday morning “Fans of Hope” Session of the 133rd Session of our Texas Grand Chapter to Order. We thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, not only is this a privilege, but the opportunity for us to greet our membership. It has been said that absence makes the heart grow fonder and the memories better. It has been eight years since I was asked to fill the office of Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro-Tem by Sister Barbara Benton upon the recommendation of Sister Rennie Oton. Neither of them would allow me to say no. I appreciate the confidence they had in me and the opportunity to meet and grow to love and to respect many of our members by taking the leap of faith and move to the District of Columbia. But, the time has come to return to Texas and get those Texas hugs. I have been missing them. We know not what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future, our Creator and our God. Little did Henry and I know the roles we were destined to fill in General Grand Chapter, but whatever the future holds for both of us, it will always be a “little bit Texas and a little bit Country”. Brother Henry, I invite you to greet our Sisters and Brothers this morning.

RWGS Henry Martin: Thank you Sister Alma. I too appreciate the opportunity that our Worthy Grand Matron has accorded me by asking me to join you, my Worthy Grand Matron, in calling to order this Saturday morning Session of the 133rd Texas Grand Chapter. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for this privilege. It is always an honor to greet the members of this great state of Texas. Sister Alma, your service to our Order as Right Worthy Grand Secretary during the past eight years has been transformative and our Order has benefitted immensely. But this membership and I are looking forward to your and Brother Bill's return to your real home here in Texas. You are certainly correct when you say that you and I never imagined the roles

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that we would ultimately play in General Grand Chapter, but this membership has never failed to support us and for that, I know we are both very grateful.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you Brother Henry. I'm looking for find the Grand Marshal. If she will raise her baton up and give me the all clear. I invite the Grand Chapter Officers and their Personal Pages to enter the Grand Chapter Room under the direction of the Grand Marshal for the "Friends are FANTastic Drill."

("Friends are FANTastic Drill) (Applause)

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: While we are taking this moment to prepare our room, I want to encourage each of you who have not found their place in the Grand Chapter room to please go ahead and be seated because you are going to see something that is going to be just truly beautiful and you will want to be at attention for this. I personally want to give a thank you to whoever gave the prayer for the cool front. When we arrived last Saturday, a week ago, to 108 and all those triple digits, it's been so nice since the cool front came in and now we're only in double digits. So whoever asked that prayer, I want to say thank you.

(Ben Wilson, Sound, was talking to Alma Lynn) That's a first! He wants me to speak louder. (Laughter)

Okay Sisters and Brothers. Are you ready to give your undivided attention? (Yes) Alright. I'm looking for a thumbs up from Brother Bill Wyatt. He's not an Aggie, is he? Okay. We are honored with the presentation of a tradition in Texas of the Precision Drill under the direction of Mr. Darrell Albrecht, Grand Warder.

(Precision Drill. Michael Coté sang "The Masonic Ring")
(Applause)

One word for that, FANTastic! Thank you Sisters and Brothers for that most beautiful and impressive presentation and Brother Coté thank you for being the accompanist on that and giving us words to our thoughts. (Applause) Brother Henry, I believe you have an announcement.

RWGS Henry Martin: Yes, Sister Alma, we have a Chrysler white van, Chrysler white van, license no. 9JHXT that is parked outside and is blocking a trailer and we need someone to go move that immediately. They're almost ready to call a tow truck. Chrysler white van, license number...(someone yells, "It's mine") Okay.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: These Star Point ladies being placed behind the chairs come to us from our OES Museum. They are very old and they are filled with much tradition and beauty and our Worthy Grand Matron wanted the membership to have the opportunity to see these lovely ladies as they help grace our Grand Chapter Room.

I invite the Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room. (Three raps) Sister Grand Conductress and Sister Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the altar.

Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron, and my Deputy Grand Matron of 1998-1999, I am so very proud of you and for you. You are a special lady and you have served as a good Worthy Grand Matron (Applause). You knew when to use the fan to cool down a hot situation, to cover your eyes to hide your thoughts and to be the lady for every challenge.

Brother George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron, and spouse to my long-time friend, Nannette. She told me you were a special gentleman and the membership of Texas has come to know you as such. Thank you for your year of service to our Grand Chapter and to our Order. Brother Henry, I invite you to greet our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

RWGS Henry Martin: Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron, I also want to commend you for the excellent year of service that you have had serving this fine membership of Texas. We are all proud of your year of service and grateful for your leadership.

Brother George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron, the membership of Texas is grateful for your year of service as you reminded us to “Just Say Yes to OES”. Thank you for your leadership during this past year.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, on this last day of your term, behold your Sisters and Brothers. Sisters and Brothers, behold your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and salute them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (One rap) Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much honor, much pleasure and with many memories of many who have stood in this place, I present you your gavel.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Alma Lynn Bane and Brother Henry Martin for extending us the honor of opening our Saturday morning Session. Sister Alma, you gave me a strong foundation when you asked me to serve as your Deputy Grand Matron...okay y'all (through tears). I have admired you and on behalf of the membership of Texas we thank you for all your work as Right Worthy Grand Secretary, but I must say we are looking forward to having you back in Texas. Brother Henry, we are looking forward to your service to General Grand Chapter and we wish you the very best as you travel the General Grand Chapter East.

WGP George Gwaltney: Sister Alma Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Brother Henry Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, thank you for sharing your time with the Grand Chapter of Texas and thank you for opening the “Fans of Hope” Session. We rely on faith and hope in our daily lives and that is certainly true in Eastern Star. The Grand Chapter room is filled with the hopes and dreams of the membership. We do not know what lies ahead but faith and hope will carry us through today and into the future. Thank you for being “Friends Always Near” to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter. It's a cold y'all, seriously... (between sniffles) (Laughter) (One rap). Sisters and Brothers while they are taking their stations, whoever thought it was their van, it's not theirs. It is a Chrysler white van, 9JHXT and we need to get it moved as quickly as possible. A white Chrysler van. Where is it parked? It is parked in front of the

Grand Chapter trailer. Is it yours? Is it? Chairman of the Board of Directors. (Laughter) I wasn't going to throw you under the bus, Sister Gerry, don't worry about it. Okay, I won't tell them it was yours. (Laughter) I won't tell them that it's yours but did y'all know it was the Chairman of the Board's van? (Applause and Laughter) Oh, I wouldn't mention your name Gerry Sturtz. (Laughter)

Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this "Fans of Hope" Session from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

**(Session called from Rest to Labor)
(Proving of the Grand Chapter)**

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Our invocation this morning will be voiced by Sister Bess Caldwell, Past Grand Matron of Texas. (Three raps)

PGM Bess Caldwell: Please join hands with your neighbor. Heavenly Father, we come together this morning with bowed heads thanking you for the hope that You have given us in so many ways. Hope in facing events in our daily life. Hope that with You in our hearts, all things are possible. Hope that one day we will see world peace. Hope is the future of our Order. And most of all, hope for eternal life. Father, God, we thank you also for your watchful care over us in our deliberations. Father we pray thy blessings upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Chapter body as we conclude this business of Grand Chapter today may we each know that thy will has been done. Now we have surrendered our needs to thee may there be hope to dwell in our hearts forever. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: (One rap) Thank you Sister Bess for beginning the day with the grace of God. Each morning we have heard scriptures and I invite Sister Yvonne Brownfield to bring our scripture this morning.

PGM Yvonne Brownfield: I have chosen Jeremiah 29:11 for this morning's scripture. "I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for good, and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Yvonne. There should always be time in our busy schedules for inspiring words from the scripture. Thank you for giving us thoughts for the day and may we do His work well. Thank you. (Applause)

I now declare this "Fans of Hope" Session called from Rest to Labor. Brother Grand Warder you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GW: (With raps) Brother Grand Sentinel, this "Fans of Hope" 133rd Grand Chapter Session is called from Rest to Labor. Worthy Grand Matron your order has been obeyed.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: It is well. Sisters and Brothers we again want to thank you for being with us today. I want to remind you again to keep your ballot with your signed envelope at all times. We plan to have our business session over in time that Sister Jerre and Brother Billy,

and the rest of us too, can maybe get a little rest before installation. I plan to nominate Sister Jerre shortly after 10:00 a.m. so we're going to move along so we can do that.

I ask any chairmen giving reports to be seated in the East. Also, would those who are to be nominated for an elected position and the person who will be nominating them to make your way to the East and be seated. This will avoid delays a little later.

At this time we will continue with our... Sister Terri Rozell would you come to the East. And Sisters and Brothers I think we ought to start off this morning on a really exciting foot. What do you think? (Yeah, applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress would you present Sister Debora Boldin to the West. Brother Jerry Boldin would you like to come to the East? I figured if I was going to be all sniffing nose and boo-hooing I ought to have people join me, okay? Sister Debora, you and Jerry both have worked so hard behind the scenes for so many years. It didn't matter what we were doing, if we were moving bricks or if we were moving boxes or if we just needed someone to just stand at a door, the two of you were always there saying we'll be there to help. And today I'd like to acknowledge how much I appreciate the things that you have done in the background. So at this time it is my pleasure to present this:

Whereas the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, state of "hmmmm" seeks to promote the fraternal relations between Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the Order promoted, its unity, integrity and strength be protected and its purpose and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representative. Therefore be it known as evidence of our trust and confidence, we by these present do constitute and appoint Sister Debora Boldin Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine in the Grand Chapter of Texas. (Applause)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, will you present her in the East. Oh, fun facts about Maine. Maine's earliest inhabitants were descendants of ice age hunters. Hmm...that could be interesting. Good morning.

Sister Debora Boldin: Good morning.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Are you surprised?

Sister Debora Boldin: Very.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers, this couple together has done many many things that no one knows that they did. And I wanted to recognize... because sometimes you work in the background and you never get recognized for the things that you do and so today I wanted to do that. And so it is my pleasure to present to you, Sister Debora Boldin, Grand Representative to the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers you will join with me in extending her the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Brother Jerry would you like to put her pin on? I asked her if she wanted to say something and she said no, she was scared. (Laughter) That's a good way to start off a morning isn't it? (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, y'all looked so good I thought I'd just leave you standing there. You may return to your stations. Thank you. (Applause) I'd like to recognize Brother Tom Murphy for the Ritualistic Excellence Committee Report.

Brother Tom Murphy: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I'd also like to thank you for the opportunity of being your Ritualistic Excellence General Chairman. We had a tremendous response from the Sisters and Brothers in all of the schools. And we had participants that earned over 600 gold stars and silver stars. I want to thank my District Chairmen, Brother Pat Garcia, District 1 Chairman. Is Pat still over in the choir? He's at the back. Wave your hand Pat. Thank you.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Tom? I thought I would never say this to you. But they can't hear you.

Brother Tom Murphy: I am so sorry. I would like to thank Brother Pat Garcia who is in the back. Wave your hands Pat. He's District 1 Chairman. Brother Paul Goodson was District 4 Chairman. He could not make the Grand Chapter meeting. Brother Randy Reiger District 3 and Al Wiggers District 5 and he could not make it because Anita is still having some issues. I also want to thank the District Deputy Grand Matrons for their help in all of the schools. A special thanks to Sister Shirley Scholl for her help because she was not only a District Deputy Grand Matron of District 2, she was also the Ritualistic Excellence Chairman for me. Last but not least I want to thank all the Sisters and Brothers who helped in the Ritualistic Excellence and all of those who participated. Thank you very much. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: Second.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron George Gwaltney. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. Thank you Tom for a fantastic job.

Is Donna Haltom in the room? Okay, she'll be here in a little bit, I bet. Did everybody enjoy the Rob Morris last night? (Applause) I hoped you would enjoy the Blackwood Quartet. I thought they were outstanding. (Applause) We are going to have the report of the Board of Directors, finish those up in just a few moments. Grand Choir could we have a song for this morning to kind of pep us up?

(Choir sings "How Great Thou Art")
(Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: At this time we will continue with the report of the Board of Directors. And I ask Ray Hargis to bring Report No. 7.

Brother Ray Hargis: Good morning. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. This report is to inform the membership of the progress of the conversion of the Grand Chapter Membership Database.

A short history for those who were not present at the 2014 Grand Chapter Session in Waco; I provided a report notifying the membership of the progress of the database conversion. During the 2013 Grand Chapter Session the membership passed a resolution to allow for plural membership in Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Texas. It is my happy pleasure to inform you that the conversion from the old database to the new database is now complete and operational and is in full use by the Grand Secretary's Office and staff.

The new Chapter Secretary Interface is operational and is being accessed by the Chapter Secretaries throughout the state. A big thank you to those Chapter Secretaries who have worked making corrections to their Chapter membership and improving the membership records of Grand Chapter. My report last year included the following objectives:

- Time saving extensive reporting and exporting tools. – This is now a reality
- Tracking Chapter Officer Information at both the Chapter and Grand Chapter Level – This is operational
- Generate and process annual returns – we are still working on this interface and hopefully will be available to the secretaries for their reporting at the end of this Grand Chapter year.
- Automatic calculation of Chapter and Member status – This is complete
- Generating Dues Cards on an Ad Hoc and Annual basis (this is printing the dues cards provided by the Grand Secretary's Office) we're still working on this process.
- Chapter Secretary website that allows the remote ability to view and change Chapter member records. – Is in full operation and is being accessed as I previously spoke by the Chapter Secretaries.
- Ongoing maintenance program – A maintenance contract has been signed by GLMMS (That is the company that is providing the database for us) and renewed on an annual basis.
- There will be future changes made to improve the CSI (Chapter Secretary's Interface) in certain areas and future enhancements to surprise you.

At this time I would like to commend a Brother who has played a vital part in the success of making the new database and the CSI possible. Brother Ashley Buss from GLMMS in Colorado has been instrumental in making it all happen. From the start he has worked long hours to transform their product from a Masonic Interface to an Eastern Star Interface. This has not been easy. Next, he along with his staff has converted our existing database into the format you are currently using to manage your Chapter Membership. Without his expertise and dedication to making this project a reality none of it would have happened.

Brother Buss had planned to attend our Session this week and I was going to introduce him to you at this time. Unfortunately at the last minute he was called away on business and could not be present. A long time Mason he was initiated in England. It was through the process of this conversion of our database he realized he needed to join our Fraternity and was initiated in the Unity Chapter No. 97, Grand Chapter of Colorado, Order of the Eastern Star this past year.

Our Grand Secretary, Sister Marlene Scholari and her staff have also had a vital part of the decision making and it has taken a lot of hard work to complete this database that you use today. I know the Secretaries have had a lot of questions and needed assistance. They have been your mentors. Please show them your appreciation. (Applause) Thank you. This concludes my report.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 7.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt report No. 7 of the Board of Directors. Any discussion? All in favor raise your blue cards. All

opposed. (One rap) Thank you and thank you for all your work on getting the database set up and running. Thank you.

Brother Ray Hargis: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to present Sister Deborah Land who will present Report No. 8.

Sister Deborah Land: Good morning. Thank you Brother Ray. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all. It is my pleasure to provide the following Report which will consist of three parts; the Contingency Fund, Education Fund and the ESTARL Fund. The Contingency Funds of the Grand Chapter referencing Article Number 11, Section 3(b). As of August 12, 2015, the Contingency Fund has a balance of \$10,000.00. No funds or expenses were allocated from this fund.

The Education Fund as of August 14, 2015 had available for disbursement for scholarships the amount of \$31,000.00.

The ESTARL Fund as of August 14, 2015 had available for disbursement for scholarships the amount of \$21,000.00

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Land.

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of Report No. 8.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second to adopt report No. 8 of the Board of Directors. Any discussion? All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

Sister Deborah Land: Thank you. I would now like to introduce Sister Carlotta Fairchild who will present Report No. 9.

Sister Carlotta Fairchild: Thank you Sister Deborah. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. The Board of Directors is pleased to present Report No. 9, the Special Projects of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Net profits from the sale of the following projects were deposited into the General Fund:

Dress Pins	\$ 23,891.30
WGM & WGP Music	2,606.65
Name Badges	2,234.00

For a total of	\$ 28,731.95
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The following figures are the 25% of the net profit of sales deposited into the General Fund:

Travel Book	\$ 46.01
Calendar	1,159.40
Fans	459.99

Just Say Yes to OES pins	500.38
Teddy Bears	1,662.50
Pad Folios	116.77
Rob Morris Auction at Schools	9,125.72
Flag Pin-Military	732.06
Proficiency	244.71
Book of Poems	333.75
Endowed Membership Pins	28.23

Grand Total deposited in General Fund \$ 43,141.47 (Applause)

Money and items separate from the above figures and already given directly to the Warrior and Family Support Center in San Antonio totaled \$5,973.00. (Applause) There is an additional amount available for distribution of \$3,532.69.

A Partial list of disbursements from sale of items:

October 1, 2014, from Book of Poems-TMRC: \$500.00 to TMRC, Family Day Support

May 12, 2015, from Flag Pin-Military: \$600.00 to Warrior and Family Support Center (This is a specific donation from Edwin J. Kiest Chapter and is included in the amount already received by the Warrior and Family Support Center).

June 26, 2015, from Just Say Yes to OES-Youth: \$500.00 to Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

July 20, 2015 from Rob Morris-Undesignated Funds: \$11,000.00 to Education and ESTARL Scholarships.

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

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers you have heard a motion and a...

WGP George Gwaltney: Second

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: A second by Brother George Gwaltney (Laughter) to adopt report No. 9. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. (One rap) Motion carried. Sister Carlotta can I tell you that Brother Rick Skidd has had a booth outside for Grand Chapter and I do not know how much money he has but it's about "that thick" so we will have additional funds to turn in on the various projects. Thank you. Do we have any more reports from the Board of Directors? Arrangements, we need to start getting the tables set up so that we will be able to begin our elections at 10:00 a.m. So if y'all can quietly begin putting the tables up for our tellers that would be greatly appreciated. I recognize Jerri Young. You got the hot potato huh? For report No. 3 from the Board of Directors. Is that correct? No. 3?

Sister Jerri Young: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. 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 Page 56 of your Advanced Annual Report. The four main sources of 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 perpetual care of our ladies continues to be the utmost priority of the Board of Directors.

Per Grand Treasurer, Lorrie Owens

Beginning Balance of the Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund as of 9/1/2014

\$629,481.00

Balance as of 6/30/2015

\$665,480.00

Now, included in that \$665,480 is restricted funds of \$310,964. That is money we cannot use. But the unrestricted portion of that, i.e. our checkbook, is \$364,835. Now that's not reflected in our budget. Now that difference of \$35,999.00 is our investment earnings.

A breakdown of the Revenues and Disbursements from 9/1/2014 to 4/30/2015 can be found on page 56 of the Advanced Annual Report. As you can see on your Advanced Annual Report, the budgeted amounts for 2015-2016 are Income of \$499,604.75, while the corrected expenses of \$999,050.05 create a shortfall of \$499,445.30.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Jerri, this is very important information that you are giving and some in the West have said they cannot hear you. And we want them to be able to hear you.

Sister Jerri Young: Do I need to repeat anything?

AGM Jerre Lucas: Please don't. If you can just get closer where we can hear you.

Sister Jerri Young: Thank you, this is added to the report I gave yesterday. I wish to establish that the majority of this report pertains to the expectations of the coming year and is an estimation of the additional revenue to be generated and the probable expenses to be incurred. Last evening the members of this Board as well as the members of the Jurisprudence Committee and the Line Officers met to review this budget. To rectify the projected shortfall situation, the members of this Board voted to move the \$368,000.00 authorized by the vote of this Grand Chapter membership last year in Waco to the Eastern Star Home of Texas account. These funds, which are required to go back into the Sub-Account principal at midnight on August 31, 2015 per our Constitution and Code of Laws, are to be added to the existing funds already in the above mentioned account in the amount of \$364,835.00. This will bring the total amount of available funds in the Eastern Star Home of Texas account to \$732,835.00. This amount coupled with projected revenue to be generated in the amount of \$499,604.75 will bring the total expected funds available to pay the expenses of the upkeep of our ladies to \$1,232,439.75. We had truly hoped that we would not need to follow through on our request at last year's Grand Chapter Session. Taking this investment income money is merely an expedient stop gap measure to get through the immediate situation.

Texas Masonic Retirement Center – This report is on our Ladies residing at TMRC from September 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015. Grand Chapter currently has 11 residents, 4 in Independent living and 7 in the Clinic. In 2001, the charge for Independent Living was \$39.56

daily. Today, we are paying a daily charge of \$57.97 for each Independent Living Resident. An average of \$1,763 per month or \$21,159 per year. In 2001, the daily rate for the Clinic was \$113.18. Today we pay \$267.11 daily for each Clinic resident. An average of \$8,125 per month or \$97,495 per year. This is the minimum amount that we cover for each of our Ladies. Additionally we give each lady an allowance of \$70 per month, an amount mandated by law.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the membership for your continued support of our Ladies and invite you to visit them as often as possible.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to give this report on our Ladies.

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of Report No. 3.

WGP George Gwaltney: Second.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: You have heard the report of Report No. 3 from the Board of Directors and a second by Brother George Gwaltney. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will move to vote. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed, same sign. (One rap) Motion carried.

Sister Terri Rozell: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I recognize the Sister in the East.

Sister Terri Rozell: I am Terri Rozell, a Past Matron of New Caney Chapter No. 1093. Based upon the projections provided yesterday morning by our Investment Bankers and the Revised Deficit Budget presented by the Board of Directors I wish to bring to the memberships attention, the Emergency Legislation passed at the 132nd Session in 2014. Which reads in part:

“Therefore, we the undersigned propose the new applications for residency be suspended until the Grand Chapter Session 2016-2017 at which time a new plan may be presented for the future.”

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that our Board of Directors and the Corporate Board develop a plan where we will keep our commitment to our Ladies who currently reside in the TMRC while meeting our financial obligations. This plan shall include all options available and it shall be presented to the membership at the 134th Grand Chapter Session held in 2016.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: And Sisters and Brothers, we have this in writing and the three copies as required. Is there any discussion on this motion? Oh, we need a second. We have a second by Sister Vi Griffin. Do we have discussion? All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed? (One rap) Motion carried.

Sister Gerry Sturtz: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. One of my last duties as Chairman of the Board is one that gives me great pleasure. On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors we would like to present you, Worthy Grand Matron and you, Worthy Grand Patron our love offering and tell you how much we've enjoyed working with you both this year.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, these ten members travel

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each month to hold their Board meetings. They get no compensation. That does not include the many hours they are on conference calls. They have set up a conference system where they can do conference calls at no charge and they have utilized it heavily over this last year. They have emailed until their servers have crashed, probably on occasions. But there is no telling how many hours they have spent taking care of the business of Grand Chapter. They don't always get the recognition that they deserve. They certainly get all the blame they don't deserve and more. But Sisters and Brothers, these are members who love our Order. Are dedicated to our Order. And they have worked, not behind me, but they stood beside me. I challenged them last year that if we could work together that we could accomplish anything and I think we've proved that this week. And I told them that if they would be willing to cross that imaginary line that had separated the Corporate Board and Board of Directors, that if they would step over the line, that I would step over the line. And there just happened to be a concrete line right there and we stepped over that line and we joined hands and we have worked together all of this year. Would you join me in thanking your Board of Directors for the work that they do. (Applause) Brother Worthy Grand Patron, I think you had a letter that you would like to read.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers I have a letter addressed to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Attention Worthy Grand Matron, gives the address:

Dear Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star,

The monies and items you have given us over the past year have made an incredible difference in the lives of Wounded Warriors and their families.

I looked through the list of items that we have been able to purchase because of your help and it seems to be endless. I have tried to give you some examples of the impact your gifts have had.

Because of your help, we were able to buy supplies for classes in everything from leather working, to jewelry making, to stamping and scrapbooking. It is so important for the family members to be able to support each other and to be together. Only someone who has a wounded warrior can understand the agony these families go through each day. Thanks to you we have been able to give them many opportunities to socialize and forget for a while what they have given up for their nation.

Many of our warriors come home to Texas. Their wives and families drive here to see their loved ones. Recently the price of gasoline has become prohibitive. Because of you, we are able to buy gas cards so they can continue to make the drive. No one will argue that people heal faster when they have the support of their family and loved ones. The warriors look forward to their families coming every weekend and thanks to your generosity, the visits can continue because we are able to purchase gas cards.

Because of you, we are able to offer all wounded warriors and their families' unlimited time at the stables. We also offer any children of wounded warriors' summer camp at the stables. The children also suffer as they leave their homes for a different place and different schools.

I hope that this provides you with some of the ideas of what we have spent the monies on. How do we say thank you for remembering and caring. What a difference you have made in the lives of all the warriors that you have touched.

Sincerely,
 Judith Markelz
 Director, Warrior and Family Support Center

(Applause) Once again my Sisters and Brothers, I want to give you my personal thanks and thanks to the Worthy Grand Matron for supporting this project during our year. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: At this time I recognize Sister Donna Haltom for the report of the Founder’s Day Committee.

Sister Donna Haltom: Good morning. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers, it has been my distinct pleasure to serve as General Chairman of the Rob Morris Celebration Committee for 2014-2015. Serving with me were these distinctive District Chairmen, if there’s any in the audience if you would please stand. For District 1, Melissa Ruffner, Kay I know you’re here, District 2 Kay Hale, District 3 Martha Heffington, District 4 Betty Duncan and District 5 Debbie Harris. Debbie could not be with us today because of illness. I would like to thank the membership for their support of the silent auctions and for all those who helped and worked to make the auctions a huge success. At this time I would like all the members of the Rob Morris Celebration to please stand. I would like to present the following report:

District 1, Melissa Ruffner	\$ 6,090.50
District 2, Kay Hale	2,145.62
District 3, Martha Heffington	9,112.25
District 4, which is my home District, Betty Duncan	15,050.50
District 5, Debbie Harris	5,088.50
For a sub-total of	\$37,487.37

And then those of you who were at the silent auction last night, we made a total of \$1,020. And some of the items were not picked up so if you bid on something, get ahold of me because I’ve got it locked up under lock and key. So we have a grand total to report of \$38,507.37. (Applause) Respectfully submitted, Donna Haltom, General Chairman and I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: Second

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by Brother George Gwaltney. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. Thank you Donna. Sisters and Brothers if you heard Sister Carlotta when she gave her report of the Worthy Grand Matron Special Committees. We did not have the funds in ESTARL or Educational Funds to make our scholarships \$1,000 each. I believe that that is something that is very important and I authorized the transfer of these funds of Founders Day that are undesignated funds at this time, \$11,000 of it to be transferred to those two funds so that we could issue \$1,000 schol-

arships to our ESTARL and Educational Recipients. (Applause) I can't think of a better place for it to have gone to. I recognize Sister Audri Rowell and her entourage.

Sister Audri Rowell: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron:

Whereas upon the parties involved in the litigation of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center and the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star;

Whereas this Assembly has voted to a settlement in the amount of \$200,000 at this 133rd Grand Chapter Session held here in Arlington, Texas on the 14th day of August, 2015;

Whereas the Board of Directors being responsible for the financial matters of the Grand Chapter as stated in the Constitution on pages 35 and 36, Article VII: Boards of Grand Chapter, Composition, Duties and Prerogatives, B. Board of Directors, Section 4. Duties, (a) Financial Affairs.

Be it resolved that the funds required be allocated from the Grand Chapter of Texas, OES Endowment Fund Sub-Account.

Respectfully submitted, Board of Directors

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

WGP George Gwaltney: I second.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion from our Board of Directors to pay the \$200,000 settlement of the lawsuit from the Endowment Sub-Account. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed, same sign. (One rap) Motion carried. (Applause) I recognize the Board of Grand Examiners for 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 an humbling experience to serve as the Grand Examiner for District 1. As I come to the end of my tenure as your Grand Examiner, I want to express to each of you how much it has meant to me to serve in this capacity. It is an honor I shall never forget for serving the membership is the highest honor one can achieve. Your friendships and expressions of encouragement have given me wonderful memories.

It is therefore with a great deal of pleasure I present this report which represents their hours of labor, hard work, and dedication to our Order.

Section	2013-2014 LOCATION	2013-2014 TOTALS	2013-2014 1st TIMERS	2014-2015 LOCATION	INDIVIDUAL by PARENT TOTALS	Chapter TOTALS	2014-2015 1st TIMERS
1	Gainesville	52	4	Gainesville	37	56	3
2	Sherman	68	1	Sherman	46	77	3
3	Caddo Mills	61	6	Caddo Mills	38	56	1
4	Dallas	84	3	Garland	47	82	1
5	Grand Prairie	62	3	Garland	58	92	3
6	Corsicana	24	1	Frankston	25	31	1
7	Lindale	56	4	Palestine	31	40	1
8	Kilgore	47	0	Marshall	50	58	5
9	Pittsburg	62	4	Texarkana	50	71	2
10	Canton	55	4	Gilmer	41	55	3
TOTAL		571	30		423	618	23

District 1 hosted 9 schools of instruction with a total of 423 “A” Proficiency Certificates earned by parent chapters and 618 “A” Proficiency Certificates earned by both parent and plural chapters. Twenty three 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 a donation of \$404.00 was given 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 \$381.00. 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 for your words of encouragement and support. As always, you were supportive not only to the school officers but to the membership as well. I would also like to thank you, Worthy Grand Patron for your dedication to the Order and for the time to get to know you. We had fun, we worked, and we shared time together and I shall never forget this year as we journeyed through District I.

I would like to give a special thank you to Sister Phyllis Macon, 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. I would also like to thank the District Humanitarian Chairman, Sister Elinor Humphreys for sharing your time with us. Your hard work is an example of your dedication to our Order. 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 the last

three years ones I will never forget.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn A. Martin
Board of Grand Examiners, District 1

Sister Susan Dormady: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers.

It is a special privilege to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas as the Grand Examiner of District 2, and I extend my sincere appreciation to the membership for this honor. This, my first year as Grand Examiner, has been one filled with many happy memories. Thank you to all who served in the School Examining Rooms, you were a big help and I appreciate your assistance. Thank you, membership, for allowing me to serve you in this capacity.

I am pleased to give the following report of certificates for District 2:

District 2 hosted 6 schools of instruction with a total of 139 "A" Proficiency Certificates earned and no "B" Certificates. The statistical report will be published in the Proceedings. A list of members who earned their Proficiency Certificates has been sent to each Chapter.

District 2 donated a total of \$237 to the Multiple Sclerosis Society for this year. You have touched my heart with your generosity. As you know, this disease is near and dear to my heart and I thank you.

Thank You, Worthy Grand Matron. This being my first year was full of pitfalls and mistakes, and your encouragement was heartfelt and generous. You are a joy to travel with and you have shown your love for this Order and this membership as you travelled all across this great State and served this year. Worthy Grand Patron, it was a pleasure getting to know you and your wonderful wife. Your love of this Order was shown by each mile you traveled throughout the school schedule and beyond.

I would also like to Thank our District Deputy Grand Matron of District 2, Sister Shirley Scholl. I heard you made your schools interesting and challenging, thought I did not get to see much of them. Your love and support for this Order was shining throughout West Texas as you visited the Chapters after the school schedule just to make sure the members had no further questions. You are a Gem.

The statistical report by Section, which follows, will be included in the proceedings.

Section	No. of Chapters	"A" Certif.	"B" Certif.	Total
1	2	4	0	4
2	4	22	0	22
3	2	4	0	4
4	3	17	0	17

Section	No. of Chapters	“A” Certif.	“B” Certif.	Total
5	1	0	0	0
6	2	17	0	16
7	3	26	0	26
8	6	36	0	36
10	2	14	0	14

This year is known as “Friends Always Near” and it has been my privilege to get to know the Grand Examiners better this year. I feel I have made friends that will always be near to my heart. So, I would like to introduce my friend, Sister Donna Noe, Grand Examiner, District 3.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dormady
 Board of Grand Examiners, District 2

Sister Donna Noe: Thank you Sister Susan. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members all. I am pleased to bring to you the report of the Grand Examiner of District 3.

I had the privilege of attending all 10 school of instructions with our Worthy Grand Matron. We had 63 chapter. a total of 423 “A” Proficiency Certificates were earned. No “B” Proficiency Certificates were earned. Out of the 423 certificates, 31 were issued for First Time certificate earners in District 3. Our membership is so awesome.

Section 1	159
Section 2	40
Section 3	15
Section 4	10
Section 5	21
Section 6	19
Section 7	30
Section 8	51
Section 9	47
Section 10	31
TOTAL CERTIFICATES	423

The Worthy Grand Matron had Fan proficiency stickers available to purchase for \$1.00 each in the Examination room. A total of \$400.00 was raised.

Thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to pick my charity. I chose the Bear Hugs for the Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital. Thanks to this membership, I donated \$555.00 for the children. Thank you membership for the monies donated.

Thank you to each Deputy Grand Matron in District Three for a job well done. Thank you to our Humanitarian Sister Judy Sadberry. Thank you to my District Deputy Grand Matron Sister Georgia Orr. A great room buddy. I enjoyed it. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George, I am so glad to call you and your wife Nannette my friend. To my Worthy Grand Matron Sister Cheryl,

oh what fun to travel with you this year. I enjoyed it so much more than you know. You are a smart and funny woman and you made me laugh, thank you my friend.

A day without laughter is a day wasted. Sisters and Brothers, remember to laugh.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Noe
Grand Examiner, District 3

(Sister Donna Noe stated that she had sold 400 certificates – she meant stickers. The Worthy Grand Matron stated that she hoped Donna had not SOLD Certificates. Much laughter ensued. Donna assured her it said stickers in the report.)

It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and Co-worker, Sister 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 congratulate the members of District 4 for their efforts to study our Secret Work, Ritual, Constitution and Code of Laws not only to earn their Proficiency Certificates but to have a better understanding of our beautiful Order.

As Grand Examiner of District 4, I am proud and honored to give the following report for the Grand Chapter year 2014-2015.

Certificates of Proficiency Earned:

- Section 1 - 41 A
- Section 2 - 75 A
- Section 3 - 29 A
- Section 4 - 78 A and 1 B
- Section 5 - 45 A
- Section 6 - 42 A and 1 B
- Section 7 - 41 A
- Section 8 - 37 A
- Section 9 - 14 A
- Section 10 - 76 A

For a Grand Total of 478 “A” Certificates. There were 2 “B” Certificates. This year 32 members achieved an “A” Certificate and one achieved a “B” Certificate for the first time.

A detailed report has been given to the Grand Secretary, which includes a listing of the member’s name from each chapter who has received their Proficiency Certificate this year. I have also mailed to each Chapter in District 4 a list of the names of their members who were granted Certificates of Proficiency.

This year each Grand Examiner had an apron to be signed by the membership for a charitable donation. District 4 generously donated \$700 to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your service to our Order this year. Your dedication and love for the membership was demonstrated in your Schools of Instruction. It was a joy to spend time with you and have the opportunity to get to know you better. Thank you for all the kindness and understanding you gave to me this year.

Brother George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron, you have served the membership of Texas with dignity and respect for our Order. It was a pleasure spending time with you during the School schedule. To you and your bride, Sister Nannette, Grand Esther, than you for your continuing dedication to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Sister Diane Flanagan, District Deputy Grand Matron. Spending time with you as roommates on the School Schedule was a fun experience. I so enjoyed getting to know you better. Having watched your thoughtful preparation for each school, I know that the membership enjoyed your instructions and always learned something new.

To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4. You are the best. Your Schools were well planned and enjoyed by all who attended them. Thank you for all you did to make this Grand Examiner feel welcomed and at home.

To the members of District 4. Serving as your Grand Examiner is an honor and privilege. A huge thank you goes out to all who assisted me in the exam rooms. Without you it would have been difficult to see that every member was able to take their exams. You will never know how much your hugs, smiles and kindness means to me. It is you, the members, that bring so much joy to serving in this position.

I would now like to introduce my co-worker, Sister Linda Winn-Christensen, Grand Examiner of District 5.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Rozell

Sister Linda R. Winn-Christenson: Thank you Sister Terri Rozell, Grand Examiner, District 4.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Distinguished Sisters and Brothers all:

It has been my honor to serve this membership for the past three years as Grand Examiner from District 5. I extend my sincere appreciation to the membership for their continued support, friendship, and for affording me the privilege to serve our beautiful Order.

I have forwarded a list of members who have earned and "A" "Certificate of Proficiency to each Chapter in District 5. Congratulations to the 19 members who earned their first "A" Certificate, your Chapters, and I are proud of each of you. I encourage all members to continue your studies of our Ritualistic work, the Constitution, and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter. To keep our beautiful Order alive, the membership should be proficient in our Ritualistic Work and understand how our Grand Chapter functions. It is my privilege to present my report as

Grand Examiner of District 5. A total of 338 Proficiency Certificates were issued this year. All were "A" Certificates.

Section Members Awarded
"A" Certificates

Section 1	9
Section 2	0
Section 3	51
Section 4	30
Section 5	20
Section 6	70
Section 7	96
Section 8	41
Section 9	28
Section 10	19

(Note: The total does not equal 338 as several members hold plural membership in more than one section.)

A check for \$278 was sent to the Grand Secretary from the sale of Proficiency Stickers to the members at the District 5. This year I selected to support the Warriors and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston as my charity. Thanks to the members' and Worthy Grand Patron's generosity, and for the third year in a row Sister Carlotta Fairchild for her matching contributions, four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) was raised in the District 5 Grand Examiners room and delivered to the Warriors and Family Support Center. The Order of the Eastern Star members continue to amaze me with their charity and benevolence to others; my heartfelt appreciation to all who contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl Albrecht, traveling on the District 5 School schedule with you was indeed a pleasure. I gained additional insight into, and appreciation for, your wisdom, kindness to others, and dedication to our "Fantastic" Order. I hope I will always be considered one of your "Friends Always Near."

Worthy Grand Patron, George Gwaltney, your leadership skills, thought provoking messages, and slogan made all members want to "Just say Yes to OES." You exemplify the definition of a gentleman and OES Brother.

District Deputy Grand Matron, Joan Miller, your knowledge of our Ritualist work and our Order is only surpassed by your kindness. I was unable to be in the school room for any length of time, but the reports I received were all glowing. I enjoyed rooming with you and value your friendship.

To each of the eight Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5, thank you for every courtesy extended to the office of Grand Examiner. Your school plans and preparations were well executed; you are to be commended on a job well done.

To all who assisted in the exam rooms, I offer my sincere appreciation; your willingness to assist made it possible for the 338 members of District 5 to receive their Proficiency Certificates as the Grand Examiner does not work alone.

To my husband, Victor Christenson, thank you for your love, support, encouragement, and always believing in me. You are my guiding star.

Finally, I have been blessed over the past three years to have met so many members, and gained many friends I would not have, were it not for Easter Star. Your dedication and love has encouraged me in my life and in my duties as Grand Examiner. Thank you for your hugs, smiles, and every courtesy extended to me. I will miss serving in the Grand Examiners Room however; I look forward to serving this Grand Chapter and the membership in whatever capacity the Lord has planned for me in the future.

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 all: Thank You to this beautiful membership for allowing me to serve another year as your Grand Examiner at Large.

The Board of Grand Examiners are thankful that I was not needed to substitute this year because all have had a healthy and safe year. While visiting the Schools I enjoyed serving in the examining room. I also had the privilege to make house calls for members who are unable to attend the Schools and wanted to earn their A Certificate. What great joy it is to be with the membership.

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 truly fantastic. You will soon be having private schools with your new "Jack and Jill" School. Brother George will look forward to some sailing and maybe woodworking.

Thank you for your commitment to this Grand Chapter membership.

I would like to submit the following report of certificates earned at this Grand Chapter.

District One	
"A" Certificates	3
District Two	
"A" Certificates	5
District Three	
"A" Certificates	0
District Four	
"A" Certificates	6

District Five

“A” Certificates 1

Total Certificates issued at this Grand Chapter - 15

Respectfully submitted, Laura Sharp, Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large. Worthy Grand Matron, I make a motion for the adoption of the reports given by this Board of Grand Examiners.

WGP George Gwaltney: I happily second

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second to adopt the Board of Grand Examiners Reports. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. (One rap) Motion carried.

Sisters and Brothers, it is 10:00 somewhere. And Board of Grand Examiners, I thank you for your wonderful work and I'll thank you a little bit later but right now I recognize our Election Judge for today, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. How many of you are here for the first time to vote at Grand Chapter? Please hold up your cards. Okay, we've got some out there. Okay. I'm going to be talking to you and to all the voting delegates. Now, Worthy Grand Matron I want to thank you and the Worthy Grand Patron for this honor and privilege to serve the membership of Texas. Sisters and Brothers we have specific rules and regulations. I am going to cover those guidelines for you. There will be an extensive part to tell each of you what you are supposed to do. Before beginning with the election, let me state that the ballot will be hand counted. This is at the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron to save our Grand Chapter time and money as the machine costs are so high and we want to be saving our Grand Chapter some fees. Sisters and Brothers the Code of Laws is specific in the instructions concerning elections. Let me briefly review them for you. When making a nomination, only the name of the candidate, the name, number and location of the Chapter of which the candidate belongs and the office for which they are nominated shall be given. No member of Grand Chapter shall be nominated for more than one office at a Grand Chapter Session. If only one candidate is nominated, the election may proceed by acclamation which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated, the election may be upon a ballot on an official form furnished to the delegates during registration. A majority of votes passed must be necessary for a choice. If only, and if no candidate receives a majority vote, then the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In the 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, all candidates tied for the lowest number shall be dropped. Subject to this regulation the election will proceed until some candidate receives a majority of all votes. The results of the vote will be declared by the Presiding Officer. Additionally, Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels have been instructed of our law. No one is to leave or enter the Grand Chapter room while the ballot is being taken unless it is deemed an emergency. Please be cooperative and understanding in this regard. Know that if you are caught outside during the ballot and are denied admission, our people are only faithfully performing the duties to which they were assigned. Do not leave your seat without your credentials. This includes your signed envelope, your ballot, your badge and your current

dues card. You will need all of these to re-enter the Grand Chapter room. I would like to remind the Pages that all votes must be deposited inside the Chapter room. Members caught outside the Grand Chapter room after the ballot has been declared open will not be allowed to re-enter until the ballot is closed. The Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside and you will collect their ballot. The Assistant Grand Warders in each case will open your door as your Page approaches and the Assistant Grand Sentinel will step in, deposit his individual ballot in the Tellers' box and return to their station outside the closed doors. Sisters and Brothers, we have members who are required to continue their work. They are: the Registration, Credentials, and First Aid. We are going to ask all other Committees to please close their tables down and come in. These members will approach the door in the West, on the lobby side, the right side here, that's the only door they can come in. When they approach, the Assistant Grand Sentinels will notify the Assistant Grand Warders and they will be allowed to open the door and the Pages will approach the door, always remaining inside the Chapter room and only the members of Registration, Credentials and First Aid will be allowed to step in, deposit their ballots in the Tellers' box and step back outside. The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels will ensure that no one else is allowed to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room while the ballot is open. Now, let me talk to you about your ballots. You were given a packet consisting of fifteen ballots. We will be voting on candidates on A, B, C, D, E, F and G. If your Worthy Grand Matron has a For and Against vote while we are doing this, we have Q, R, S and T. If we run out of ballots, we have ballot W, X, Y and Z if we need them. We would respectfully request if you will, keep your ballots as clean as possible as they will be hand counted and this will assist us in this process. Our Tellers were notified previously and assigned a table. This will cut down on our time that we need. We would like for the ballots to be clean and straight as possible, so try to keep your ballot clean. Your vote is important to you, to your Chapter, to your candidate and to our Order. Do not mark a ballot until you are instructed by your Worthy Grand Matron and she will announce which is designated and will declare the ballot open. At that time you will mark your ballot circling the name for which you are voting. To write in a name, write the name in the space provided at the bottom of your ballot. When voting for a candidate, please, only vote for one in each position. If you vote for two in any position, your vote will be voided. Please do not fold your ballot. When the ballot is collected, simply place the ballot face down away from the Tellers. Now, our Worthy Grand Matron has agreed, since the seats are so close, the Pages are allowed to pass the ballot boxes through the aisles just as collecting at the church. So the ballot box will pass in front of you. Simply place your ballot in the box. We would ask that the Pages be the only ones in the aisles during the collection of the ballot. We will not open the doors until the ballots have been returned and the Tellers on the Grand Chapter floor, located at the Tellers table. When the ballot has been closed by the Worthy Grand Matron, the Pages will empty the contents of their boxes onto the tables. We have six tables set up for this. Three in the North and three in the South. In a short time our Worthy Grand Matron will call for the Tellers that will be used. They were mailed their cards to be in place at 10:00 so start picking your things up. If more are needed, our Worthy Grand Matron is prepared to fill the table. Let me repeat...and it has happened. No one can cast more than one ballot. Each ballot is placed face down in the ballot boxes for secrecy. No one can leave the room or ask anyone else to deposit their ballot for them. After the Presiding Officer declares the ballot open and the nominations have been completed the Pages will begin their collections in the sections they have been assigned. When the ballot have been completed and the process of the Tellers tables, and placed on the tables, we will repeat the process. We will run more than one election at a time. Sisters and Brothers, you may mark your ballot with a pencil, a blue pen, a black pen,

a red pen or a pink pen. So don't be looking for a No. 2, you can use any of them. There will also be table Judges that the Worthy Grand Matron has decided.

They will observe the processing of the ballots and in case a ballot is in question by the Teller, we will review the ballot and attempt to determine the voter's intent. For as an example: Sisters and Brothers, someone may mark a ballot for one then change their mind, this is a free country, and vote for another and try to erase the circle. That's why you might want to use a pencil. They may not erase it completely and the Tellers may look at this as two votes. If it is observed that someone has tried to erase the first and vote for another it will be considered a valid vote. Also you are not supposed to check or X, please circle. But if we find it clearly intended that someone has specifically voted for someone we will count it. If there is a blank line for a write in and you write in a name, please circle it. If one or more positions require a second vote, the voting delegates will be instructed as to which ballot to use. The name of the remaining candidates will be given. In previous years we have tried to segregate the voting delegates from the non-voting. This wonderful Worthy Grand Matron this year decided that we will let you sit exactly where you are. Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels remember that non-voters do not have an envelope but their badges are clearly indicated non-voter. Let me repeat, you may only vote one time. The vote that you were given in your individual packet, is your ballot. It should always be in your possession and no one is allowed to vote twice. And no one is allowed to vote for someone else. Please don't write in Mickey Mouse or Donald Duck or someone else and lose your precious, precious vote. We are requesting that no one be in the back of the machine area. There are only going to be five people back there. And they are Paul Garner, James Walker, Leslie Lowrey Foreman, Shane Albrecht, and Jimmie Lee McMahan. If there is a question regarding what is going on in that area or any other question, Sister Doris Hester, you didn't know that honey, Sister Doris Hester and Sister Nancy Brown will be the Monitors stations over in the left corner. You will go to these individuals and relay your concern and they in turn will relay the concern to me. Thank you very much for your understanding and let me tell you that all ballots will be counted twice by two different tables. The table Tellers are going to move tables and count them. This is so the vote will be accurate and it will be checked. Your Election Committee wishes all the candidates good luck. Worthy Grand Matron if you would like to at this time designate your Monitors, have your Tellers move to their tables, your Election Committee is ready to commence.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you ma'am. Would those who have been asked to be Tellers please make your way to the tables. And at this time I recognize Sister Alys Newsom to give our Credentials report. Oh, I'm sorry...table one, two, three, (pointing to the tables for the Tellers) four, five, six is the front one. Okay, again, we're going in order. Table one, two, three, four, five and six. Brother Grand Warder?

GW: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Since you broke my podium back there, would you send a Page or would you go out and tell the people that are working outside to please close Lost and Found and Information. The only ones who will be allowed to vote from the outside will be Registration, Credentials and First Aid and the Assistant Grand Sentinels. So everything else can be shut down so those members can come in and vote.

GW: Yes ma'am.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Ooooh, I like that. Do that again. Brother Grand Warder? Say that again, I like that! (Laughter)

GW: Yes, ma'am. (Laughter)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Alys, follow that one.

Sister Alys Newsom: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all.

First the Committee would like to thank you for the privilege of serving this beautiful Order. We certainly hope that your expectations were met with smiles during this Grand Chapter Session. Worthy Grand Matron I believe that there was an Angel on your shoulder when you chose the Credentials and Registration Committees. We have worked together as an incredible team and I thank each one of them for their patience and love.

The wonderful ladies on the Credentials Committee this year are:

Ginger Hosick – District 1

Tamela Henington and Barbara Ochs – District 2

Sherri Barrett and Mamie Pistokache, I asked her three times how to pronounce this and I probably still got it wrong. District 3 (The WGM said she calls her Mamie P.)

Cindy Lucas and Marilyn Knowlton – District 4

Jane Hudson and Emily Johnson – District 5.

Now for the moment the Election Judges have been waiting for, we have 1,547 Registered Voters, however, of those 164 have not picked up their voting Credentials. So Worthy Grand Matron we have 1,383 votes for Elections.

Respectfully submitted, Alys Newsom
Credentials Chairman, 2014-2015.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Do you have a number of Chapters represented?

Sister Alys Newsom: That comes in with Registration.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay. Thank you Sister Alys. They have done a wonderful job and would you help us thank our Credentials Committee. (Applause)

Sister Alys Newsom: Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: Second.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by Brother George Gwaltney to accept the Credentials Report. All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed, same sign. (One rap) Motion carried. Okay, we need to verify that we have a quorum of Chapter Representatives. So will the Chapter Representatives, we can use those lime green cards for something so can we please see those? Well, we got a quorum. (One rap) Thank you. Is Registration in yet? I recognize Sister Ellen Pickrell. I recognize Sister Ellen Pick-

rell for the report of the Registration Committee.

Sister Ellen Pickrell: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Registration Committee, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve the membership during this 133rd “Friends Always Near” Session. It is my sincere hope that you and the membership received only warm welcomes and smiling faces when picking up your items from Registration. I would like to thank the ladies who assisted with Registration and Credentials. We all worked as a team and we could not have been successful without everyone’s help.

Total Pre-Registered Members	1,681
Registered at Grand Chapter	171
Out of State Residents	112
Grand Jurisdictions Represented	26
TMRC Residents	18
Total Registration	1,852

(Also included in this report but not voiced by Sister Ellen Pickrell is that there are 317 Chapters Represented)

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Ellen, I think Alys threw you under the bus when she said you would have the number of Chapters represented.

Sister Alys Newsom: I believe she said there are 317.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: In one of the reports we are going to have that there were 317 Chapters represented. How’s that? You have heard the report of the Registration Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed, same sign. (One rap) Motion carried. And Sister Ellen, thank you and your group for a wonderful, wonderful job and thank you for stepping in and helping me. I appreciate it more than you will know. Thank you. (Applause) That is a hard working group of people. I have served on that committee before and I know what it takes.

Table Judges and Tellers have been previously invited to serve in their positions. Sisters and Brothers we want to be kind and courteous to each one whose name is placed in nomination for any office. The Arrangements Committee has prepared signs with each candidate’s name already printed on them. These names are the same size and spelled correctly. The candidates drew for their order of nomination at the Roundup in Waco. As each candidate is nominated, the name will be placed upon the boards. If you cannot see the boards, please let us know at that time. As our Election Judge said, we are going to count in the old fashioned way. We saved several thousand dollars by not renting a scan machine. And I thought in our financial situation every couple of thousand dollars helped. Besides, I don’t want them to be bored. I want to thank Brother Paul Garner and Sister Leslie Foreman for being our election Chairmen over there. They are experienced and I know they are going to expedite our election results

or do y'all just want to drag them out? Okay. Those assisting as Table Judges on Table 1, Annette Curry and Bill Crews, are you full? You need two more? Sister Patty Russell and Sister Marti Atkerson could y'all fill those? Wave your hand...there's Patty. Marti? She's coming too? Thank you ladies. On Table 2 we have Naomi Wolfe and Buddy Baker. Is your table full? You need two, too. Okay. Pam Barnett and Sarah Carpenter. Can they come? Okay, let's move on. Table 3, Joyce Nicklas and Ray Hertenberger. You need one? Traci Maynard would you serve on Table 3? Thank you. Table 4, Betty Benham and Nelson Campbell. Oh, y'all are good. Table 5, Joyce Gilbert and Trey Smith. Y'all are good too. Going for a roll here, Table 6, Karen Morgenthaler and Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr. And you're full. Wow! (Applause) To those who are serving on our Teller tables, I sent postcards and I so much appreciate you doing this for me. I had some people that said they had never had the opportunity to do this and how thrilled they were to be able to participate. I have to say that this is one job I have never done. I have never been a Teller at a table. I was always nominated or nominating, let me do it. ... (Laughter) Okay, Table 1 we good? Table 2, we good? Table 2, Shorty are you good? Table 3? Good? Okay this sides good. Alright, I think we've got those filled.

Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to begin the election of Officers. Please invite those outside the Grand Chapter room, except for 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.

GW: Brother Grand Sentinel we are about to being balloting. Invite everybody in that is outside that would like to ballot. They need to get in now and seal the doors except for Assistant Grand Sentinels. Did Registration and Credentials get back in to vote?

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I need someone to ask Sister Ellen Pickrell to come to the East for a moment. As we are waiting to get the doors sealed so we can begin our elections, those who are having their names nominated today, I wish each of you the very best and please always remember no matter what the outcome of the election is there are no losers. Each of you are winners because you tried and you had the opportunity to visit and fellowship with this great membership. So thank you. (Applause)

GW: Worthy Grand Matron the doors are secure.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: It is well. Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to preside.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Cheryl Albrecht.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Cheryl Albrecht, a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter No. 820 in Ft. Worth and it is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sister Jerre Lucas, a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter No. 911 for the office of Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing year.

WGP George Gwaltney: Sister Jerre Lucas has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Are there other nomina-

tions? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Jerre Lucas for the office of Worthy Grand Matron, say AYE. (AYE) Those opposed, No.

Sister Jerre Lucas, you have been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

AGM Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Patron, with a very grateful heart I accept. (Applause)

WGP George Gwaltney: Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother George Gwaltney.

WGP George Gwaltney: Worthy Grand Matron, I am George Gwaltney, Past Patron of Schertz Chapter No. 911. I place the name of Brother William "Billy" Clabaugh, a Past Patron of Carthage Chapter No. 747 for the office of Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Brother William "Billy" Clabaugh has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Patron. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother William "Billy" Clabaugh for the office of Worthy Grand Patron, say AYE. (AYE) Any opposed, No.

Brother Billy Clabaugh, you have been elected Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

AGP William "Billy" Clabaugh: I do Worthy Grand Matron, with pride and excitement.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you. (Applause) Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Jerre Lucas.

AGM Jerre Lucas: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Jerre Lucas, Past Matron of Schertz Chapter No. 911. I am pleased to place the name of Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, a Past Matron of Cypress Chapter No. 1102 for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Sharon Mosmeyer has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Sharon Mosmeyer for the office of Associate Grand Matron, say AYE. (AYE) All opposed, No.

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, you have been elected Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, with a grateful heart and big thanks to this membership, yes I do accept. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Donna Mims.

Sister Donna Mims: Worthy Grand Matron I am Donna Mims, Worthy Matron of Crockett Chapter No. 509 and I would like to place the name of Brother Tom Murphy, Past Patron of Crockett Chapter No. 509 for the office of Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Brother Tom Murphy has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Patron. Are there other nominations? Do I really need to say this three times? (NO) Thank you. Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Tom Murphy for the office of Associate Grand Patron say AYE. (AYE) Those opposed, No.

Brother Tom Murphy, you have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

Brother Tom Murphy: It will be my honor to serve with Sister Sharon. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers it is my pleasure to introduce to you if you do not know Brother Tom Murphy who has just been elected as your Associate Grand Patron. (Applause)

Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Betty Hancock.

Sister Betty Hancock: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Betty Hancock, Worthy Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter No. 959 in Dallas. I would like to place the name of Sister Marlene Scholari, a Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter No. 959 for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Marlene Scholari has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will move to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Marlene Scholari for the office of Grand Secretary 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: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I do. Thank you very much and thank you very much to the membership. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Cynthia Edmonds.

Sister Cynthia Edmonds: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Cynthia Edmonds, Worthy Matron of Canyon Lake Chapter No. 1103. I would like to nominate Sister Lorrie Owens for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year for the Grand Chapter of Texas.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Lorrie Owens has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Lorrie Owens for the office of Grand Treasurer say AYE. (AYE) Those opposed, No.

Sister Lorrie Owens you have been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

Sister Lorrie Owens: Worthy Grand Matron, I am very grateful that this membership has decided to let me do this and let me serve you another year. Yes, I do accept. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Sharon Mosmeyer.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sharon Mosmeyer, a Past Matron of Cypress Chapter No. 1102 and I wish to place in nomination the name of Melissa Hudman for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year...(No) Oh, Grand Conductress and also I left out, sorry about that...and she is a Past Matron of Loyal Chapter No. 648. Do I need to repeat that?

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: No we just want to make sure it is for Grand Conductress, correct? (Laughter) Okay, good. Sister Melissa Hudman has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Melissa Hudman for the office of Grand Conductress say AYE. (AYE) Opposed, No.

Sister Melissa Hudman, you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

AGC Melissa Hudman: Yes Worthy Grand Matron, with a lot of pride in the membership of Texas, it's my honor to serve you again. I do accept. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Barbie Klahn.

Sister Barbie Klahn: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Barbie Klahn, Worthy Matron of Waelder Chapter No. 1023. It is my pleasure to place the name of Linda Winn-Christenson a Past Matron of Waelder No. 1023 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Linda Winn-Christianson has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Lorrie Owens.

Sister Lorrie Owens: I am Lorrie Owens, Worthy Matron of New Braunfels Chapter No. 771. I want to place the name of Sister Sandra Zipp, a Past Matron of New Braunfels Chapter No. 771 in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Sandra Zipp has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Chris Puckett.

Sister Chris Puckett: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Chris Puckett a Past Matron of Midland No. 253 and I would like to place the name of Carla Stringer, a Past Matron of Midland Chapter No. 253 in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Carla Stringer has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Sherry Fowler.

Sister Sherrie Fowler: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sherrie Fowler a Past Matron of Palestine Chapter No. 395. It is my pleasure and honor to place the name of Carolyn Martin, a Past Matron of Palestine Chapter No. 395 in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Carolyn Martin has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by written ballot. Sisters and Brothers I would like to introduce to you in the order in which they were nominated. Will y'all please come forward? Sisters Linda Winn-Christenson, Saundra Zipp, Carla Stringer and Carolyn Martin. Let's thank them. Thank you ladies. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, please listen carefully. We will ballot on ballot "A". "A" as in Albrecht. Thank you! Please remember to circle your nomination or your choice. I declare the ballot open. Please mark your ballots. Y'all already did didn't you? (Yes, laughter) Okay, would the Deputies please proceed to pick up the ballot boxes.

GW: Worthy Grand Matron?

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Yes...

GW: I've had a request to have the signs moved up on each side of the stage. They cannot see them on the floor.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: The ballot boxes are in this corner. Arrangements, they said if you will turn one toward the camera we could get the camera to shoot on it. And put it up on the screen.

Brother Ben Wilson: They are on the big screen.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Oh, looky there. Can y'all see that? Sisters and Brothers, are we glad we have Ben Wilson back there working our sound and audio? (Applause) In charge! Thank you Ben. They are not in order. (referring to the names on the screen) We need to take those down and put them in order. Can we shoot one of the signs?

AGM Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron. You need to check the spelling on one of those names.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Yes ma'am. I noticed that too. Can we just turn this sign right here and shoot it with the camera? Older Brother go fix it. We'll get this by the time we get through, okay? And we need to make sure they are in the same order as they were nominated. I think we got them backwards. They're taking care of it. Okay, can everybody see that? Thank you Diane. Thank you Ben. We will be depositing these on Tables 1, 2 and 3 on this side, okay? And you'll have to go around because the Bible is open. Thank you ladies. Please do not put them on the tables until you are instructed to do so. Brother Grand Warder. Brother Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I know we are allowing the Assistant Grand Sentinels to vote back there. Is there anyone in First Aid still?

GW: No, they told me earlier that it was closed and locked.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay, so all we need outside is the Assistant Grand Sentinels. And I think we got the one at this door. Have we got the one on the Entrance No. 2 door?

GW: Yes, we've got people standing there to assist them.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay. I understand we also have Registration and Credentials inside the room?

GW: Yes.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you. Have all the ballots been picked up? Has anyone not had their ballot picked up?

GW: Have y'all got the Assistant Grand Sentinel over there? (Yes) Okay, thank you.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Will the Pages please deposit the ballots on Tables 1, 2 and 3. I declare this ballot closed. (One rap) Thank you. Will the Pages deposit the ballots on Tables 1, 2 and 3. Take your pick. Kind of even them out please. Or you can drop them on Annette's head, that will be fine. Brother Grand Warder, can you tell me what is going on at Entrance No. 2?

GW: We had an emergency and she had to get out.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay. The doors should still be closed Brother Grand Warder and Brother Grand Sentinel. Except for emergencies. Emergencies take precedence over anything. Thank you. Okay, let's keep moving. Nominations are now open for the office of the Board of Directors, District 3. I recognize Brother Dewey Teague.

Brother Dewey Teague: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Dewey Teague, a Past Patron of Polytechnic Chapter No. 420 now consolidated with South Ft. Worth Chapter No. 835. I place in nomination the name of Barbara Martin, a Past Matron of Polytechnic Chapter No. 420 now consolidated with South Ft. Worth Chapter No. 835 for the Board of Directors, District 3 for the ensuing year.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Brother Floyd why don't we wait until we have finished nominations and then we'll put them up. I think that will make it easier. Sister Barbara Martin has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 3. Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Melissa Roberts.

Sister Melissa Roberts: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Melissa Roberts. I'm a Past Matron of Haltom City Chapter No. 982 and it is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sissy Furrie, a Past Matron of Haltom City Chapter No. 982 for the Board of Directors, District 3.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Lillian “Sissy” Furrie has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District Three. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by written ballot. I would like to introduce you to these two Sisters. Will they please come forward? In the order in which they were nominated, Sister Barbara Martin and Sister Sissy Furry. Thank you ladies. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, we will be balloting on ballot “D” as in dog. Like little puppy dogs that I get to pick up next Sunday. Oh, and “D” as in Darrell and puppy dogs. I now declare the ballot open. Please circle the name. And if you can’t see the signs, our audio/visual has put it up on the screen. I hope you can see it. The Deputies will be picking up ballots. Go ahead and start picking up the ballots. When we pick these ballots up, we will be depositing them on Tables 3 (No) 4, 5 and 6. I have an accounting degree y’all, I can’t count. Tables 4, 5 and 6. I did declare the ballot open. (One rap) We are balloting on ballot “D”. “D” as in Darrell. Sister Molly Willey, will you be in charge of picking up the ballots on those Teller tables on that side for me please? Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, I appointed Sister Molly Willey, right here, to pick up the ballots at the Teller tables. Oh and Kathleen Bailey drew the short straw on this side, okay. Sisters and Brothers, our Elections Committee has color coded our ballots so that we know that there is a certain color for each of the races. On those races that we could possibly go to run-offs, there are multiple copies of those ballots. For the North we have ballots “A”, “B” and “C”. We are getting along with ballots “A” we are getting ballot “B” turned in blank. Sisters and Brothers, if you turned in “B” and it goes to another ballot, you’re not going to be able to ballot because you’ve already used ballot “B”. Please be very careful and make sure you are turning in one ballot sheet so you will be able to ballot if we go to have a second ballot. Have all the ballots been collected? (No.) Have the Assistant Grand Sentinels balloted? Yes, thank you. Some of our floor Officers have not had theirs picked up. Thank you Lou Anne. Have all ballots been collected? I declare the ballot closed. (One rap) Please deposit your ballots on Tables 4, 5 and 6.

GW: Worthy Grand Matron?

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Yes, sir?

GW: Can we allow the doors to be opened? There are members that would like to get to the other side.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Soon as I got back up, that was the first thing I was going to do. Brother Grand Warder, you may open the doors. Please remember everyone, when we have tables opened up, we will proceed with the next election. And the doors will be sealed again when we do that so please don’t get caught outside. At this time I would like to recognize Sister Sharon Fentress for the final report of Jurisprudence, I think.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Excuse me. If you are leaving the room would you do so quietly so we can continue with our business.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Okay Jim. I’m using my Jim voice now. Can you hear me? Okay. It is my pleasure to recognize the members of our Committee and tell them how much I have enjoyed working with them and they are a very special group. And I commend each one of you for your knowledge, your cooperation, and your loving kindness to all of your Sisters and

Brothers and especially to your Chairman. Thank you so much. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished members, Sisters, Brothers. We are very proud to stand beside you this morning and give our final report. We always appreciate the concern and interest you, the membership display in the legislation of this Grand Chapter. The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed all matters including the decisions, irregularities, and rulings of the Worthy Grand Matron as reported to the Grand Chapter in the Advanced Reports, Supplemental Reports. We find all to be satisfactory and approved by the committee. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, their dear friend and my daughter, for appointing us to this committee and for the privilege of service. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as you relinquish the gavel and pass on the leadership of this Grand Chapter may God continue to bless you and those you love and may He always keep you in the hollow of His hand. We love you. Thank you. (Applause) I move the adoption of this final report.

WGP George Gwaltney: I second.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Jimmie Lee, would you ask the Tellers as they are moving tables to please be cognizant of our labyrinth. Please. Is Gerry Sturtz at the table? When she comes back in would you ask her to come to the East. I have a question. Don't go get her. It's okay. It's not an emergency. Brother Choir Director, would you like to sing us a song? Y'all just look bored over there.

**(Choir sings "Great Is Our Faithfulness")
(Applause)**

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers. Sisters and Brothers may I have your attention just a moment? There's a little bit more of the instructions that evidently I did not make clear. One is just a little housekeeping problem and I need the five back rows in this section right behind the board to be kept open. I need the people to move up front. The next thing is, when you write in a candidate we hope and pray that the candidate is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Would you not all agree with me? (Yes!) I don't believe Barak Obama belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. (NO, No, No.) I do not mind counting, I do not mind reporting whoever you would like in the Order of the Eastern Star to hold office. But in my instructions, if I ever get to do this again, I will put in there that they need to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. So let me make that clarification. If you have a write in, they must be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Chapter of Texas in the proximity of this room. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay, Sisters or I guess it could be a Brother. Yesterday somebody picked up a shopping bag, probably, absolutely by mistake. It was a dress bag that had a purple dress in it from Odeon. So would you please check your bags and if you have a purple dress, would you return it to the Grand Secretary's desk. The lady would love to have her dress back that she just bought. She hadn't even got to wear it yet. So please check your bags and see if you have a purple dress that you picked up by mistake. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, are y'all ready for a little more fun and excitement? (Yeah!) Alright. You know, these Board of Directors serve five years when they serve. And that's a long time and that's a lot of commitment. So at this time, I would like to recognize our out-going Chairman for

her work. Not only for her work on the Board but for everything she has done for me. I have stayed in her home. She would not give me her dog. (Laughter) I have tried to take Bella every time I left and I have not been able to get Bella yet. I don't want Tiger, he bit me. (Laughter) But she has opened her home to me on many many occasions. And I appreciate all that you have done for me and for Darrell and my family. And I thank you for what you have done for our Order. So at this time, it is my pleasure to present to you... Bill Sturtz are you in the room? Would you come to the East? "Greetings. Whereas the Grand Chapter of "Somewhere" (Applause and cheers) Order of the Eastern Star and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, seeking to promote Fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of our Order promoted and it's unity, integrity and strength be protected, and it's utility and honor confirmed and by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid General Grand Chapters to the other. Therefore be it known as evidence of our trust and confidence, we by these present, do constitute and appoint Sister Geraldine Sturtz, Grand Representative of Indiana Grand Chapter in the Grand Chapter of Texas (Applause) for the purposes aforesaid. In Testimony whereof we have caused the seal of the Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star to be here and to affixed and attested by the signature of the Grand Chapter at Franklin, Indiana." Indiana believes in tape on their pins obviously and bubble wrap. Oh, we've got knives out now. (Laughter) Sister Gerry it is my privilege to present this and Brother Bill would you like to pin it on? (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers would you join me in saluting our newest Grand Representative with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Would you like to say a few words?

Sister Gerry Sturtz: Thank you. I can't believe you did that. Thank you so much.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: You're welcome. Geneva Tanner would you come to the Grand Secretary's desk? I think we may have your dress. (Yea!) And thank you for returning it.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, we have several ballot "B" in with the "A's". So when you start to vote in a little while if the Worthy Grand Matron uses "B" your "B's" already gone. And the next thing is, Pages would we please be respectful and those that are moving from the tables that the labyrinth is still open. So move as far away from the labyrinth as you may possibly do so if you will do that for me. Thank you.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers, you know we have been privileged at the beginning of each of our sessions to have our Precision Drill and also to have been here with us to sing live Mr. Michael Coté. He is a member of Brock Chapter but he is a dear dear friend and I just asked him if he would like to perform a song for us while we are kind of waiting for the ballots and he has graciously agreed. (Applause) Now let me say, I did not tell you this, okay? Let's make that clear... I did not tell you this. But I believe that if you came over here to the Northeast corner where he is, I believe he has some CD's with him too, if you enjoyed his music. Now, I didn't tell you though that he had them, okay? Michael, thank you.

**(Song by Michael Coté "Texas is Calling me Home")
(Applause)**

Brother Michael Coté: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you! Maybe if you beg he'd do another one. (Lots of begging going on)

Brother Michael Coté: That's the first time I've had an encore in my whole life. (Lots more begging). Thank you!

**(Song by Michael Coté, "Gentle on my Mind")
(Applause)**

Brother Michael Coté: God Bless you all.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Brother Grand Organist, how bout you play the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron's Marches for us while we're waiting?

(GO Daniel Caldwell played both Marches)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Brother Grand Warder. Will you advise your Assistant Grand Sentinels that we are going to close the doors in about three minutes so we can start back with elections?

GW: Assistant Grand Sentinels, we're going to close the doors in about three minutes so if you can get people inside.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I'm still hoping that I can get out in time to eat lunch before installation tonight. It's a hope. Brother Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: You will have the doors closed so that we can proceed with the elections.

GW: Worthy Grand Matron the doors are secure.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay, Sisters and Brothers we're going to proceed with our elections. We're trying to move these along. So at this time I open nominations for the office of Board of Directors, District 4. I recognize Sister Doris Jones.

Sister Doris Jones: I am Doris Jones, Worthy Matron of Huffman Chapter No. 1112. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of R. W. "Bob" Royall, Past Patron of Huffman Chapter No. 1112 for the Board of Directors, District 4.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Brother Bob Royall has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 4. Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Faye Cunniff.

Sister Faye Cunniff: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Faye Cunniff a Past Matron of Port Neches Chapter No. 677 and I would like to place in nomination the name of Sue Saunders, also a Past Matron of Port Neches Chapter No. 677 for the Board of Directors, District 4.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Sue Saunders has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 4. Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Virginia Wert. No, Sister Virginia Akins. I'm sorry.

Sister Virginia Akins: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Virginia Akins, Worthy Matron of Franklin Chapter No. 311. I would like to nominate Jane Wert, a Past Matron and a member of Kurten Chapter No. 1146 and Franklin Chapter No. 311 for the office of Board of Directors, District 4.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Jane Wert has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 4. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by written ballot. Sisters and Brothers, I would like to introduce to you...would you please come up here and let me introduce you in the order that you were nominated. In the order in which they were nominated. Brother Bob Royall, and Sisters Sue Saunders and Jane Wert. Thank you. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, we will be balloting on ballot "E" as in elephant. I declare the ballot open. (One rap) Pages when you have picked up your ballots, these will be deposited on Tables 1, 2 and 3. Please wait until you are requested to do so. Thank you. Are there still ballots that need to be picked up? (Yes) Well we're not stopping until they are all picked up, I promise. Audio visual y'all are doing wonderful. Not only do we have the names up here, we have the ballot and the color. Thank y'all. (Applause) Thank you, thank you, thank you. Y'all have been awesome this week. Well, some of you have been. (Laughter) Do we still have ballots that need to be picked up? Are there any ballots that need to be picked up? I declare the ballot closed. And you will deposit your ballots on 1, 2 and 3. Oh, good. I got a thumbs up from the Elections guy so I guess we're doing good. Sisters and Brothers, I've been handed two sheets of paper. We have an election on the Board of Directors, District 3 and I will give you those results. Then I have the results of the first ballot on the Associate Grand Conductress. We do not have an election in that so we will be going to a second ballot. But right now I want to read the results of the Board of Directors, District 3. Total votes cast 1,233. Votes needed to elect 617. Barbara Martin, 707. Sissy Furry, 523. Write-In's 3. Sister Barbara Martin has been elected to the Board of Directors, District 3. Sisters and Brothers always remember, let's be kind. Sister Barbara Martin would you come up here please? Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to introduce to you Sister Barbara Martin. You have just elected her to the Board of Directors, District 3. (Applause) Now go to work. (Laughter) Thank you. Congratulations. Oh, Barbara come here. I have to ask you a question. Do you accept?

Sister Barbara Martin: Worthy Grand Matron, with the faith of this membership, I dedicate these next five years in serving you. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay, I have the results of the race for Associate Grand Conductress. Total votes cast 1,244. Needed to elect 623. Linda Winn-Christenson 375. Saundra Zipp 317. Carla Stringer 146. Carolyn Martin 406. We will drop the name of Carla Stringer and proceed to ballot on the names of Linda Winn-Christenson, Saundra Zipp and Carolyn Martin. We will vote on ballot "B" as in boy. Ballot "B" as in boy. I declare the ballot open. Sister Deputies, when we deposit these we will be depositing them on Tables 4, 5 and 6. Have all the ballots been picked up? (No) Okay, alright.

GW: Have the Assistant Sentinels voted?

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Do we still have ballots to be picked up? (Yes) Alright. Okay we're

going to see if the third times a charm. Have all the ballots been picked up? Is there anyone that has a ballot that needs to be picked up? I declare the ballot closed and you will deposit the ballots on Tables 4, 5 and 6. (One rap) I recognize Sister Mary Bond. We are going to have nominations for Grand Examiner, District 2.

Sister Mary Bond: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Mary Bond from Big Springs Chapter No. 67, Big Springs, Texas. I place the name of Susan Dormady, Past Matron of Norman Reed, No. 1010, Midland, Texas for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 2, Grand Chapter of Texas.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Susan Dormady has been nominated of the Board of Grand Examiners for District 2. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will move to elect by acclamation. All in favor of electing Sister Susan Dormady for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2, please say AYE. (AYE) All opposed. Sister Susan you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2. Do you accept?

Sister Susan Dormady: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and yes, I will accept. Thank you membership. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Nominations are now open for the Board of Examiners, District 3. Brother Grand Warder, we can open the doors. Sisters and Brothers, I recognize Sister Francis Winter.

Sister Francis Winter: Worthy Grand Matron my name is Francis Winter I'm Worthy Matron of S. Ft. Worth Chapter No. 835. It's with pleasure that I nominate Donna Noe, Past Matron of S. Ft. Worth Chapter No. 835 for the office of Grand Examiner, District 3.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Donna Noe has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of electing Sister Donna Noe for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3, please say AYE. (AYE) All opposed. Sister Donna Noe, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3. Do you accept?

Sister Donna Noe: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron and to this membership, I accept. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. I recognize Sister Donna Bortz.

Sister Donna Bortz: Worthy Grand Matron I am Donna Bortz, Worthy Matron of New Caney Chapter No. 1093, it is my pleasure to place the name of Terri Rozell, a Past Matron of New Caney Chapter No. 1093 in nomination for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Terri Rozell has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will move to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Terri Rozell for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, please say AYE. (AYE) All opposed. Sister Terri Rozell, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Do you accept?

Sister Terri Rozell: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron and thank you so much to the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Nominations are now in order for the Board of Grand Examiner, District 5. I recognize Sister Erika Spreen.

Sister Erika Spreen: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Erika Spreen, Worthy Matron of Blanco Chapter No. 934 in Blanco, Texas. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sister Joan Miller, a Past Matron of Blanco Chapter No. 934 for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Joan Miller has been nominated to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will move to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Joan Miller for the office of Grand Examiners, District 5 please say AYE. (AYE) All opposed. Sister Joan Miller. You have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5. Do you accept? Or shall I kill you? Hmmm...

Sister Joan Miller: I hope not Worthy Grand Matron. I appreciate the membership for your vote of confidence and I promise that I will do the best job that I possibly can and I do accept. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Nomination are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiner, Grand Examiner At-Large. I recognize Sister Naomi Wolfe.

PGM Naomi Wolfe: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Naomi Wolfe, I am a Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter No. 741, Plural with Spring Chapter and Arlington. It is my honor and privilege to place in nomination the name of Laura Sharp for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner At-Large for the ensuing year.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: 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 move to elect by acclamation. All in favor of electing Sister Laura Sharp for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner At-Large please say AYE. (AYE) All opposed. Sister Laura, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner At-Large. Do you accept?

Sister Laura Sharp: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I accept and look forward to an exciting year. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Grand Marshal, are we privileged with members from our Texas Masonic Retirement Center? You will present them, at their request, in the West. Sister Grand Marshal, do we need some men back there to assist? No? Okay.

GM Loretta Booth: Worthy Grand Matron, I present the residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center as requested.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you. We are so pleased that you are here with us today. I am pleased to recognize these devoted members. I want to thank you for attending our Grand Chapter Session and for your many years of dedication to our Order. We are honored to have

you in attendance. We are not going to ask you to come to the East, at your request, but would the membership join me in extending a special welcome to the residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center after greet... (Applause) after being greeted by the Worthy Grand Patron. (Laughter) Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP George Gwaltney: Residents of the TMRC we are so happy that you could join us today and we thank you for your many years of service to our Order and we hope to see you back soon. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank y'all for being with us today. It makes our day complete. Thank you. Brother Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We will be closing the doors in about three minutes so we can proceed with our elections so will you notify everyone.

GW: Assistant Grand Sentinels and Warders, we'll be closing the doors in about three minutes.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay, I understand we may need to make it a little more than three minutes. There's some lines at some of the items so we will close the doors at 12:30 so we can proceed with our elections. Is Lou Carmichael in the room? Is Lou Carmichael in the room? Is Jean Holland in the room? Well they're probably together.

GW: Worthy Grand Matron. Lou Carmichael is now in the room.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I want to introduce you to one of our future Eastern Stars. This is Analise Bennett and she is the daughter of the Worthy Matron of Burnet Chapter. (She is a toddler) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, these two ladies standing up here, we call them Thelma and Louise. And it's quite adequate. But these two ladies work hand in hand. You don't hardly see one without the other. And they always work in the background no matter what you ask them to do. They have worked with this Grand Chapter. They have stuffed goody bags...who knows what else they have done. Honey, I can't talk about some of the things y'all do. There are some things that do not need to be discussed in public. Especially when it's being recorded. But it is my honor to show recognition for the many many years that both of you have worked in this Order and so at this time, it is my honor to present to you: "Sister Jean Holland, Whereas the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire and the Grand Chapter of Texas seeking to promote Fraternal relations between our Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of our Order promoted and it's unity, integrity and strength be protected, and it's utility and honor be confirmed and by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other. Therefore be it known as evidence of our trust and confidence, we do hereby these present, do constitute and appoint Sister Jean Holland, and that is Sister Thelma Jean Holland, Grand Representative of New Hampshire Grand Chapter in the Grand Chapter of Texas." (Applause) Now she is one that will not be speechless.

Sister Jean Holland: Worthy Grand Matron I am so honored that this lovely lady that I have loved for so long and I just don't know what to say.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: She's speechless!

Sister Jean Holland: Thank you, thank you, thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Well, I tell you what, we're going to work on the pin for a minute. So guess what Lou? Somehow there came one in the mail that had your name on it. I don't know how it got here, it just appeared on my desk the other day. I could be better prepared couldn't I? Whereas the Grand Chapter of, I don't think I'm going to tell you yet, and the Grand Chapter of Texas seeking to promote Fraternal relations between our Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of our Order promoted and it's unity, integrity and strength be protected, and it's utility and honor be confirmed and by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other. Therefore be it known as evidence of our trust and confidence, we do hereby these present, do constitute and appoint Sister Louise Carmichael," is Alma Bane in the room? Sister Alma be prepared because Lou is coming to see you in the District of Columbia. (Applause) I give you advance warning. Sister Lou would you like to say something?

Sister Lou Carmichael: No one will believe this but all I can say is thank you. (Applause)

WGP George Gwaltney: These two Sisters have been with us all year long and they've been working really hard and they really wanted one of the military pins that we made into a pendant. So I want each one of them to have one so they can take them with them when they visit their respective places. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers would you join with me in according these newest Grand Representatives with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given, applause, one rap). Brother Grand Warder, will you see that the doors are closed? Can y'all cut the commotion down in the East. I don't know what y'all's problem is over here. (Laughter)

GW: Worthy Grand Matron. The doors are secure.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers we are going to move on with our elections. At this time nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. I recognize Sister Jean Vestal.

Sister Jean Vestal: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jean Vestal, Worthy Matron of Mesquite No. 887. I'm pleased to place the name of Sister Phyllis Macon, a Past Matron of Mesquite Chapter No. 887 for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1 for the ensuing year.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Phyllis Macon has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Bobbie Morris.

Sister Bobbie Morris: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Bobbie Morris, Worthy Matron of Chico Chapter No. 433 and it is my honor to place in nomination Sister Connie Bilby a Past Matron of Chico Chapter No. 433 for the Board of Grand Examiner, District 1, Grand Chapter of Texas.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Connie Bilby has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by

Day items that they bought last night. Jane Estray? East? Okay. And then Brown and Debra Miller. Where do they need to go to pick these up? At the concession stand or the back row back there by the quilts. (A lot of applause and shouts when the WGP returns). We have our timekeeper and I promise in three minutes we're going to close the doors and vote. Grand Choir, can we have a two and a half minute song? A two minute song.

(Choir sings "Zippity Do Dah")

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Grand Choir. Brother Grand Warder.

GW: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Close the doors.

GW: Worthy Grand Matron the doors are secure.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, we do not have an election on the Associate Grand Conductress race. So let me announce the results. We will be going to a third ballot. Total votes cast 1,214. Needed to elect 608. Linda Winn-Christenson 405. Saundra Zipp 311. Carolyn Martin 498. We will proceed to drop the name of Saundra Zipp and we will ballot on the names of Linda Winn-Christenson and Carolyn Martin. Would you like for me to re-introduce these two ladies or do y'all know who they are? Okay, would y'all come forward please? In the order in which they were originally nominated Sister Linda Winn-Christenson and Sister Carolyn Martin. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, we will be balloting on ballot "C" as in Cheryl. Ballot "C". I declare the ballot open. (One rap) Pages if you will just hold up with your ballots back there in the West for right now. We are almost complete with this race here and if we can hold up for just a few minutes we can put the race for Associate Grand Conductress, we can run it on all six tables to kind of expedite. Cause I'm still wanting to go to lunch. Will those that will be recognized for their 50 years of service who receive their 50 year this year, are y'all lined up in the west with escorts if you need? If not, please make your way. As soon as we finish this ballot we want to recognize you.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Jerry Trees will you please take Trey Smith's place at Table 5. Jerry Trees please take Trey Smith's place on Table 5.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Have the Assistant Grand Sentinels balloted? Hold up your Open sign if they have. Okay, this one has and that one has. Have all the ballots been picked up? Okay. We're going to wait just a few minutes like I say. We're basically through counting these ballots and I want to go ahead and work this ballot on all six tables. Sister Donna Haltom, I see you in the West. Did you get everything picked up? No...okay if you have items that you bought at the Founders Day auction last night, we need to get that completed and finalized out. Okay Pages, we are going to deposit ballots on Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. I declare the ballot closed. (One rap) Arrangements can we have the signs taken down please. Pages when this ballot is complete, this is our final ballot so please place your empty ballot boxes, please make sure they are empty and place them back over here in the southeast corner where you picked them up. Thank you. Yes, you can open the doors. I'm sorry. Sister Grand Marshal, will you present our 50 year members to the East and you may have to come up the walk way over here because I don't know if we can come across the floor...I don't know if there

is enough room. Brother Grand Organist can you play some appropriate music or something? Better than nothing. That's a good one. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present Sister Carole Dole, Sister Deleita Sechrist, Sister Terecia Schroeder, Sister Patsy Jean McKibban, Sister Sandra Perdue, Brother Windall Hitt, Sister Jerre Miller, Sister Jane Wert, Sister Patricia Kettle, Sister Sharon Fentress, Sister Michael McGalley, and Sister Ethel Dammann. Never can get that right. Sisters and Brothers lets acknowledge our 50 year members an honor that some of us will never accomplish. (Applause) Thank y'all and thank you for your many, many years of dedicated service to our Order. You are an inspiration to each and every one of us. And I thank you for being here. I thank you for all that you have done and what you are going to continue to do. Thank you. Would our 50 year members hold up for just a second. I'm getting ahead of myself. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to recognize our 50 year members and greet them?

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Our dear Brothers and Sisters who have achieved the enviable honor of receiving your 50 year pin. We salute you and thank you for your continued service to this Order and to your fellow man. I rejoice with you and for you on achieving this milestone in your Eastern Star career. We thank you for your continued interest and participation. I know that you have and will continue to say "Yes to OES". Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sisters and Brothers. At this time I would like to have the reports of the District Deputy Grand Matron and Deputy Grand Matrons. At this time I recognize Sister Phyllis Macon.

Sister Phyllis Macon: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl Albrecht, for your confidence and trust in me, and for the honor you bestowed upon Mesquite Chapter #887, in allowing me to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron in District One. This year of service has been a memorable year of learning, teaching and sharing. Thank you for bringing all these new friends into my life.

It is now my pleasure to present the annual report for District One and to introduce the ten Deputy Grand Matrons who served our District with enthusiasm and love for the membership.

Kay Kurosky - Section 1
 Marl Scott - Section 2
 Lou Anne Elliott - Section 3
 Iris Ball - Section 4
 Linda Grigsby - Section 5
 Jennifer Pickle - Section 6
 Betty Scruggs - Section 7
 Debbie Hicks - Section 8
 Molly Willey - Section 9
 Xanthe Parker - Section 10

Mrs. Kay Kurosky and the 11 chapters of Section One held “The Weather Vane Points Toward Fans and Friends” School at Gainesville on October 16, 2014, with 126 in attendance.

Mrs. Marl Scott and the 9 chapters of Section Two held “The Spirit of the Texas Fans” School at Sherman on October 18, 2014, with 146 in attendance.

Mrs. Lou Anne Elliott and the 10 chapters of Section Three held the “BFF - Benevolent Fraternal Forever” School at Caddo Mills on October 23, 2014, with 146 in attendance.

Mrs. Iris Ball and the 9 Chapters of Section Four and Mrs. Linda Grigsby and the 14 Chapters of Section Five held the “Road to Knowledge” School at Garland on October 25, 2014, with 205 in attendance.

Mrs. Jennifer Pickle and the 5 Chapters of Section Six held the “FAN Fest” School at Frankston on October 14, 2014, with 82 in attendance.

Mrs. Betty Scruggs and the 7 Chapters of Section Seven held the “Fantastic Friends Forever” School at Bullard on October 2, 2014, with 83 in attendance.

Mrs. Debbie Hicks and the 9 Chapters of Section Eight held the “Fall Fanfare” School in Marshall on October 4, 2014, with 148 in attendance.

Mrs. Molly Willey and the 8 Chapters of Section Nine held the “Everything's Cool in Texas” School at Texarkana on October 7, 2014, with 105 in attendance. .

Mrs. Xanthe Parker and the 7 Chapters of Section Ten held the “Fans Across East Texas” School at Gilmer on September 30, 2014, with 116 in attendance.

The District One schools began in Gilmer on September 30 and continued through Garland on October 25. Total attendance for the nine schools in District One was 1157.

District One began the year with 89 chapters and ended with 84. Two chapters demised: Hughes Springs #349 and Forney-Terrell #557. Three chapters consolidated: Wills Point #366 and Grand Saline #290 both consolidated with Canton #667; Bonham # 852 consolidated with Whitewright #939.

The following statistical report is herewith filed:

STATISTICAL REPORT - DISTRICT ONE

Chapters Assigned as of May 31, 2014	89
Chapters Consolidated	3
Chapters Demised	2
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Constituted	0
Chapters Inspected	89
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Chapters as of May 31, 2015	84

Schools Conducted9
 (8 individual sections and one joint school Sections 4 & 5)

Schools Attended (officially and unofficially)97
 by DDGM (9 officially + 14 unofficially) = 23
 by DGMs (10 officially + 64 unofficially) = 74

Letters Written (DDGM 211 and DGMs 1777)1988

Miles Traveled (thru June 30, 2015)81,000
 by the DDGM (16,195) and by the DGMs (64,805)

The ten special Deputy Grand Matrons of District One known as my “Angelic Breezes” join me in extending our grateful appreciation to Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron. This has been a delightful year, full of memories. Thank you for your faith and confidence by these appointments. We truly became FANS “Friends Always Near” in supporting each other in these positions. I was very proud of these ladies as they all were in attendance at the Fraternal Visits and Schools for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. You certainly made District One shine!

Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. George Gwaltney: You are an inspiring gentleman. We enjoyed sharing this special year with you and Nannette, our Grand Esther, and were always delighted when you were able to join us in District One. Thanks for saying “Yes to OES” and serving as our Worthy Grand Patron.

Grand Examiner, Mrs. Carolyn Martin: We appreciate your love and dedication and the many hours of service you have provided in the examining rooms at each of the schools. It was my joy to serve with you as we traveled this year. I wish you the best as you continue your Eastern Star travels as you leave the office of Grand Examiner, District 1.

Humanitarian Chairman, District One, Mrs. Elinor Humphreys: You presented our 2014-2015 Humanitarian program in an outstanding manner in each of our schools. We are proud of the Chapters in District One for their participation in this program. Thank you for your caring ways to each of us and to this membership.

To the Traveling Secretaries, Joyce Waddell and Nancy Jane Haley, we appreciate your hours in working at the sales tables at the schools and for your assistance to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

To our Grand Marshal Mrs. Loretta Booth, there are just no words in the world to express our appreciation to you for the many, many hours of service you have rendered. We could not have done our jobs without you. We love you dearly.

To the membership of District One: We thank the 89 chapters for every courtesy and for each act of kindness extended to the School Officers. We thank you for the Honorary Memberships you so graciously gave us and we trust we will always be worthy of this honor. We thank you for your willingness to serve and the cooperation you gave which made each of the schools special and which made our year one of FANTASTIC memories.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Macon
District Deputy Grand Matron, District One

It is now my pleasure to present Mrs. Shirley Scholl, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Two.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers those that have been serving on the tables as Table Judges and counters and processors and everything I want to say thank you for the job that you did. Your counting expertise has been fantastic and your speed have been excellent. I want to take names up cause if anyone ever asks me to do this again, I want y'all on the tables. The Worthy Grand Matron said you could be released. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank y'all for your willingness to serve.

Sister Shirley Scholl: Thank you, Sister Phyllis. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to bring the Deputies' report from District 2.

I'd like to introduce the ladies I've had the pleasure of working with this year. Shirley's Road-runners have definitely put a lot of miles on the road this year.

Ruby Cummings - Sections 1, 2, & 3
Beth Hart - Sections 4 & 5
Cindy Pearce - Section 6
Mailyn Queen - Section 7
Rosemary Williams - Section 8

Terri Lawrence-Hall, our Section 10 Deputy, was plaming on being here but her Dad has not been well and she found out on Sunday that his brain is shrinking. Doctors give him from a week to a year. Please keep Terri and her Dad, John Lawrence, in your prayers.

The "A Breezy Panhandle F.A.N." School for Sections 1, 2 & 3 was held on September 12th & 13th in Dumas with Deputy Grand Matron ,Ruby Cummings. Ninety-seven (97) people were in attendance with many Grand Officers as this was the first school of the year.

The Section 10 "Friends Across the Miles" School was held in El Paso on September 15th & 16th. Deputy Terri Lawrence-Hall was in charge. There were forty-one (41) in attendance. i

On September 19th & 20th the "Garden of Friendship" School was held in Midland with Deputy Rosemary Williams. Eighty-nine (89) attended.

The School for Sections 4 & 5 in Lubbock was organized by Deputy Grand Matron Beth Hart. The "Fans Work Toward Proficiency" School was held on September 22nd & 23rd and had sixty-one (61) in attendance.

The "Love and Friendship" School for Section 6 was held in Wichita Falls on September 24th

& 25th with Deputy Cindy Pearce in charge. Seventy-five (75) attended.

The final school for District 2 was held in Section 7 on September 26th & 27th in Abilene. The "Friends, Family and Fans" School was organized by Deputy Mailyn Queen. There were one hundred sixty-four (164) in attendance.

The total attendance at the 6 schools held in District 2 was five hundred twenty-seven (527).

Statistical Report for District	2:
Chapters Assigned	25
Chapters Consolidated	1
Chapters Demised	0
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	25
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	6
Schools attended by the DDGM	9
Schools attended by the DGM's	30
Official Letters Written	220
Miles Traveled by the DDGM	21,955
Miles Traveled by the DGM's	30,811
Total Miles Traveled	52,766

Worthy Grandd Matron, words cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed this year of service to our Grand Chapter. Thank you so very much for giving me this very special appointment which has allowed me to make many new friends - both in District 2 and around the state. It has been a pleastre working with you. I have made many special memories which will last a lifetime. I will always be proud to be one of your girls.

Worthy Grand Patron, I have enjoyed getting to know you and Sister Nannette. Your special way with the membership will be a treasured memory. Thank you for your service to our county and your support of the Warrior and Family Care Center in San Antonio. And, yes, I will always "Just Say Yes to OES"!

Sister Susan Dormady, Grand Examiner District 2, we have known each other for several years. I have enjoyed getting to know you better this year and traveling with you - not only in District 2 but to other areas as well. I look forward to hearing more great renditions of the Secret Work in the years to come.

District Deputies, what a joy it has been this year to be part of a group of ladies that came together as a group as soon as we met. We have traveled to each others Districts, supported each other, worked together and laughed together. I know we will be "Best Friends Forever."

Sister Judy Parsons, Humanitarian Chairman for District 2, I enjoyed the programs you pre-

sented at our schools. Your smile and friendship mean a lot to me. I look forward to working with you again as we both travel the Eastern Star trail.

As all of District 2 now knows, I made it my goal this year to attend a regular meeting of every chapter in District 2 - something that has never been done before. I put many miles on my vehicle as I completed my goal and visited all 25 chapters. Thank you District 2 membership for being so welcoming when I showed up at your chapter. I had a great time getting to know the District 2 membership and am very proud to be an honorary member of all 25 chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Scholl
District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Georgia Orr, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3, who will bring the next report.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay before we have the District 3 report, we have a greenish colored Jeep, Handicapped Plates #5KBZF. It's parked at the west end of the building between the two OES trailers and they've got to be able to get in there so they can hook up to the trailers so that they can start loading some of the stuff. We need this vehicle moved immediately. It's a greenish colored Jeep. License #5KBZF. There are several items that have been lost and found, they are at the Lost and Found table. If you've lost an item let us know. One of the items that was lost was some money, so if you've lost some money you have to tell me how much it was and how it was together and then I'll think about giving it back to you.

Sister Georgia Orr: Thank you Sister Shirley. WGM Sister Cheryl, WGP Brother George, Distinguished member, my sisters and brothers: I am pleased to introduce my 10 lovely ladies who truly were my Georgia's Peaches.

Tina Stevens, Section 1
Ginny Lamb, Section 2
Frances Peacock, Section 3
Rhonda Patterson, Section 4
Sally Howard, Section 5
Susie Rodgers, Section 6
Nellie Somera, Section 7
Wendy LaGrone, Section 8
Corrine Anderson, Section 9
Chris Paden, Section 10

Our first school was Hill Country Friends on January 26-27. Deputy Susie Rogers was in charge. There were 87 in attendance. We then traveled to Copperus Cove with Deputy Nellie Somera conducting the Fan Your Way to Knowledge school on January 28-29. There were 91 in attendance. Next was Killeen for Her Mother's Fan conducted by Deputy Wendy LaGrone on January 30-31. There were 135 in attendance.

We then traveled to Bangs, for the Ordinary Friends -Extraordinary Service School. Deputy

Sally Howard presided with 58 in attendance on February 2-3. Next we went to Cleburne on February 4-5 for the Friends Along the Chisholm Trail School conducted by Deputy Chris Paden. There were 150 in attendance. From there we went to Waco for the Fanfare For Friends on February 6-7 with Deputy Corrine Anderson. There were 173 in attendance. We then went to DeLeon for the Breeze Through the School of Knowledge on February 9-10 with Deputy Rhonda Patterson. There were 46 in attendance. Next we went to Throckmorton for the Studying With Friends school conducted by Deputy Francis Peacock with 51 in attendance.

From there we went to Granbury for the Walk With Cherished Friends with Deputy Ginny Lamb on February 13-14. We had 117 in attendance. After a break we ended with our final school Fantastic Finale in Fort Worth with Deputy Tina Stevens. There were 288 in attendance.

The total attendance at all 10 schools was 1196

Statistical Report for District 3

Chapters assigned	66
Chapters Consolidated.	1
Chapters Demised	1
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	66
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended by DDGM	17
Schools Attended DGM	25
Official letters Written	742
Miles traveled by DDGM . . .	5,621.3
Miles traveled by DGM . . .	38,829.9
Total Miles Traveled.	44,451.2

WGM our friendship goes way back and we have traveled many miles together over the years. You have truly given me the fulfillment of a dream come true. I love you.

WGP I truly feel I have found 2 new friends who are always near in you and Sister Nannette. Our nursing background gives us a strong foundation and this year our friendship has grown.

Sister Donna, Grand Examiner, we've been sisters for a good while in several organizations but I have truly enjoyed being with you this year.

District Deputies, my friends, I could not have done this without each of you and your help.

My District 3 members, thanks for everything you have done for me. I truly cherish all my honorary memberships

Georgia Orr
DDGM, District 3

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Diane Flanagan, District 4 who will bring the next report.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Is Chuck Ross in the building? I know he was sick yesterday. Is he ill? Okay.

Sister Diane Flanagan: Thank you, Sister Georgia Orr, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3.

It is my pleasure to bring this report for District 4.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy Grand Matron for District 4 for the year 2014-2015. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for giving me these competent Deputy Grand Matrons, also known as Diane's Diamonds of District 4. They have completed their duties in a loving and gracious manner. It has been my pleasure to work with these devoted ladies who have shown their love and dedicated service to our Order.

Sister Michele Hebert, Deputy Grand Matron and the 13 Chapters of Section 1 hosted the "Friends and Neighbors" School of Instructions on November 18, 2014 in Timpon. There were a total of 123 members in attendance for the school activities. There was one Chapter, Zavala Chapter # 952 consolidated with Huntington Chapter #938 effective June 1, 2015. Sister Michelle travelled a total of 3,290 miles prior to a cancer diagnosed that prevented further travels.

Sister Tonya Wilson, Deputy Grand Matron and the 17 Chapters of Section 2 hosted the "FANcy Meeting You Here" School of Instructions on November 8, 2014 in Silsbee. There were a total of 202 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Tonya travelled a total of 15,632 miles during her year. There were no Chapters to consolidate or demised during the year.

Sister Carolyn Sturgeon, Deputy Grand Matron and the 7 Chapters of Section 3 hosted the "Being Eager Always Ready to Learn" School of Instructions on October 28, 2014 in Crockett. There were a total of 146 members in attendance for the school activities. The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Officers participated in an Initiation Ceremony immediately following this School. Sister Carolyn travelled a total of 5,790 miles during her year. There were no chapters to consolidate or demise during the year.

Sister Cheryl Royall, Deputy Grand Matron and the 12 Chapters of Section 4 hosted the "Navigating the Easterly Breeze" School of instructions on November 1, 2014 in Huffman. There were a total of 191 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Cheryl travelled a total of 17,452 miles during her year. There were no chapters to consolidate or demise during the year.

Sister Debra Miller, Deputy Grand Matron and the 11 Chapters of Section 5 hosted the "Gaining Direction with FANS and Wind Vanes" School of Instructions on November 15, 2014 in Houston. There were a total of 173 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Debra travelled a total of 5,305 miles during her year. There were no chapters to consolidate or demise during the year.

Sister Carlas Smith, Deputy Grand Matron and the 8 Chapters of Section 6 hosted the

"Friends Always Near"

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“Cheryl’s Fanciful Trumpets of Fanfare” School of Instructions on November 13, 2014 in Franklin. There were a total of 126 members in attendance for the school activities. The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Officers participated in an Initiation Ceremony immediately following this School. Sister Carlas travelled a total of 2,253 miles during her year. There were no chapters to consolidate or demise during the year.

Sister Lillie Williams, Deputy Grand Matron and the 11 Chapters of Section 7 hosted the “A Stroll Through FANTasy Land” School of Instructions on November 22, 2014 in Montgomery. There were a total of 177 members in attendance for the school activities. The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Officers participated in an Initiation Ceremony immediately following this School. Sister Lillie travelled a total of 8,176 miles during her year. There were no chapters to consolidate or demise during the year.

Sister Jonnie Turner, Deputy Grand Matron and the 6 Chapters of Section 8 hosted the “FANS Across ‘Lost Pines’” School of Instructions on November 11, 2014 in Bastrop. There were a total of 94 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Jonnie travelled a total of 4,056 miles during her year. There were no chapters to consolidate or demise during the year.

Sister Jackie Parsonage, Deputy Grand Matron and the 4 Chapters of Section 9 hosted the “A FANtabulously FANTastical School of Enlightenment” School of Instructions on November 4, 2014 in Sugar Land. There were a total of 90 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Jackie travelled a total of 7,923 miles during her year. There were no chapters to consolidate or demise during the year.

Sister Sandy LeMaster, Deputy Grand Matron and the 11 Chapters of Section 10 hosted the “Fanning the Flames of Enlightenment” School of Instructions on November 6, 2014 in Angleton. There were a total of 126 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Sandy travelled a total of 1,824 miles during her year. Sister Sandy has been unable to travel since her husband, Max, was admitted to ICU where he remains today. There were no chapters to consolidate or demise during the year.

The total attendance of the schools in District 4 was 1,448 members.

Statistical Report for District 4:

Chapters Assigned	88
Chapters Inspected	88
Chapters Consolidated	1
Chapters Demised	0
Chapters Instituted	0
Letters Written	1,916
Miles Traveled	89,400

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl Albrecht, thank you so much for the honor to serve you and this Grand Chapter as District Deputy Grand Matron for District 4. Your confidence in me and your genuine kindness to others has left a positive impression. This has truly been a year of fantastic memories that I will always treasure. Thank you for the 10 special Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4. We love you and we are your Friends Always Near.

Brother Darrell Albrecht, Grand Warder: it has been fun getting to know you. You were always so supportive and ready to help were ever needed.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Gwaltney: thank you for your support of me and the Deputies of District 4. You encouraged and motivated us throughout the year.

Sister Nannette Gwaltney, Grand Esther: it has been a pleasure getting to know you. We appreciate your love and support.

Sister Terri Rozell, Grand Examiner of District 4: it has been a joy getting to know you better. I've come to realize what a special lady you are. Your dedication in the Examining room, love and kindness to the membership, your perfect renditions of the secret work and your tireless travel throughout District 4 is greatly appreciated.

Sister Melba Jean Hanna, Humanitarian of District 4: It was a pleasure to hear your presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron's Humanitarian Program before each Fraternal Visit. Your wit over the Worthy Grand Matron FAN emblem kept the Grand Officers on their toes.

To Diane's Diamonds, the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4: You all made this year a year to remember, not only for me but for us all. I'm certain that the member. of District 4 join me in thanking you for all your hard work and your dedication to our Order.

To the members of District 4: You are FANtastic! Thank you for your support and participation this past year. You welcomed us with your smiles and hugs at every school, every meeting and every event. Thank you! Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Flanagan
District Deputy Grand Matron District 4

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to now recognize my co-worker and friend, Sister Joan Miller, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 5.

Sister Joan Miller: Thank you Sister Diane Flanagan.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all:

This year has been a wonderful journey! I, along with the eight Deputy Grand Matrons of District Five, would like to express our love and appreciation for the honor bestowed upon us for this very special place of service. It is with much pride that I introduce Joan's "**Fancy Ladies**", the Deputy Grand Matrons of District Five and to give this report.

Anita Wiggers and the six chapters of Section 3 hosted the "Friends of the Abyss" School of Instruction in Blanco on January 16, 2015 with 145 members present. Even after suffering 2 broken wrists and a broken nose! Along with the arrival of "Popeye, Olive Oil, Bluto, and Wimpie" assisted by our W.G.P.!

Patricia Hammond and the four chapters of Section 4 hosted the “Frockling Fans of the Frio” School of Instruction in Leakey on January 6th with 55 members present. With some toes in the “chilly” Frio!

Kathleen Bailey and the five chapters of Section 5 hosted the “Parade of Peacocks” School of Instruction in Pleasanton on January 8th with 64 members present. And we are still wondering how that Peacock got to the luncheon!

Karen Gregory and the eight chapters of Section 6 hosted the “Friends Far and Near” School of Instruction in Austin on January 10th with 125 members present, during an Ice Storm! Where only the Brave slid into town!

Deborah Foster and the ten chapters of Section 7 hosted the “Alamo River of Friends” School of Instruction in San Antonio on January 24th with 272 members present. With fire hoses ready to put out any fires!

Wilma Ferry and the nine chapters of Section 8 hosted the “Fan Out” School of Instruction in Victoria on January 13th with 80 members present. Where the Ferry’s Orchids were in full bloom!

Lisa Muilenburg and the five chapters of Section 9 hosted the “FANs of FUNdamentals” School of Instruction in Rockport on January 15th with 74 members present. With the cool sea breeze to keep us in teh mood!

Bernice Coleman and the three chapters of Section 10 hosted the “The FANTASTIC” School of Instruction in Harlingen on January 20th with 41 members present. Despite this Deputy taking a crash and wearing a “halo” for her broken neck!

There were eight Schools of Instruction held in District Five with a total attendance of 856 members. Each of the Schools of Instruction were unique to their area and we all had a lot of fun. I especially want to thank the membership for their interest and participation at the schools, it was greatly appreciated.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR, DISTR!IT FIVE

Chapters Assigned	50	
Chapters Demised	0	
Chapters Consolidated	0	
Chapters Instituted	0	
Chapters Inspected	50	
Chapters Not Inspected	4	(Due to no Deputy in Sections 1 and 2)
Schools Conducted	8	
Schools Attended Officially	16	
Miles Traveled	55,126	

District Five began the year with 54 Chapters and ended the year with all Chapters intact.

The District Five Community Service Report previously turned in to the Grand Secretary reflected that of those chapters reporting, District 5 members reported; 38,849 Hours in Com-

munity Service and \$84,736.87 given in donations. Of that amount, \$53,067.87 was donated to youth organizations and services!

The eight dedicated Deputy Grand Matrons, Joan's "*Fancy Ladies*" of District Five join with me in extending our heartfelt appreciation to:

Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron: "Thank You" for the honor you bestowed upon us and our chapters by selecting us to serve in this high place of service in your Grand Family. Your dedication to God and to the Order of the Eastern Star has been exemplified in all that you do and say and has been an example for all to follow. This year has been a journey that we will always cherish and hold dear in our hearts. WE "Thank You" for giving us this opportunity.

Brother George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron: Words cannot express the pride that I and the eight Deputy Grand Matrons of District Five feel at having been able to serve this Grand Chapter Year with you as our Worthy Grand Patron. Not only did you attend all of our schools, but you have guided and encouraged us every step of the way. You have been the "Captain of our Ship!" You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Sister Nannette Gwaltney, Grand Esther: We say thank you for sharing Brother George with us this year, and for your support and participation in our Schools of Instruction. Your willingness to assist in any and all tasks has been a true example of what Eastern Star is all about. We thank you for your friendship and your service to our beautiful Order.

Sister Linda Winn-Christenson, Board of Grand Examiners, District Five: I will always hold dear to my heart the time we spent together on this "Friends Always Near" Journey, the nightly chats, the words of encouragement, and the prayers we shared before each school. You have a kind and gentle way that makes the membership feel at ease. Thank you for your friendship and love.

Sister Lou Skidd, Humanitarian, District Five: Thank you for your presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron's Humanitarian Program at each of the eight schools in District 5. Your unique presentation was met with our attention and appreciation. We congratulate you on the results of your hard work.

Sister Joyce Waddle, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, and Sister Nancy Haley, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron: Your dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star and to this membership is greatly appreciated. We thank you for your hard work and your service and consider it a privilege to call you "Friend."

To the other District Deputy Grand Matrons, it has been an amazing year and I will always cherish the friendships we have formed. Through laughter, a few tears and a little "panic" we succeeded and there will always be a special bond between us.

To the Membership of District Five: You are the BEST! Thank you for the Honorary Memberships, your love and support and for every kindness extended to us throughout this year. You have given us many memories that we will always cherish. I am honored to be a member of Blanco, Canyon lake, and Bandera Chapters. Thank you all for making this "Friends Always

Near” Journey complete.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller
District Deputy Grand Matron
District Five

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the five District Deputy Grand Matrons reports.

WGP George Gwaltney: Second.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: We have a motion and a second by Brother George Gwaltney to accept the reports of the five District Deputies. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed. Motion carried. (One rap) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, we do have an election for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Ready? Total votes cast, 1,185. Needed to elect 593. Phyllis Macon 787. Connie Bilby 398. You have elected Sister Phyllis Macon to serve as the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner of District 1. (Applause) Sister Phyllis, do you accept?

Sister Phyllis Macon: I accept, Worthy Grand Matron and I thank this membership for allowing me this privilege. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Do we have our Arrangements and Executive Committees in the West? No? Do you need a little more time? Sisters and Brothers, there are two vehicles that are parked behind the building in the West. One over here and one over this direction. We have a white Ford, license #CM6C87, right straight behind in front of the ramps I believe. A black Lincoln parked on the ramp over here...we need to be able to get in and out....White...black, white...White...White Lincoln #GHDKY. It is parked on the ramp. Sisters and Brothers, they're trying to get stuff moved in and moved out and if we can't get these cars moved, I think they are going to call a tow truck. So if these are your vehicles, please come move them. If you'll come over and meet Dewey over here in the Southeast, you can go out this direction where you don't have to walk all the way around. But we need to get those vehicles moved.

Sister Grand Marshal, will you present the Executive and Arrangements Committee in the West. Would those who may not have been officially on the Arrangements Committee please join them out here. You know I'm looking at you B.J. You know I'm looking at you. Okay.

GM Loretta Booth: Worthy Grand Matron, it's my pleasure to present your Executive and Arrangements Committee as requested.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: You know, we all know that a Grand Chapter Session does not just happen. There are many, many hours of work put in to make this Grand Chapter a FANTastic success. Many plans were made, many behind my back, (Laughter) for the memberships enjoyment and comfort and I will never, never be able to adequately thank you for all that you have done. I know thank you is a very small phrase but I hope you know how much I appreciate all that y'all have done for me. Thank you. (Applause)

WGP George Gwaltney: Sisters and Brothers, until a few years ago when I was Chairman of

the First Aide Committee, I had no clue as to what these two committees do and rally how important they are to Grand Chapter. Signs were needed for the First Aide room. There is not much need for a First Aide room if no one knows where it is. I mentioned the signs to the Arrangement Committee and they took care of it right away. These two committees are responsible for our Grand Chapter. Hats off to both committees for your hard work, superior planning and the executing of your duties. We are enjoying Grand Chapter because of your endeavors. Thank You! Sisters and Brother please join with me in expressing our gratitude to these committee members. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Y'all do know that I'm not going to get through the rest of this book don't you? Sisters and Brothers, I've sat out there and I've sat on this stage and all of you know I have a sheet of paper sitting here on my pedestal don't you? That you want to know what it says. If I read these results, will you please stay with me because I've got some really good surprises left that I think people are going to be very, very pleased with. And I know that Sister Jerre's group wants to extend an invitation for you to join us next year. So if I give these results will you stay with us? (Yes!) Okay, I'm counting heads. We have an election in the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Total votes cast, 1,194. Needed to elect 598. Linda Winn-Christenson 524, Carolyn Martin 670. Sisters and Brothers, you have elected Carolyn Martin to serve as you Associate Grand Conductress. (Applause) Sister Carolyn.

Sister Carolyn Martin: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I need you to answer a question for me. And I need an honest answer. Ready? Do you accept? (Laughter)

Sister Carolyn Martin: Yes, ma'am! It's an honest answer. (Applause) and I thank the membership for this honor and this privilege because to me the membership is everything and I so appreciate your having the faith in me to allow me to do this job for our Grand Chapter and for you the membership. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Jane Hudson? Sister Jane Hudson, it sure looks like you have some people back there that look like they have something to say. Would you like to extend your invitation?

**(Jane Hudson and group enter the Grand Chapter room and go to the East)
(Sister Rosemary Swetland-Berry on the Piano)**

Sister Jane Hudson: (Applause) Wow, thank you Sister Rosemary. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. Good Afternoon. My name is Jane Hudson and I'm the Executive Chairman for the 2016 Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. And it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce the rest of the Executive Committee. Phyllis Wilson, Co-Chairman, Cladette Allen, Secretary, Vickie Mathews, Treasurer and Raul Garcia who will be our Auditor after October of this year. I would also like to introduce Sammy FetchPeach, Arrangements Chairman and the Arrangements Co-Chairman, Randy ToteMartin and Patty Peach. You can ask Sister Jerre about the Tote and Fetch. On behalf of Sister Jerre Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron elect, and Brother Billy Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron elect, it is my privilege to invite you to the 134th Grand Chapter Session to be held in Tyler, Texas. (Applause) We're very excited to visit a city named after the tenth President of

the United States of America, John Tyler. It is also the Rose Capital of the nation. It is the home of the Rose Garden Center located next to the Harvey Convention Center. It is the home of over 38,000 rose bushes and more than 500 varieties. You will have the opportunity to see them, we hope. In 1947, the Apache Bells were formed at Tyler Junior College as one of the first Precision Drill Teams. They have represented Texas and Tyler all over the world. I have with me a letter of invitation from the Mayor of Tyler that I would like to read to you at this time. It is dated August 15, 2015.

Dear Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, Welcome to Tyler, Texas. Our unity is honored that the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star chose our great city of Tyler to host their 2016 Convention. Your organizations mission to uplift humanity is to be admired. The contributions to society guided by each member's moral character and giving spirit will light the way for future generations. For our guests who have never been to Tyler please take some time to visit our friendly city and explore what we have to offer. The County Seat of Smith County, Tyler, has grown to be the largest community in East Texas and is considered the manufacturing healthcare, education and retail hub of the area. Strategically located just south of Interstate 20 between Dallas, Texas and Shreveport, Louisiana, participants of square and round dancing will not have any problem getting to that event. Our family oriented community has many churches, parks, recreation, entertainment and cultural facilities, including the Caldwell Zoo and the largest Municipal Rose Garden in the nation. On behalf of the Tyler City Council, its staff and citizens, I hope your event will be successful and an unforgettable experience.

*Regards, Martin Heines
Mayor, City of Tyler*

And at this time, I would like to present to the Worthy Grand Matron a framed copy of that letter which the Convention and Visitors Bureau brought to us this morning. (Applause) Worthy Grand Matron, are you back there? I move that the 134th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas to be held at the Harvey Convention Center in Tyler, Texas on September 1-3, 2016.

ALL the Group: We second the motion.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay, Debbie are you ready? I'm not calling all their names. Seconded by Phyllis Wilson and others. Sisters and Brothers, there's some kind of motion and a second on the floor that we have Grand Chapter in Tyler on September 1-3, 2016. Is there any discussion? Hearing none we will proceed to vote by ballot. All those in favor raise your blue cards. Alright, raise your hand then. (The group didn't have their blue cards). All opposed, same sign. Do y'all realize that's Labor Day? There's some kind of Poetic Justice in that. (Laughter) Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress will you please escort the following to the West. Brother Ray Lewis, Brother Bill Prague, Brother Chuck Ross and Sister Priscilla Locke to the West please. Who are we missing? Ray? Okay. Sisters and Brothers, this is just a few of those that have worked so hard to make sure that this Grand Chapter has come off as such a successful endeavor. You have worked diligently, not only for the last three days but all year. Sister Pricilla, you have gone above and beyond any expectations that

I have ever dreamed of. And Brother Ray and Brother Bill there was nothing you could have done more for me. And Brother Chuck I appreciate so much all of the pictures that you have taken and the miles that you have travelled. So at this time it is my privilege to present and we're going to do the lady first. And Henry can go with you. Whereas...do y'all want to hear all this? Y'all just really want to hear what state, right? (Yes!) Cause I'm aiming to get out of here at 3:30, that means we've got 20 minutes. Okay, Sister Pricilla Lock it is my pleasure to present to you a Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Illinois. (Applause) Brother Ray Lewis, how do you feel about Michigan? (Applause) Brother Bill Prague, wait a minute. I should have had this out. How about Iowa? (Applause) And Brother Chuck Ross have you ever been to Virginia? (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress will you please present them in the East.

Brother Ray Lewis: I don't really know what to say. But I do want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honor that they gave us that we might support this Grand Organization. Thank you. (Applause)

Brother Bill Prague: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I do appreciate this and thank you so much. (Applause)

Brother Chuck Ross: I'm not usually at a loss for words but this is one of those occasions. As I told the Worthy Grand Matron, this is a heck of a day to forget my camera. (Laughter) Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

Sister Priscilla Locke: I can't let the men out do me so I have to say, thank you Worthy Grand Matron, my friend. I will try to do my best to represent the state of Texas in the state of Illinois. I think I'm in Texas. Of Illinois in Texas. Whatever, I'm going there. (Laughter) (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers would you join me in (Three raps) extending them Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (One rap) Okay, Alvin Massey and David Myrick you've ordered name badges and you've paid for them and I think the vendors are loading up and we still have them. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress I'm not sure if they are coming down but thank you for helping me with this. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you know I'm getting old and forgetful so would you please escort Brother Darrell Albrecht, Sister Nannette Gwaltney, and Sister Cheryl Royall to the West. Anybody missing a pink dress? If not, I'm going to see if it fits me. Pink dress found in the West.

GC Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor of presenting Sisters Nannette Gwaltney, Cheryl Royall and Brother Darrell Albrecht as requested.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: The Grand Examiner of District 2 gave me a brand new handkerchief. She knew I was going to need it this afternoon. You know, these three are troublemakers. (Laughter) Sister Nannette talked to me for an hour and a half about what the duties of a Worthy Grand Patron was and what I needed to look for in a Worthy Grand Patron. Never knowing that I was on my way to San Antonio at that time to tell her what I expected my Worthy Grand Patron to do. And that is a true story. Sister Cheryl, I know you didn't know a thing about this and don't blame Bob because this is one thing Bob didn't know about either. I didn't think he could keep it secret if I told him so I didn't tell him. But you and Bob have opened your home

to us on many, many occasions. You and Bob have gone above and beyond anything that would have ever been expected from your positions. I have to tell you a little story about Bob. My husband bought a copier. And it was a large copier. We got it from a large surplus auction and it's about the size of this six foot table. (Laughter) It was in Houston. Darrell says "How in the world are we going to get it? It has to be picked up during working hours." I said "Why don't you call Bob and see if Bob can do it?" Oops, I never admitted to, that I was the one that suggested it. Absolutely sure. So Bob and a friend go to downtown Houston to pick up this copier...on the 12th Floor. (Laughter) And when they tried to load it into the van and the copier hit the edge of the trailer, the copier stopped, but Bob didn't. I have been looking for that traffic cam ever since cause I betcha that was a good show. But you have just gone way and above anything that I could have asked. You've opened your home, you've opened your heart. You have just been a true friend to me and I knew I couldn't...I had to pick one and I knew that Bob would be busy and I couldn't think of anyone else I wanted to give it to and I want to thank you for that. And you are just a troublemaker (to Darrell). You have lied to me. You have hid things from me. I know they were in on it. That's one reason she's standing there. Y'all have hid things from me. You made people go babysit me in a hotel room so I wouldn't come back over. (Laughter) But you know throughout this last eight years, four years as Grand Examiner and four years in the Line, you have always been there. Either you were there taking care of things at home or you were there with me. You have driven many miles to surprise me and I just want you to know how much I love you. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron, I think you agree with these three people back here, don't you? And I must say, Sister Nannette, George didn't tell you because you know how I was or I am...I didn't tell him. (Laughter)

WGP George Gwaltney: She didn't but I agree with her one thousand percent.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Would you like to make any more comments? You can't borrow my handkerchief though. I'm going to use it all up.

WGP George Gwaltney: Sweetie, you've been with me all this way. You've encouraged me, you've supported me...I can't do it right now...but at any rate, I can't get emotional like that. Honey, you know that I love you and I am very, very thankful for everything you've done for me and I look forward to going to wherever we're going to. (Laughter) Sister Cheryl and Brother Darrell, you just keep going and keep helping and keep doing. You've been great. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I am so sorry to make you walk again but could you please bring these to the East. Oh, wait, wait, wait...did y'all want to know where you're going? Or do you want to wait until you get up here? Okay, come on up here and then I'll tell you. (Applause) Sister Nannette, I'm sure you have been, but how do you feel about New York? (Applause) I understand New York has some pretty good shopping so it is my pleasure to present to you your commission to the state of New York. (WGP George pins her pin on her) Sister Cheryl, you know we took a little boat ride not too long ago and we had a lot of fun. And you know that I know that you like to shop. Even if it's not on Amazon, you do some other shopping so I thought you might like to go back to Puerto Rico. (Applause) And Brother Darrell I thought this one was very fitting to you. Because correct me if I'm wrong, what state is the Show Me state? (Missouri) There you go. Show Me! (Applause) Don't you think the Show Me state fits him? (Yes) (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers (Three raps) would you join with me in extending to these Grand Representatives with saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) And I have one more thing to say. Gotcha! Would y'all like to say something?

Sister Nannette Gwaltney: Worthy Grand Matron you've certainly surprised me but I want you to know that every time George was presented with you or any other time, you honored me. (Applause)

Sister Cheryl Royall: Worthy Grand Matron, you got me! I'm in her room last night and she's got these things laying everywhere and I said "Do you need help?" She kind of let me piddle around with some but she didn't show me this one. Thank you. (Applause)

Brother Darrell Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, I told you that if you had somebody else that you wanted to give this to I understood. And it's been my pleasure spending this eight years doing everything I could and I hope this has worked out for you. And I would do it again if I needed to. I hope I don't need to again. (Laughter) (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Well, somebody did ask me if I had any interest in General Grand Chapter. (Laughter)

Brother Darrell Albrecht: The dogs and I will be at home. (Laughter) But, no, I did manage to get a few surprises in. We worked behind the scenes. I had a few people helping me and don't blame the Deputies, they just did what I asked them to do. (Laughter) Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress I think that has done it. Thank you. (Applause) Oh, Brother Darrell, why don't you come here just a minute? Who said "Uh oh"? Who said "Uh oh"? (Laughter) Is Shane still here? Shane come on up here. You know over the year I have done some things that were not always expected. Yeah, I know, I just did a couple. But you know, that really makes it fun. And this is my family. My husband, Darrell and my youngest son, Shane, my brother, Jim and my mother, Sharon. And you know it is very common for the Executive Chairman to have received one of these Grand Representatives. However my Executive Chairman did this because he opened his mouth and I took advantage of it. And would not let him back out and he did not want a Grand Representative. He said he would rather if he took a week's vacation to go ride his motorcycle through the hills of Tennessee. I can't blame him. So he and I hatched this idea or I had an idea and we agreed that this was what we were going to do. So at this time, it is my pleasure to present to our Mother, Sister Sharon Fentress, a Grand Representative. (Applause) Now I know we don't normally give Grand Representatives to those who have achieved a Past Grand Matron's status. But this is something she always said she regretted that she never was able to be a Grand Representative and I thought she deserved to have that. (Applause) Now I'm going to ask you a question. Do you remember, oh a month or so ago, you said that there was one place you'd like to visit? No? (Laughter) Well that didn't work. Do you remember after General Grand Chapter we had some visitors come to our Chapter to visit? (No) You know we went to the hotel and picked them up.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Oh, there was a bunch of them. (Laughter)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Where were they from?

PGM Sharon Fentress: All over. (Laughter)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: No, no, no. They were from one...two different places.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Overseas!

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Yeah, how about Scotland? (Applause) You really are going to have to get that passport done now. You are going to have to get that passport taken care of now. But it is my honor to present to you the Grand Representative to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. (Applause)

PGM Sharon Fentress: I taught my daughter better than this. (Laughter) I told her when I went out as Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star that there could be no higher honor than to have the privilege of serving this Grand Chapter and these beautiful people. And I said, the only thing that I regret is that in Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons never have the opportunity to be a Grand Representative. And I've never travelled much. I did go to Tennessee because that was my husband's home state, but I just can't imagine getting a plane or a boat and going overseas. (Laughter) But I guarantee you I'm going to get there one way or the other. Thank you. (Applause) There was no way I could ever express to this membership the love that I have in my heart for you and for this wonderful organization. Thank you for blessing me so in my life. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: The comment my brother made was "I would much rather see my Mother have and have her dream fulfilled than for me to have it." Oh, Sisters and Brothers join me in saluting her with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given). (One rap) Now Sisters and Brothers you know that this is my family but you know there is another person in this room that is as close to me as my family. And I could not stand here today without her help for years and years. And you know you have a true friend when you tell her you don't want to do this, she'll pay a price and they look you back in the eye and says "I don't care". And I don't think this is going to come as a surprise to anyone and I don't think there's a person who deserves it any more and at the request of the Grand Warder, would you escort Loretta Booth to the East? (Applause) And I know I could have put all of these together and done them all at one time but I wanted these last few to be very special. You can't have my handkerchief. But Sisters and Brothers, is there anyone in this room that does not know Loretta Booth? She will help anyone. She will do anything that's even not asked. It doesn't matter if it's typing the Session program, typing the Deputy Book, cooking for the Deputies conference, putting books together for the Deputies conference, and many, many other things. She has wrapped more packages, she has typed more things, she beaded the Bible Marker. And if you've not seen it, you need to see it. It's as impressive, if not more, than the altar cloth. She has done everything. She's fetched and toted, she's carried, and she's never asked for anything in return. And she could not believe when I asked her to be Grand Marshal. And I had no one else that I wanted to be sitting as my Grand Marshal. And she was so disappointed because she made a mistake. But I told her I did not care if she made a mistake because the important thing was that she was sitting right there where I wanted her to sit and to share this year. She is the sister that I never had. We have laughed together, as you can see we

have cried together. She knows way too much about me. And I know your husband may kill me for this but have you ever been to Saskatchewan? (Applause) Me either. Let's go to Saskatchewan. But it is my pleasure to present to you this Grand Representative of Saskatchewan and I chose this one for you because I've never been to Saskatchewan. (Laughter) We can do that. We're going to have to check and find out when they do it.

Sister Loretta Booth: We're not on a school schedule. We don't have a printing deadline.

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: No. No printing deadline. Oh, that sounds good. But you have seen her even here today. Grand Marshal not responsible for moving chairs but you saw her getting up and moving chairs. When the Worthy Grand Matron was dumb enough to leave her report at her office she said "Oh you emailed it to me to proof read. I'll go print it." And she went across the hall and printed it and before I gave it, she had it back over here printed for me. (Three raps) It is my pleasure to present to you the Grand Representative of Saskatchewan. (Applause) You will salute her with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (Applause)

Sister Loretta Booth: Somebody asked me one time "Oh Cheryl will make you a floor officer." I said "No, but you know what I will get out of working for Cheryl?" I said "I will get to sit on the Grand Chapter floor and see her preside as Worthy Grand Matron". That was my biggest reward. Not for anything, not for any prize, not for any reward. The joy of seeing her preside but I appreciate this Worthy Grand Matron and you and I will talk later. (Laughter) (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Okay, Sisters and Brother I promise that's all of them. I promise that's all of them. I'm not going to promise that's all the tears but that's all of the Grand Reps. I now recognize our Worthy Grand....wait just a minute. Sister Conductress, did you have anything that you had? Okay. I now recognize the Worthy Grand Patron for his closing remarks.

WGP George Gwaltney: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. My Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of Texas. When Sister Cheryl asked me to walk this road with her, I literally had to think about it for a week before giving her my answer. I knew that my life would be forever changed and that I would have to give a great deal of myself. I was not sure that I would be able to do that. Let me say, unequivocally, that these two plus years have been the best of my life. I have been immeasurably proud to be your Worthy Grand Patron. I could not have picked a better Worthy Grand Matron to walk by my side and I could not have a better support person than my wife, Sister Nannette. My successes have been entirely due to her continued support, guidance and love. I look forward to sailing on my boat, travelling with my wife, playing a little golf and then continue to serve our Order in whatever way that God has need for me. I will miss being with you, but, as in any organization, you have a capable person who will serve you and I wish Billy, that you have an even better year than I did. I will leave you with just one thought and that is one that you have heard me repeat over and over this year. I hope that you will say it with me one more time. No matter where you go, no matter what you do, "Just Say Yes to OES". Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Wow. What can I say at the end of this FANTastic year? Thank you for making this year FANTastic. Exceeding any and all of my expectations. To the Installed Grand Officers, thank you for all of your love and support. You have given over many, many years to look out and know that you were there for me. Gave me strength to face any challenge that we faced. To the District Deputy Grand Matrons, shame on you for babysitting me the other

night. (Laughter) I thought you loved me. Now I know you love my husband. But seriously, thank you for teaching the schools in the manner that I desired. You taught the schools with love and kindness. Exactly what I wanted except you took it a step further and you did it beautifully and there was nothing that you could have done any better. You have always been there for me this year and I cannot tell you how much each of you mean to me. I thank you and you will always be my District Deputy Grand Matrons. To my Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for representing me in your respective Sections. I could not have been more proud of you. And I pray that this year has been everything that you ever hoped being Deputy Grand Matron would be. And I hope that you never have to say “I wish I had not done it”. I always hope that you will say “I was so glad to be Deputy Grand Matron and the highest compliment would be that I was Deputy Grand Matron this year.” And I hope that you can say that because I can honestly and sincerely say that I am so glad that you were my Deputy Grand Matrons and let me just remind you that once a Deputy, always a Deputy or a District Deputy and you do not babysit. (Laughter) Thank y’all. (Applause) To my special Angels that are watching from above, my grandparents, my father, Wanda Fairchild, Brenda Ruiz and Leona Andrews, I just hope I made you proud. To each and every member, oh, thank you for everything. I could not have done it without each of you. To my family, I could not have had this year if you had not been standing beside me. Taking care of things and making sure that not only I had everything that I needed but that the things I should have been doing at home were being taken care of. You know I have three sons and only one of them is a member. But all three of my sons understand the love I have for the Order of the Eastern Star and they are there behind me one hundred percent. But I am looking forward... I am going to go get Nick and I’m going to see him a little more often after this year. I can’t believe he turned seven and I was so pleased to have him escort me last year at Installation. That was a highlight. You know I had a lady introduce me at a function one year by saying, “There’s no such thing as an extraordinary person. There’s just ordinary people with extraordinary dreams” and I had that extraordinary dream and you let me live it. Thank you. (Applause) Thank you Susan Dormady. And I finished the Session just like I started it. I didn’t leave the report on my desk, I just didn’t write it. I’ll get to it later. Well today was later...so I was writing it up here. But you know there is one more thing I would like to say, to Brother George and Sister Nannette, I couldn’t have done this without the two of you and I cannot tell you how proud I was when George said yes. And I knew that the two of you were going to be walking, not behind me, but beside me. And you have done that and I thank y’all for that and I thank you for everything y’all have done. Y’all have always opened your home to me when I was in the area and you’ve always treated me like family and I thank you for that. (Applause)

Okay, to bring the Benediction of the 133rd Session of the Grand Chapter is Brother Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron of Texas. (Three raps)

PGP Richard Ochs: Sisters and Brothers, if you’re sitting alone, join your hands in clasp. If you’re sitting by someone else, join with their hand. If you’re alone you’re joining your right part of the brain with the left part because they work differently. And this puts you into the rest with those who are in unison together. As friends and neighbors with joined minds and hearts, as a fan of this 133rd Grand Chapter Session in prayer. Supreme architect, God, the Creator, thank you Father for the guidance provided to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Albrecht, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George during their FANTastic year and those who assisted them in a job well done. We prayerfully and gratefully to you for their service for God’s guidance. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen (Amen)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Brother Richard. Grand Officers, we have to give these badges back. You don't get to keep them so be sure and see the Grand Secretary before you leave the floor to sign them back in. You don't have to take it off right now but after we close be sure and take them back to the Grand Secretary. They're gonna want to use them tonight.

*******Ritualistic Closing from Labor to Rest until 5:30 p.m. for the
Grand Installation of Officers*******



SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2014 - 2015

BEAR HUGS

The Bear Hugs Committee will promote activities of the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas and other children's hospitals across the state.

Committee members will offer Teddy Bears, which the member can take with them, or donate to a child in the hospital, with a card attached where a message of hope can be written. The committee will collect the animals and distribute them to a children's hospital in their area.

This committee will also assist in promoting and securing donations for the bazaars which are held at the Scottish Rite Hospital on June 4th-6th and November 13th-17th.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

The Bulletin Committee will encourage new subscriptions to the Official Bulletin of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Members are encouraged to promote subscriptions for new members, gifts for line officers and members, and for members to maintain their subscriptions. The Bulletin Committee will also encourage members to participate in the "Christmas Wishes" and "Valentine Greetings" Page by purchasing a one or two line greeting, in lieu of sending Christmas Cards, etc. The Poet Laureate will write a short greeting, and under that, space will be available for names wishing to send Christmas Greetings to the membership. There will be a charge of \$10.00 for two lines and \$5.00 for each additional line.

CALENDAR

The members of the Calendar Committee will sell pocket calendars covering the activities of 2014-2015 Grand Chapter year.

CANCER COMMITTEE

This committee is composed of Worthy Matrons and Past Matrons who are encouraged to support cancer research. Each chapter is asked to have a silver drill or another fund-raiser for this cause. These funds will be forwarded to Brother Nelson Campbell who is on the Cancer Committee for General Grand Chapter and reported to General Grand Chapter. All funds raised will remain in Texas.

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

The Endowed Membership Committee will encourage members to participate in the Endowed Membership Program by purchasing \$10.00 stamps or a \$500.00 Endowed Membership.

FRATERNAL FRIENDS

This committee is composed of Worthy Patrons and are encouraged to promote good will between their Eastern Star Chapters and their Masonic Lodges.

FUTURE FANS

The Future Fans Committee will promote support for your youth organizations: Texas Assembly of The International Order of Rainbow for Girls and Texas DeMolay. Committee members will identify and visit the nearest Rainbow Assembly and DeMolay Chapter and bring greetings and support from the Order of the Eastern Star. They will encourage participation by members in the DeMolay and Rainbow meetings and events. The committee will also sell "Just Say Yes to OES" pins for a donation of \$5.00.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS COMMITTEE

The Historical Highlights Committee will assist in taking orders for the Historical Highlights Book, which has a recorded history of the Grand Chapter of Texas. The Committee members will also be encouraged to speak on the Book. This book has a page for each Grand Chapter year, and some very interesting pieces of history.

HOME OF THE BRAVE

This committee will support The Warrior and Family Support Center located at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. Currently this is the only facility of its kind and offers a wide range of services to our soldiers and their families. It provides them with access to computers, long distance telephone service, and gives them place to relax and enjoy time with their family and friends, while they receive medical attention and rehab from the hospital. The members of this committee will offer a lapel pin for a donation of \$5.00, featuring the American Flag and the Eastern Star Fan, illustrating our commitment to support our military. The committee will also be accepting donations of checks, gift cards, diapers, etc. which will be sent directly to the center.

MASONIC FANS

The Masonic Committee are encouraged to promote Eastern Star membership by their local Lodge members and spouses. Committee members are encouraged to attend the Lodge meetings in their area and request time to say a word about Eastern Star at the end of the meeting. The committee members could also offer to bring a program on Eastern Star. Each committee member should always carry an OES petition with them on their visits. This Committee will also encourage their Eastern Star Chapter to support their Masonic Lodge by serving a meal or attending their open meetings.

MEMBERSHIP VISITATION

This committee will encourage Chapter members to visit other Chapters in their section. This committee will also assist the District Deputy Grand Matrons with the sale of the Travel Books for a donation of \$5.00.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Music Committee will sell copies of the sheet music written for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for a donation of \$5.00 per piece.

OES TREASURES

This committee is composed of those members who have served our Chapters for many years and have supported and encouraged our members by their length of service and devotion to the Order of the Eastern Star. These members should be asked to speak during the year on their history with Eastern Star. Many lessons can be learned from their experiences.

PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE

The Proficiency Committee will encourage the formation of study classes to help prepare for the Proficiency Exams at the Schools of Instruction. These Committee Members will also assist the Grand Examiner during the Schools of Instruction and assist in distributing the proficiency stickers to those who obtain their proficiency certificates.

RITUALISTIC EXCELLENCE

The Ritualistic Excellence Committee will be composed of members, who are proficient in the Ritual and interested in promoting the Ritual. The format will be the same as previous formats and will encourage all members to participate in one of the following categories.

1. Prayers (2 of the following prayers, Opening, Closing, Initiation, Installation, Funeral)
2. Star Points Lectures (Opening, Initiation, and Funeral)
3. Associate Patron Lecture (Long form)
4. Conductress introductory speech to the candidate and charges to the Star Points
5. Worthy Matron part in Funeral

Stars and certificates will be awarded for 1st Place (less than 2 errors), and participation.

ROB MORRIS COMMITTEE

The Rob Morris Committee will promote attendance at the Rob Morris Celebration to be held at the Grand Chapter session in Arlington. They will be responsible for the silent auctions at the Schools on Instruction, and will be selling embossed junior-size padfolios for a donation of \$15.00.

TEXAS-OKLAHOMA EXCHANGE

These committee members will work together to schedule activities for the Texas-Oklahoma Exchange visit which will take place in May 2015 in Gainesville, Texas and Ardmore, Oklahoma.

TMRC

The TMRC committee will host the following holiday parties for the residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. District 1 will host a Halloween Party on October 12th; District

4 will host a Christmas Party on December 14th; District 3 will host a Valentine's Party on February 8th; District 2 will host a Easter Party on April 12th; and District 5 will host a Patriotic Party on June 28th. They will sell folding fans for a donation of \$5.00, and the "Friends Always Near" Book of poems, greetings, and inspirational stories.

TMRC FAMILY DAY

The Annual Masonic Family Day will be held October 11, 2014. Booths will be available for Chapters to assist in money making endeavors.

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| Mrs. Mary Ruth White | Mrs. Annette Curry |
| Mrs. Jayne Yenger | |
| Mr. Murray Watson, Jr. | Mr. Richard Ochs |
| Mr. Kenneth Gregory | Mr. H. Lee Stallings |
| Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker | Mr. Harold Trammell |
| Mr. Ed Warner | Mr. Jack Guy |
| Mr. John Creel | Mr. Jerry Trees |
| Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. | Mr. Ray Hertenberger |
| Mr. David B. Dibrell | Mr. William "Bill" Crews |
| Mr. Trey Smith | |

***Note to all Honored and Distinguished Members and Guests
— Please be in the West at 5:30 PM. You will be presented in
the processional through the Labyrinth to your place of Honor
in the East.***

Distinguished Guests

General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees

Present Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of
Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand
Jurisdictions

Visiting Grand Officers

Visiting Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand
Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Most Worshipful Michael L. Wiggins

Most Worshipful Grand Master

And

Right Worshipful Wendall P. Miller, Deputy Grand Master

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Member of the House of Gold

Mrs. Joann Weaver, Supreme Deputy

And

Miss Emily Cumming, Grand Worthy Advisor

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Mr. Michael L. Sampson

Personal Representative of the Grand Master of DeMolay for
the State of Texas

Mr. Tony Peebler

State Master Councilor, DeMolay in Texas

Installation Program

5:30 P.M.

Musical Prelude	Mr. Daniel Caldwell, Grand Organist 2014-2015
	Mrs. Mary Alberts, District 3 Serenading the Herd

Processional

6:00 P.M.

Master of Ceremonies	Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Past Grand Matron
Processional Grand Marshal	Mrs. Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron and Bobbi' Forever Friend, GGC
Call to Order	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron
	Mr. George Gwaltney, 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 2015-2016
Elected Board Members
Board of Grand Examiners***

_____ District One
Escorted by _____

Mrs. Susan Dormandy District Two
Escorted by Mr. Bill Dormandy

Mrs. Donna Noe District Three
Escorted by Mr. Dan Noe

Mrs. Terri Rozell District Four
Escorted by Mr. Travis Knowlton

_____ District Five
Escorted by _____

Mrs. Laura Sharp Grand Examiner At Large
Escorted by Mr. Richard Sharp

Board of Directors

Mrs. Becky Austin District One
Escorted by Mr. Don Austin

Mr. Ray Hargis District One
Escorted by Mrs. Linda Hargis

Mrs. Audri Rowell District Two
Escorted by Mr. Don Reynolds

Mrs. Deborah Land District Two
Escorted by Mr. Allen Rodgers

Mrs. Jean Hobbs District Three
Escorted by Mr. Bruce Hobbs

_____ District Three
Escorted by

Mrs. Debi Fincher District Four
Escorted by Mr. Michael Fincher

_____ District Four
Escorted by

Mr. David Ouelette District Five
Escorted by Gayle Adams

Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild District Five
Escorted by Mr. Bill Crews

Special Appointments
Matriarchs of the Plains

Mrs. Sara Rozean
Escorted by Mr. James Scott

Mrs. Joyce Fields
Escorted by Mr. Henry Martin

Mrs. Ann Kelly
Escorted by Mr. Frank Knight

Mrs. Mary Jo Rosamond
Escorted by Mr. Ronnie C. Perry

Mrs. Linda Roy Grand Marshal
Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith

Mr. Burley D. Jones Grand Chaplain
Escorted by Mrs. Doris Jones

_____ Associate Grand Conductress
Escorted by

Mrs. Melissa Hudman Grand Conductress
Escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman

Mrs. Marlene Scholari Grand Secretary
Escorted by Mr. Joe Scholari

Mrs. Lorrie Owens Grand Treasurer
Escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens

Mr. Tom Murphy Associate Grand Patron
Escorted by Mrs. Glenda Murphy

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer Associate Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer

Mr. Billy Clabaugh Worthy Grand Patron
Escorted by Mrs. Tonya Foster

Mrs. Jerre Lucas Worthy Grand Matron
Escorted by Mrs. Diana Payer & Mr. Joe Frazier

Star Point Presentations

Narrator Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary, GGC

Adah Mrs. Nancy Brown,
Past Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. Harold Trammell, Past Grand Patron

Ruth Mrs. Bonnie Varnell,
Past Grand Matron of New Mexico
Escorted by Mr. Bill Ryhan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona

Esther Mrs. Mary Ruth White,
Past Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. K. Art Drescher, Past Grand Patron
& John’s Matador

Martha Mrs. Vi Griffin,
Past Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. Tommy Griffin, Past Grand Master

Electa Mrs. Sharon Fentress,
Past Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. Bill Crews, Past Grand Patron

Presentation of the Bible

Miss Kathleen Jo Frazier

Presentation of the Bible Marker

Miss Anna Virginia Payer

Presentation of the Square & Compasses

Mr. Preston Robert Frazier

Presentation of the Horseshoe

Mr. Michael Brooks Frazier

Flag Presentations

Narrator	Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron
United States	Mr. David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron
Canadian	Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron
Texas	Mr. Sunny Wise, Past Patron, Kirbyville #1143
Christian	Mr. Dallas Alford, Past Patron, A.E. Shirley #986
Eastern Star	Mr. Tex Phillips, Associate Patron, Schertz #911
Masonic	Mr. Michael Wiggins, Most Worshipful Grand Master
Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron
National Anthem	Led by Mrs. Susie Rodgers, Grand Soloist
Opening of the Bible	Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Grand Conductress
Invocation	Mr. Trey Smith, Past Grand Patron
Special Dedication	Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

“Ride for the Brand”

Mr. Frank Knight,
Poet Laureate

Presentation of the Installing Grand Officers

Installing Grand Officer

Dr. Effie Mae Davis,
Past Grand Matron

Assisting Installing Grand Officer

Mr. Jack Guy,
Past Grand Patron

Installing Grand Marshal

Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry,
Past Grand Matron

Installing Grand Chaplain

Mr. Nelson Campbell,
Cancer Committee, GGC
& a Past Grand Patron of Texas

Installing Grand Organist

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert,
Past Grand Matron

Installing Grand Secretary-Pro-Tem

Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield,
Past Grand Matron

***Ceremony of Installation
Of Grand Officers***

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Melissa Hudman,
Grand Conductress

Greetings

Mr. Wendall P. Miller

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM

Mr. Michael Wiggins

Most Worshipful Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM

Mr. Henry S. Martin Right Worthy Grand Sentinel
General Grand Chapter

Mr. Michael L. Sampson

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Mr. Tony Pebbler

State Master Councilor, Texas DeMolay

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell Past Supreme Inspector &
a Member of the House of Gold
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Mrs. Jo Ann Weaver Supreme Deputy in Texas
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Presentation of the Rainbow Bibles

Miss Emily Cumming Grand Worthy Advisor
And the Rainbow Girls
Grand Assembly of Texas
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Dedication of the Year from the Worthy Grand Matron
Mrs. Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron

“Trailblazers March Across Texas” March
Performed By Jackie Stogner, Grand Organist
Composed by Boots Draper, Pioneer

Greetings Mr. Billy Clabaugh,
Worthy Grand Patron

Greetings Mrs. Jerre Lucas,
Worthy Grand Matron

Benediction Mr. John Berry,
Past Patron of Lufkin #382

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.***

Call from Rest to Labor Mrs. Jerre Lucas,
Worthy Grand Matron

Proving of the Grand Chapter Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer,
Associate Grand Matron

Presentations Chairman, Board of Directors

Retiring of the United States Flag Mrs. Linda Roy,
Grand Marshal

***Ritualistic Closing of the 133rd Session
of Grand Chapter***

Closing Ode	“Happy Trails”
Mizpah Benediction	In Unison
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Grand Conductress

Sunday, August 16, 2015

All 2015-2016 Candidates will meet with the Worthy Grand Matron at 7:30 a.m. before the Breakfast for a review of candidate rules.

The “Texas Blooms A New Star” Breakfast honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress will begin at 8:00 A.M. in the Arlington Convention Center.

The Deputy Grand Matron Conference will begin at 10:00 A.M. Sunday, August 16, 2015 at the Arlington Convention Center. Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members are invited to attend.

***A Special Thanks
For Creating this
Special Installation Night***

Ms. Diane Davidson
Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Jane Hudson & Mrs. Phyllis Wilson
Executive Committee

And

The Executive and Arrangements Committee of 2014-2015
The Executive and Arrangements Committee of 2015-2016

Altar Cloth, Bible Cover &
Bible Marker

Mrs. Georgia Faye Jennings
Museum Co.—District 3

Hostesses of the Installation

Deputies Of 2015-2016

And

Grand Secretary and the Staff of the Grand Chapter Office

Thank you for your assistance



Schertz Chapter No. 911
Cordially Invites You to Attend
“The Trail Ride Begins”
Banquet and Fraternal Visit of

Mrs. Jerre Lucas
Worthy Grand Matron
And Honoring
Mr. Billy Clabaugh
Worthy Grand Patron

Saturday, August 22, 2015
Scottish Rite Temple
308 Ave. E San Antonio, Texas
Banquet 5:00 P.M.
Fraternal Visit To Follow

Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Sandra Phillips
3309 Harvest Dr. Cibolo, TX 78108
210-722-8829

Banquet Donation: \$30.00 — Deadline: 8/15/15
Please enclose SASE with your 15-16 Title

Hotel Accommodations:
Hampton Inn
17702 I-35 North, Schertz, TX
210-566-6110 (Hotel Code ESG)
\$89.00-\$99.00 Rate

Carthage Chapter No. 747
Cordially Invites You to Attend
“The HEAD ‘EM UP AND MOVE ‘EM OUT”
The Banquet and Fraternal Visit of

Mrs. Jerre Lucas
Worthy Grand Matron
And Honoring
Mr. Billy Clabaugh
Worthy Grand Patron

Saturday, August 29, 2015
Carthage Civic Center
1704 S. Adams - Carthage, Texas
Banquet 6:00 P.M.
Fraternal Visit 7:30 P.M.

Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Linda Jackson
209 Ron; Longview, TX 75604
903-759-0305
Banquet Donation: \$30.00 — Deadline: 8/15/15
Please enclose SASE with your 15-16 Title

Hotel Accommodations:

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	BAYMONT INN SUITES
2295 SE Loop	2313 SE Loop
Carthage, TX 75633	Carthage, TX 75633
903-694-8585	903-694-9075
\$95.00	\$69.99

RIDE FOR THE BRAND

***Back in the day of the big cattle drives
When cowboys ruled the land,
Loyalty to the outfit would keep you alive,
They called it "Ride for the Brand."***

***The cowhands would all sign up for a year
Despite the hardships and work
Chasin' and brandin' the doggies and steers
Tough duties they'd never shirk.***

***Come outlaws or weather to threaten the herd,
Each man would fight to the death.
Chasin' a stampede, they hollered and spurred,
Till both horse 'n man's out'a breath.***

***There's lessons to learn from those rugged
Cowpokes, To see where your loyalties lie.
Riding for the Brand is for all us folks
Whose outfit we'd never deny.***

***Signing on for the year will be hard work,
but fun, And we're counting on every hand,
We'll all pull together to get the job done,
And take pride as we***

Ride for the Brand!

Frank Knight, Poet Laureate

*ALWAYS REMEMBER, DO NOT GO WHERE
THE PATH MAY LEAD...GO INSTEAD
WHERE THERE IS NO PATH, AND LEAVE A
TRAIL.*

Emerson



**Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
134th Installation of Grand Officers
“Ride for the Brand”
Arlington Convention Center
Saturday, August 15, 2015**

**Mrs. Jerre Lucas
Worthy Grand Matron**

**Mr. Billy Clabaugh
Worthy Grand Patron**

Musical Prelude

**Mrs. Mary Alberts
Killeen Chapter #490**

**Ms. Jamie Quenzer
Texas City Chapter #626**

**Mr. Daniel Caldwell
Grand Organist**

Processional

Master of Ceremonies

**Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron**

Processional Grand Marshal

**Mrs. Betty Benham
Past Grand Matron and
Bobbi’s Forever Friend, GGC**

Call to Order

**Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Worthy Grand Matron**

**Mr. George Gwaltney
Worthy Grand Patron**

MC Bess Caldwell: Good evening and welcome to this “Ride for the Brand” 134th Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. I know that Sister Jerre and Brother Billy are excited to begin this trail ride and they would want to extend their appreciation for your presence here this evening. We come together tonight to bring a new year to the history of our Grand Chapter.

We have been enjoying the lovely music provided by Daniel Caldwell, Grand Organist. We have enjoyed that Daniel. (Applause) Thank you for sharing your talents with us this evening. You have given us a western musical Inspiration for tonight. We are also pleased to have had two special numbers by Sister Jamie Quenzer. Thank you.

I am pleased to introduce to you our Processional Grand Marshal, our radiant jewel from the West, Sister Betty Phillips Benham. (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal, to begin our

evening you will present those who have guided this Grand Chapter for the past year in a FANtastic way, our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. George Gwaltney escorted by Mrs. Nannette Gwaltney. (Three raps) It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother George Gwaltney, Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sister Cheryl, I present to you the gavel that you may call this Session to order. (One rap)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: I call this meeting to order. (One rap) Is that okay? I can do that.

MC Bess Caldwell: You did good. Sister Rennie, you're up here, aren't you? They're not going to present you. We have our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron in the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Please join me in saluting her with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Thank you very much

MC Bess Caldwell: (One rap) Processional Grand Marshal, you will present our Texas General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. We have

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Mr. Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel

Mrs. Vi Griffin, Public Relations

Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Support Our Military

Mr. Nelson Campbell, Cancer Committee

Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt, Shrine Charities

Please join me in greeting these General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. (Applause)

Processional Marshal, you will present Texas own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

PGM Betty Benham: Out of state Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, please.

MC Bess Caldwell: Installing Grand Marshal, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. I am pleased to introduce

Bonnie Varnell, New Mexico

Bill Rhyan, Arizona

Carl Larson, Connecticut

Sisters and Brothers join me in giving these ladies and gentlemen a very hearty welcome. (Applause)

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present Texas own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. The Grand Chapter of Texas has been blessed by your continued love, encouragement and support. The membership would like to thank you for all you do for our beautiful Order. Please greet these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. (Applause)

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present our Distinguished Guests.

PGM Betty Benham: We have the Special Appointee of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

MC Bess Caldwell: Processional Marshal you will present the Special Appointee of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause) Thank you for coming and sharing your time with us this evening. Sisters and Brothers please help me welcome this General Grand Chapter Appointee. Thank you. (Applause)

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Officers of Grand Lodge. Processional Grand Marshal you will present the Fraternal Youth Organization Leaders. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is my pleasure to present the Rainbow and DeMolay Leaders, we welcome you here tonight. Thank you so very much for sharing your time with us. Please join me in giving them a very hearty welcome.

Processional Grand Marshal you will present the Installed Grand Officers and Officials of Grand Lodge. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers I am pleased to present to you the Grand Lodge Officials. Please join me in giving them a very hearty welcome. (Applause)

Our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect is a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter No. 911 in Schertz, Texas. The Worthy Grand Patron-Elect is a Past Patron of Carthage Chapter No. 747 and Tenaha Chapter No. 185. It is my pleasure to present the members of Schertz Chapter No. 911, Carthage Chapter No. 747 and Tenaha Chapter No. 185. Also presented tonight are members of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect families. Processional Marshal you will present these Special Guests to their place of honor in the Chapter Room. I know that our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and our Worthy Grand Patron-Elect are so pleased to have each of you here with them tonight. It is always a joy when you are supported by your Chapters. Thank you and your family. Thank you so very much for being here. Sisters and Brothers please join me in welcoming these distinguished men and women. (Applause)

Now those who will be assisting with the preservation of the proficiency of the work of our Order. I am pleased to present the Board of Grand Examiners. Please hold your applause until all have been presented.

Mrs. Phyllis Macon, District One, escorted by Mr. Carrol Macon
 Mrs. Susan Dormandy, District Two, escorted by Mr. Bill Dormandy
 Mrs. Donna Noe, District Three, escorted by Mr. Don Noe
 Mrs. Terri Rozell, District Four, escorted by Mr. Travis Knowlton
 Mrs. Joan Miller, District Five, escorted by Mr. Terry Miller
 Mrs. Laura Sharp, Grand Examiner at Large, escorted by Mr. Richard Sharp.

Join me in greeting your Board of Grand Examiners. (Applause)

Next we have the ones who will monitor our financial activities. I'm pleased to introduce the 2015-2016 Board of Directors. Serving on the Board of Directors are

District One, Becky Austin, Vice Chairman, escorted by Mr. Don Austin
 Mr. Ray Hargis, escorted by Mrs. Linda Hargis
 District Two, Mrs. Audri Rowell, Chairman, escorted by Mr. Don Reynolds
 Mrs. Deborah Land, escorted by Mr. Allan Rodgers
 District Three, Mrs. Jean Hobbs, escorted by Mr. Mike Hall
 Mrs. Barbara Martin, escorted by Mr. Doyle Martin
 District Four, Mr. Bob Royall, escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Royall

District Five, Mr. David Ouellette, escorted by Mrs. Gayle Adams
 Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild, Secretary, escorted by Mr. Bill Crews
 Please greet the 2014-2015 Board of Directors and show your appreciation for all their dedicated service to Grand Chapter. (Applause)

Throughout the years, many have given in service to our Star. Our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect wishes to honor four special Sisters and friends for their dedication to our Order and for their love and support of her. They are named this year as ***Matriarchs of the Plains*** for they are the powerful women who have led by example in depicting the teachings of our Order. It is my pleasure to present the ***Matriarchs of the Plains***

From District Two, Mrs. Sara Rozean, escorted by Mr. James Scott
 Mrs. Joyce Fields, escorted by Mr. Henry Martin
 District Three, Mrs. Ann Kelly, escorted by Mr. Frank Knight
 And from District Five, Mrs. Mary Jo Rosamond, escorted by Mr. Ronnie C. Perry
 Together these ladies represent many years of service to our beautiful Star. Let us greet them. (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 honor and joy of selecting 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. Iris Lowe, Past Matron of Brazoria Chapter No. 74, escorted by her husband Mr. Paul Lowe

Grand Sentinel, Mr. Paul C. Zappe III, Past Patron of Adah Chapter No. 49, escorted by Mrs. Doris Davis

Grand Warder, Mrs. Gail Fuller, Past Matron of Floresville Chapter No. 271, escorted by Mr. Clarence Thompson

Grand Electa, Dr. Linda J. Puckett, Past Matron of Garland Chapter No. 156, escorted by her husband, Mr. John C. Puckett

Grand Martha, Mrs. Pat Turner, Past Matron of Lorena Chapter No. 1124, escorted by Mr. Ron Mietzner

Grand Esther, Mrs. Jane Clabaugh, Past Matron of Carthage Chapter No. 747, escorted by Mr. Charles Foster

Grand Ruth, Mrs. Jean Harrison, Past Matron of Brownfield Chapter No. 785 now Affiliated with Big Spring Chapter No. 67, escorted by Mr. Jimmy Ruth

Grand Adah, Mrs. Cathy Eidson, Past Matron of Harlingen Chapter No. 641, escorted by Mr. Boyd Kramer

Grand Organist, Mrs. Jackie Stogner, Past Matron of Big Spring Chapter No. 67, escorted by her husband, Mr. Terry Stogner

Grand Marshal, Mrs. Linda Roy, Past Matron of Cedar Bayou Chapter No. 11, escorted by Mr. Trey Smith

Grand Chaplain, Mr. Burley D. Jones, Past Patron of Cleveland Chapter No. 465, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Doris Jones

Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Carolyn Martin, escorted by Mr. Henry Martin

Grand Conductress, Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Past Matron of Loyal No. 468, escorted by her husband, Mr. Richard Hudman

Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Lorrie Owens, Past Matron of Lewisville Chapter No. 935, escorted

by her husband, Mr. Jerry Owens

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Marlene Scholari, Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter # 959, escorted by her husband, Mr. Joseph Scholari

Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Tom Murphy, Past Patron of Crockett Chapter No. 509, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Glenda Murphy

Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Past Matron of Cypress Chapter #1102, escorted by her husband, Mr. Gary Mosmeyer

Worthy Grand Patron, Our Head Maverick, Mr. Billy Clabaugh, Past Patron of Carthage Chapter No. 747, escorted by his daughter, Mrs. Tonya Foster

Worthy Grand Matron, our number one Trailblazer, Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Past Matron of Schertz Chapter No. 911, escorted by her daughter and son, Mrs. Diana Payer and Mr. Joe Frazier. Please join me in greeting these members. (Applause)

Presentation of the Star Point Emblems. The distinguished heroines of our Order play an important role in Eastern Star for they represent the virtues by which we strive to live. The narration of the Star Point Emblems will be presented by Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Dr. Rob Morris searched the scriptures for heroines who portrayed not only a relationship to a Master Mason but who taught a lesson that would enrich our lives. The distinguished heroines inspire us to live our lives to reflect the virtues of these faithful servants of God. From the beginning our Star Point Emblems have represented the principles and purpose of our Order and have led us to service.

The sky blue ray of Adah, clear for all mankind to see, Adah preserved her father's honor and she teaches us Fidelity. The heroic Adah freely gave her life to preserve her father's honor fulfilling a vow her father had made to God. The emblem is the Sword and Veil united. It is present by Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Dr. Bill Bane, Past Grand Patron.

Fidelity is love that shines through deeds.

The yellow ray of Ruth represents honor, justice and humility and teaches all who listen the valued lesson of Constancy. Ruth was constant in devotion to her beloved mother-in-law, Naomi, and with love in her heart, this faithful widow shed its ray of love on Ruth and brought forth the golden grains of life's harvest. Our Sheaf is presented by Mrs. Bonnie Varnell, Past Grand Matron of New Mexico, escorted by Mr. Bill Ryhan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona.

Constancy is love that shines through acts.

The pure white ray of Esther symbolizes light, joy and purity while the emblem speaks of power and royalty. Esther was chosen to be the Queen of Persia. Her devotion is an inspiring lesson in loyalty as she was prepared to sacrifice her crown and even her life to save her people. The Crown and Scepter are presented by Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Past Grand Matron and escorted by Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Past Grand Patron.

Loyalty is a love that shines through caring.

The green ray of Martha expresses to all who can see a trustful faith and hope of immortality.

It was to Martha that Jesus gave the reassuring words, “I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die”. The broken column is presented by Mrs. Vi Griffin, Past Grand Matron and escorted by Mr. Tommy Griffin, Past Grand Master.

Faith is a love that shines through peace.

The shining red ray of Electa is a symbol of courageous fervency and love for all who would be engaged in truth’s many activities. Electa is described as the elect lady and ideal mother who refuses to renounce her Christian faith, even under the penalty of death. She radiated love through her many acts of kindness and by the practice of God’s greatest commandment that we love one another. The cup is presented by Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron and escorted by Mr. Bill Crews, Past Grand Patron.

Love is a star that shines through kindness.

Such lessons portrayed by the five rays of our emblematic Star – Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love. May each of us strive earnestly to make these virtues shine so clearly in our lives that all mankind may find guidance. May the rays of our Star always shine with love and service to others.

(Presentation of the Bible)

MC Bess Caldwell: From the pages of his Holy word we receive guidance and inspiration for our lives and from Proverbs 3:6 is found one of the scriptures for the year, “In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths”. The Bible this evening is being presented by Miss Kathleen Jo Frazier, Granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect.

(Presentation of the Bible Marker)

During our meetings, our Bible is always opened to bring light and guidance to our meetings from His word. It is opened at the second Chapter of St. Matthew to mark “I have seen his star in the East” in our Bible. The Bible marker is presented by Miss Anna Virginia Payer, Granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Matron. The Bible Cover, Marker and Altar Cloth were made by a Special Friend, Mrs. Georgia Faye Jennings from Weatherford Chapter No. 21

(Presentation of the Square and Compasses)

Upon our Holy Bible rests the Square and Compasses. The reminder of Order’s dear ties to the Masonic fraternity. Presenting the Square and Compasses which belong to Brownfield Chapter No. 785 where the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect was initiated is Mr. Preston Robert Frazier, Grandson of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect.

The Western theme of the coming year is symbolized by the horseshoe. This horseshoe worn and old, symbolizes the great heritage that has been given to us. This horseshoe belonged to a special friend in his youth, Burt Davidson who as a Past Patron of McLennan Chapter No. 639 and is presented tonight by Mr. Michael Brooks Frazier, Grandson of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect.

I call your attention to the banner in the East. It was made by the sisters of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and has been present at each important step of her journey to the Grand East

and symbolizes her family's love and support of her endeavors.

Mr. Ray Hertenberger will present our flag presentation.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Throughout history, flags have been used to show allegiance to a country or to a cause. Battles have been fought as people have passionately protected the standards of their nation. We will have the presentation of the flags. (Three raps) Join me as we salute the flag of our country. The flag of the United States of America, the Star-Spangled Banner, our flag, the symbol of freedom around the world, the flag that stands for liberty wherever it may wave. Born in conflict, she inspires a great nations. Our red, white and blue is still giving inspiration to a great nation with her fifty stars flying in a field of blue. There she is, Old Glory, flying free and unfurled. We rejoice with pride and may we never take lightly the blood that continues to be shed to preserve for us the freedom to fly Old Glory. Proudly presenting the United States flag, the stars and stripes of our country's flag is Mr. David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Master.

The Canadian flag from our friend and neighbor to the north is emblazoned with the beautiful red maple leaf on a banner of white. May our flags always fly side by side in a spirit of peace and fraternal friendship. The Canadian flag is presented by Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron.

No other state has such a heritage of sacrifice for freedom as Texas. Having served also as the flag of the Republic of Texas, the flag of the Lone Star state is recognized around the world. As Texans, we are proud of our heritage. Our hearts swell with pride when we see the Lone Star flag displayed and hear the words "I pledge allegiance to thee Texas; one and indivisible." Proudly presenting our state's flag is Mr. Sonny Wise, Past Patron of Kirbyville No. 1143 and Page to the Worthy Grand Patron-elect.

The cross on the Christian flag represents the sacrifice of our savior and reminds us to emulate his compassion and brotherly love. It is the universal emblem of our Christian religion, ever keeping us mindful of our heavenly Father's love for us and our love for Him. Our Christian flag is presented by Mr. Dallas Alford, Past Patron of A. E. Shirley No. 986 and Page to the Worthy Grand Patron-Elect.

An emblematic star on a background of white reminds us of the Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Eastern Star flag is presented by Mr. Boyd Kramer, Past Patron of Adah Chapter #49.

The Masonic flag honors our Masonic Brothers as the foundation of the entire fraternal family. The Masonic flag will be presented by Right Worshipful Wendall P. Miller, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

MC Bess Caldwell: I invite our Worthy Grand Patron to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our country.

WGP George Gwaltney: 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 Bess Caldwell: Please join us in singing our National Anthem which will be led by Mrs. Susie Rodgers, Grand Soloist.

(National Anthem was sung)

WGM Cheryl Albrecht: Sister Grand Conductress you will attend at the altar.

MC Bess Caldwell: As we start this new year of service, let us ask for His blessings to guide us. Our invocation will be voiced by Mr. Trey Smith, Past Grand Patron.

PGP Trey Smith: Take the hand of the person standing next to you please. Dear Lord we come to you tonight to say thank you for each soul that is represented here. We thank you for the many blessings that you have given to each of us. We thank you for continuing to bless our Order with leaders who love our members. And bless them as they lead with grace, respect and especially love. May you bless and provide our members continually as we work to serve you, our Lord. Please be with our new Officers who will be installed tonight and bless them as they travel the many roads of Texas. Protect all of our members as we go to our homes. Please provide us with safety. Also Lord, let there be laughter and good fellowship throughout the year. Help us to appreciate each other and love each other more and more. Amen. (Amen)

MC Bess Caldwell: Thank you. You may be seated. (One rap) I present Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron who will dedicate this Installation.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Many have asked where the horseshoe and the western theme of the coming year had its start. When Jerre began this journey, she sought out the advice of one who served the membership with the Golden Rule, Dr. Effie Mae Davis. Dr. Effie Mae suggested the horseshoe to symbolize the western theme of values of an earlier time. In the old west, the cowboys "rode for the brand" as they were loyal to the brand they worked for. This year we are riding for the brand of Eastern Star. Our brand deserves our pride, our duty and our stewardship while we strive to inspire loyalty and dedication, as we commit to the mission of advancing Eastern Star. In riding for the brand of Eastern Star we will all face challenges this year. As we work day to day for our Star, let us share our good works with the community. Let others see how much our beautiful Star is shining with service. So, thank you Effie Mae for the inspiration of the emblem for the coming year. And to the membership of Texas, this Installation is dedicated and may tonight's Installation be the beginning of "riding for the brand" of Eastern Star this year. To embody this theme of "Ride for the Brand", Mr. Frank Knight, Poet Laureate has written a special poem for the year. He will now present this poem.

Mr. Frank Knight:

Back in the days of the big cattle drives
When cowboys ruled the land
Loyalty to the outfit would keep you alive,
They called it "Ride for the Brand".

The cowhands would all sign up for the year
Despite the hardships and work
Roping and brandin the doggies and steers
Tough duties they'd never shirk.
Com outlaws or weather to threaten the herd

Each man would fight to the death
Chasin' a stampede, they hollered and spurred til
Both horse'n man's out'a breath.
There's a lesson to learn from those rugged cowpokes
To see where your loyalties lie.
Riding for the brand is for all us folks
Whose outfit we'd never deny.

Signing on for the year will be hard work, but fun
And we're counting on every hand,
We'll all pull together to get the job done and
Take pride as we ride for the brand.

(Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: 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 Dr. Effie Mae Davis for whom she has the most upmost respect and love to serve as Installing Grand Officer. Dr. Effie Mae. It is my pleasure to welcome you and invite you to introduce those who will be assisting you.

PGM Effie Mae Davis: Thank you. We're "Riding for the Brand" and we're so happy tonight that each of you have joined us.

Assisting Installing Officer tonight is Mr. Jack Guy, Past Grand Patron
Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Rosemary Berry, Past Grand Matron
Installing Grand Chaplain, Mr. Nelson Campbell, who is a member of the Cancer Committee for General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas
Installing Grand Organist is Mrs. Mary Alberts. She is a Past Matron of Killeen Chapter No. 490 and a former Grand Organist for Sister Rennie Ofton
The Installing Grand Secretary Pro-Tem, Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron of Texas. Thank you very much.

We will now have a slight recess as we prepare for Installation, and ask the Grand Officers to stand and retire. It will be a few minutes as we prepare for the Installation.

Installing Grand Marshal.

IGM Rosemary S. Berry: Past Grand Matron?

PGM Effie Mae Davis: You will invite the Grand Officers to be installed to enter the Chapter room.

(Installation of 2015-2016 Grand Officers)

(Officers to be Installed)

- WGM – Mrs. Jerre Lucas
- WGP – Mr. Billy Clabaugh
- AGM – Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer
- AGP – Mr. Tom Murphy
- Grand Secretary – Mrs. Marlene Scholari
- Grand Treasurer – Mrs. Lorrie Owens
- Grand Conductress – Mrs. Melissa Hudman
- Assoc. Grand Conductress – Mrs. Carolyn Martin
- Grand Chaplain – Mr. Burley D. Jones
- Grand Marshal – Mrs. Linda Roy
- Grand Organist – Mrs. Jackie Stogner
- Grand Adah – Mrs. Cathy Eidson
- Grand Ruth – Mrs. Jean Harrison
- Grand Esther – Mrs. Jane Clabaugh
- Grand Martha – Mrs. Pat Turner
- Grand Electa – Dr. Linda J. Puckett
- Grand Warder – Mrs. Gail Fuller
- Grand Sentinel – Mr. Paul C. Zappe, III

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

PGM Effie Mae Davis: (One Rap)

WGM Jerre Lucas: (Three raps) Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(Closing of the Bible)

MC Bess Caldwell: Will Arrangements Committee remove the chairs in the West please? Thank you. Eastern Star is related by the dearest ties to the Masonic fraternity and we are honored this evening to have the Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas who will serve as the Worthy Grand Matron’s co-worker with us tonight. It is my privilege to introduce Mr. Wendall P. Miller, Deputy Grand Master and I invite you to bring Greetings to this Assembly.

DGM Wendall P. Miller: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter Officers Past and Present, my Sisters and Brothers all. I bring you Greetings from the Grand Lodge of Texas and it is certainly my privilege to congratulate you on being installed in this high and exalted office which there is no doubt you will lead with prosperity and the dignity that this office demands of you. I’m a firm believer that working together in peace and harmony, we can accomplish most anything. Working in the spirit of discord, we accomplish nothing. And I would pledge to you our support from the Grand Lodge that both of our organizations may prosper and grow and I think they will with our united efforts. And I’ll pass on a small thing that I learned the other day in a meeting in Houston. A man said his father taught him several things, one was if he wanted to be seen he needed to stand up. The other was if he wanted to be heard, speak up. The last one he said if you wanted to be liked, shut up. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to present this to you. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: Texas is honored to be prominently represented in General Grand Chapter and we look forward to attending the upcoming Session in Pittsburgh. To bring Greetings from the General Grand Chapter family this evening is Mr. Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

RWGS Henry Martin: Thank you. It's a distinct pleasure to be asked to bring Greetings from General Grand Chapter and I appreciate our newly installed Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jerre Lucas, for asking me to do this. I bring you Greetings from our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White, our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. John Grobler. They were in attendance earlier this week at our Texas Grand Chapter and they asked me to convey their best wishes to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the entire corps of Officers for a most successful and enjoyable year. I know that the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron will have an enjoyable year because this Texas membership will treat them so well and make them feel so special that it's going to be impossible not to have a wonderful time. But I also know that their love for this Order, their dedication to this Order, and the qualifications that they hold will provide the basics for them to lead this Grand Chapter in a manner that will see it grow and prosper. It will be later this year, in November, that the 48th General Grand Chapter Triennium Assembly will be held in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and I'm very pleased that we will see the Worthy Grand Matron and many of the Officers and members of this Grand Chapter in attendance. In closing tonight, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, let me extend to you my personal wish for you to have a most productive and enjoyable year. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: We are extremely proud of our fraternal youth organizations. It gives me great pleasure to present to you Mr. Chance Chapman, State Scribe, DeMolay of the State of Texas and Mr. Tony Peebler, State Master Councilor.

Mr. Chance Chapman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers Past and Present, Distinguished East, members and visitors, my Sisters and Brothers all. It is a great honor to be here tonight to speak before you both as a Past Patron of Nederland Chapter No. 1079 and as the State Scribe of the Texas DeMolay Association. Mr. Mike Sampson could not be here tonight due to some family commitments that he had in the Houston area. So he asked me to come in his place to thank you all, especially our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for your support of Texas DeMolay in the State of Texas and also, more importantly, to introduce our 86th State Master Councilor Tony Peebler.

Mr. Tony Peebler: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers Past and Present, Distinguished East, members and visitors. First I would like to wish the newly elected Grand Officers great success in their upcoming year. I am very honored to be able to speak here on behalf of the Texas DeMolay Association. The Order of the Eastern Star means so much to me. My family has been involved in the Eastern Star for a long time, from my parents, to my grandmother and my great-grandmother who was a Past Matron of Mizpah Chapter No. 2 in Galveston. In my own experiences, the ladies and men of the Eastern Star have always been there for DeMolay. Whether it is baking cakes and cookies for our District Conclaves or supporting us at our Installations. This summer, Alvin Chapter #15 generously awarded me a scholarship which I will help me pay for my studies at Texas A&M University this fall. (Applause) Thank you. I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done for me personally and for Texas DeMolay as a whole. DeMolay in Texas has over

twenty Chapters made up of nearly 700 members. I was recently installed as the 86th State Master Councilor at our State Conclave in July and my corps of Officers and I are excited to start growing DeMolay in Texas. Our goal is to substantially increase our membership during this year so that DeMolay remains the premier character building organization for young men around the world. We encourage you to support your local DeMolay Chapters as well as our state charity "Relay for Life" whose goal is to fund cancer research to eventually end that terrible disease. Please let the DeMolays know if you ever need anything from us. We are your Masonic family and will always be there for you just as you have always been there for us. I wish you all the best this year and safe travels tomorrow. Thank you and God bless the Order of the Eastern Star. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: We always look forward to hearing from the leaders of the Rainbow Girls and 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 a Member of the House of Gold to bring Greetings after which Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas, both with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls who will bring Greetings followed by Ms. Emily Cumming, Grand Worthy Advisor and the Rainbow Girls who will make their presentation.

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. This is the day of new beginnings, time to remember, time to believe what love is bringing, seeking new paths you are sure to find. I think these words of Brian Wren are very appropriate this evening as we celebrate the beginning of a new Grand Chapter year. For Rainbow to succeed, everyone must take an active role in making Rainbow a great place to be. A place where our girls become tomorrow's leaders. We as members of the Order of the Eastern Star and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls are the support team for Rainbow in Texas and I appreciate this opportunity to bring Greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and to express my personal appreciation for the confidence each of you have in our girls. Your devotion to our Order and the high standards that we embrace that become the model of high moral values for our young ladies. Your devotion not only to Eastern Star but to our Rainbow organization help our girls make a difference in this world as we endeavor to give them the tools to succeed in life and to become the very best person they can be. So to each adult, I simply say thank you for your support because you make it possible for our Rainbow Assemblies in Texas to grow and prosper. Sister Jerre and Brother Billy, you are planning to "Ride for the Brand" and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls will proudly be with you on this path of new beginnings. We will be with you side by side as you forge a trail of Eastern Star inspiration and service in this upcoming Grand Chapter year. We know that your support of Texas Rainbow is sincere and enthusiastic and what can we say but a simple thank you. This is the day of new beginnings, time to remember, time to believe what love is bringing, seeking new paths and with your leadership we are sure to find. Tonight is the beginning of something great and each of us in Rainbow will be part of the happy trails and the successes in this new year. Thank you so much. (Applause)

Mrs. JoAnn Weaver: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. It is with pleasure that I bring Greetings on behalf of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and all of the Assemblies in Texas Rainbow. We do appreciate the privilege you have extended by your invitation to participate

in this beautiful installation. It is our honor to be part of this very special celebration. Texas Rainbow would like to thank you for being our sponsoring Orders, for supporting our young ladies with your dedication, commitment and your extraordinary service. Thank you for being true and faithful friends to Rainbow as together we will help our young ladies fulfill their dreams. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are looking forward to the support that we know you will give to the Texas Rainbow this 2015-2016 Grand Chapter year. We promise to support you and hope to be a part of your many accomplishments. We would like to invite you to the 2016 Grand Assembly Session in Waco as we look forward to honoring you at that time. And now with much excitement and a privilege, I do invite the Rainbow Girls of Texas to enter this Grand Chapter room. (Applause)

Sister Drill Leader, you will conduct the Grand Worthy Advisor, Ms. Emily Cumming to the altar.

Sister Drill Leader, you will conduct the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jerre Lucas and the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Billy Clabaugh to the altar.

(Ms. Emily Cumming, Grand Worthy Advisor, does the presentation of the small white Bibles from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.)

(Portable microphone was not working properly)

(Applause)

Mrs. JoAnn Weaver: And we will now have the singing of My Rainbow.

(My Rainbow sung by all)

(Applause)

Sister Drill Leader please conduct the Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron to the East.

Thank you Rainbow Girls for coming from all over this great state for your beautiful presentation this evening. Emily, thank you for the beautiful presentation of the Bible presentation to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Although perhaps each of you were not able to hear every word she said, our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron did as well as I. And I do have to share with each of you this evening, it was word perfect. Thank you Emily and Girls. (Applause) You are incredible young ladies and remember that you each have a very special place in my heart and thank you for being here this evening. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: 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 Cheryl Albrecht, will now make the presentation of the traveling jewel to the Worthy Grand Matron.

PGM Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, takes a little getting used to but you will and I know that you will wear this jewel with as much pride and honor as I have worn it this year. It has a lot of history. A lot of fun fun ladies have worn this jewel and I know it will mean as much to you as it meant to me and it is my privilege to pin that on you. (Applause)

WGM Jerre Lucas: Immediate Past Grand Matron, Cheryl Albrecht, I will wear this jewel with pride as it symbolizes the great love of our membership. Thank you for a beautiful presentation. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: Brother George Gwaltney will present the Worthy Grand Patron's Traveling Jewel.

PGP George Gwaltney: Brother Billy Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron, will you join me? Brother Billy for the past year I have worn this jewel with immense pride and much pleasure. It is my wish that you will wear it the same. And remember, it has never been misplaced in one hundred and thirty three years. (Laughter)

WGP Billy Clabaugh: Thank you Past Grand Patron. I will wear it with pride and I'll take care of it. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: The immediate Past Grand Matron has enjoyed a Fantastic year and now looks forward to a Fantastic rest. Her Past Grand Matron's jewel will be presented by her husband, Brother Darrell Albrecht.

Darrell Albrecht: Jr. Past Grand Matron we've had a great year. A lot of fun and we are surrounded by some of the greatest friends we could have and your mother. And you know that after you got elected we did some shopping and we found some things to make this jewel with. And it is made out of over a hundred year old gold. We traveled the Caribbean to get some of the diamonds and the center piece is made from your grandmother's Past Matron's jewel. And it is made with pride and privilege that I pin this on you now. (Applause) Congratulations and welcome home.

PGM Cheryl Albrecht: I just want to say this is a very special jewel cause it does have a lot of meaning. And not only did I get an absolutely gorgeous jewel, in case you didn't hear, you know I joked all year about he could skip the pin and just get me a puppy. I got two of them. (Laughter) I have two little Yorkies that we'll pick up next Sunday so I'm looking forward to that also. But thank you sweetheart and thank y'all for being here. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: As he is ready to "Just say yes to a rest", Sister Nannette Gwaltney will present the Past Grand Patron's jewel.

Nannette Gwaltney: To my sweet husband who is not going to be a Mason, who is not going to be in Eastern Star, I am so proud of you. (Laughter) It took us seven years working on him a little at a time. Little at a time. This man when he took this station he said "Yes to OES" and he meant it with all of his heart. And Sister Jane Clabaugh, I want you to know that the Worthy Grand Patron's pin or jewel is in good order because I kept an eye on it and that's your job now. (Laughter) A special thank you to Brother Trey Smith, is he in the room? Thank you Brother Trey for designing this beautiful jewel with George. You have made his dream come true. It's a reality. He is a Past Grand and he'll never forget this. On this jewel it says "Just Say Yes to OES". (Applause) I thank you to our Jr. Past Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl, for inviting us to walk this road with you. It has been a wonderful experience for us, one that we will never forget. And one more thank you goes to... actually two more. One to Jerry Trees, where is he? Brother Jerry, without knowing it you taught George what to do as Worthy Grand Pa-

tron. You are a kind man, a good friend and you were a wonderful Worthy Grand Patron. (Applause) And Sister Vi Griffin, thank you for putting George as Grand Sentinel. That started a road for him that he will never forget. We owe you and Tommy a great debt of gratitude. Thank you so much. George Gwaltney, I love you more than I could ever tell you. You are the kindest, sweetest man. You love me when I'm not even lovable and you're always by my side. And I promise you this day that I will always be by your side. (Applause)

PGP George Gwaltney: Thank you. What Nannette didn't tell you is that in addition with "Just Say Yes to OES" I have my Compass Rose. So if you get a chance, come by and look at it. I say thank you to my lovely wife and I will love you forever as well. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have planned a year with a western theme that reflects a set of values gained from our heritage. We will hear their plans for the coming year. To present the plans for the year is Brother Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron.

PGP Jerry Trees: The theme of the year. Everyone needs a code, a creed to live by. This year we will reflect on the code of the West.

Live courageously
Take pride in our work
Finish what we start,
Do what is necessary
Be tough but fair
Keep our promises
Ride for the brand
Talk less and say more

Remember that some things are not for sale and know where to draw the line.

May we exhibit the code of the West and honor this way of life and cherish the values that the pioneers brought to our great state and remember the courage and foresight that the pioneers of Eastern Star brought to their Chapters and our Grand Chapters. The code of the West is alive in each of us. May we reflect the spirit of the code of the West in our lives as we join together in service to make our Star shine brighter and blaze the trail for Eastern Star in the future of Texas. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: To present the colors of the year, Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: As we travel the trails of our great state of Texas, all God's multi-colors light up the roadside and sky with brilliancy. We are empowered by glistening turquoise. That color of blue and green that glistens a symbol of generosity and love. Brilliant pink that mixes with red to magenta that is a symbol of harmony and balance. Luminous yellow that color of the sun that is a symbol of sunshine and hope. The vibrant orange that fiery color of the sunset that is a symbol of adventure and enthusiasm. Sparkling green that symbol of life that shines from the mountain tops to the hillsides. A symbol of growth and life. These are shimmering, sparkling colors of happiness that radiate a light for others.

One group of ladies wearing these multi-colors is fittingly named “Lighting the Trail”. The beautiful colors through this committee will shine a light on the need for awareness and research funds, Dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. Alzheimer’s disease is the single largest un-addressed public health threat facing our nation. The “Lighting the Trail” Committee will shine light on the needs and raise funds through the sale of the beautiful candles which symbolize the light in one’s mind that can go out.

These colors are shining on all of us and they are radiant, beautiful and inspiring us and they give us good feelings and we hope, good thoughts. It is God surrounding us with His love. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: To present the flowers of the year is Mrs. Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Doris Hester: Every year wildflowers such as the cactus, bluebells, paintbrushes, blue-bonnets and more, decorate the Texas roadways with colors to look like the fields have been dipped in paint with every color. They capture the imagination and symbolize both beauty and freedom of our great state and country. And of course the Texas yellow rose added shines brightly with its joy, gladness, friendship and delight. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: To present the year’s fun emblem is Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: I wonder why she picked me to do this one? (Laughter) Texas Critters. From the thoroughbred horse, the Longhorn to the Road Runner and a multi-colored rooster. Texas critters are found throughout Texas. As you look out on the plains, hills and open spaces of Texas, you will see the thoroughbred horses, white tail deer, the Longhorn, the bobcat, the coyote, the Roadrunner...All God’s creatures that roam Texas. Above the Texas critters is the multi-colored, vibrant rooster who is the messenger of pride, courage and honesty. Maybe we need that “wake up call” to strut our stuff and show outsiders the true meaning of Eastern Star.

So, don’t ruffle any feathers
I’ve got something to crow about
Rise and Shine
Top of the morning is what I say
Time to start a brand new day!
(Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: To present the emblem of the year is Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Jayne Yenger: Now Worthy Grand Matron, I have to follow that act. (Laughter) The western way of life was a search for a better life. Those who founded our country and Texas showed us the meaning of survival, persistence and a merging of people for that better way of life. There is much to be learned from the western way of life. This year the emblem of the horseshoe will remind us of the sacrifices others made that we might have today’s way of life and will also symbolize the Common Sense that the old west brought to their way of life. That knack of seeing things as they are and doing things as they ought to be done. May we use all

these things.

The Worthy Grand Matron has chosen several scriptures to guide her this year but her favorite comes from her husband Bob who watches over her. Matthew 6:1 “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of people in order to be noticed by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.” It will remind her this year of service is dedicated to the membership and the service will glorify Him whose star we follow. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: To bring a presentation of the Humanitarian Program for the coming year is Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: “Spur one another on towards love and to do good deeds.” Hebrews 10:24. The Bible verse is a great motivator and reminder to thing about one another and how we can move one another on to do good works and to do loving things. The opportunities for service through our Star are endless. This year may we aim to inspire our Sisters and Brothers to support each other and to reach out to our communities in our Humanitarian Program of supporting Benevolent Aid and the General Fund along with Educational Scholarships and ESTARL.

The key word for Humanitarian this year is SPUR. The western spur is an invaluable riding aid with three parts – the yoke or heel band, the neck and the rowel.

S – Spend your time caring for others – Benevolent Aid

The yoke of the spur wraps around the heel of the wearers boot. We wrap our loving care around our members in need through Benevolent Aid.

P – Put your funds to work – the General Fund

The yoke is also called the heel band. Our Grand Chapter of Texas needs are far reaching in banding Eastern Star together to provide for our membership in many ways.

U – Underwrite our future – Educational Fund Committee

The neck of the Spur extends out from the heel band just as our Educational Scholarships extend to our members and to the communities.

R – Receive blessings from giving – ESTARL

The rowel of the spur is the added touch that may seem decorative but they are used to guide the horse. Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) provides the scholarships to those seeking service in the religious fields.

Always in the coming year may we spur others in our Star to service. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: To dedicate the Worthy Grand Patron’s year of service will be by Mr. Bill Wyatt, my Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

PGP Bill Wyatt: The dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron. I dedicate this year of service to my wonderful wife, Jane, of 50 plus years. To her it must seem longer having had to put up with me for so long. Had it not been for her I probably would not have been in the Eastern

Star. It was she who taught me to love and to serve this great Order. I will never forget our first year in the East.

Thanks to Carthage Lodge No. 521 where I was raised a Master Mason. Thanks to Tenaha Lodge No. 737 where I am a Past Master and to Joaquin Lodge No. 856 where I am a Plural member. Thanks to Carthage Chapter No. 747 for initiating me into this great fraternal Order. Thanks to Tenaha Chapter No. 185, my Plural Chapter.

Thanks to our children, to our grandchildren and our great grandchildren for your support. Nanny and Pappy will be back home to stay with you when this year is done. Don't give up on us.

Thanks to the Maverick Club. Your kindness and love have overwhelmed me. I love each one of you.

Also I dedicate this year to you, the membership. You are the Order of the Eastern Star.

It is my desire that we do all we can to promote our western heritage and the western way of life. We should remember those who made the sacrifices to make this country the great country it is.

And the Worthy Grand Patron wants you to remember: "If every OES member were just like me, what kind of Chapter would my Chapter be?"

(Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: To dedicate the Worthy Grand Matron's year of service will be Mrs. Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron.

PGM Betty Friend: For her dedication for the year, our Worthy Grand Matron writes:

This year of service is dedicated to my family. My children, Joe Frazier and wife, Pam, Diana Payer and husband Michael, the four greatest blessings of my life – my grandchildren, Michael Brooks Frazier, Preston Robert Frazier, Kathleen Jo Frazier, and Anna Virginia Payer. And to the memory of my husband, Bob Lucas and my parents, Joe Brooks Spears and Lucy Virginia Spears.

And to the memory of several others: Molly Goodpasture who taught me loyalty, even to a fault. Katherine Harbour, possible the most consecrated Christian lady I have ever known. Leonard Ellington and B. F. Hutson, Jr., two of the finest gentlemen who truly lived their Masonry on a daily basis. Frances Key Herrin, who taught faith, kindness and humility. I was always proud to have served as a Key Charm in 1970-1971.

To the membership of Texas. How I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you! I look forward to serving you.

Last, to my home Chapter, Schertz No. 911. You are the greatest. You have supported me for over forty years. I look forward to spending more time with each of you.

And as we "Ride for the Brand" of Eastern Star this year, we will all face challenges. I pledge

to the membership that I will give of my best and always uphold the values of our Star and as we work day to day for our Star my others see our beautiful Star shining with service. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: The Worthy Grand Patron's March, "The Ride of the Mavericks" was written by Mrs. Rosemary Berry, Past Grand Matron. Mrs. Berry was the Worthy Grand Organist for General Grand Chapter 2009-2012. Sister Rosemary we look forward to hearing the march.

PGM Rosemary S. Berry: Thank you Sister Bess. Brother Billy are you going to stand up so I can talk to you? When you asked me to write this march...yeah, I can see ya...I told you I would do this for you. It's a Western theme. I have written a portion of it. It is the Mavericks riding across Texas. They'll stop for a cool clear water drink. They'll be careful not to run over any tumbleweeds. They'll find themselves at times down in the valley. Then they'll get back up on the saddle and they'll ride across Texas and at the end they'll go into "the wild blue yonder" from the United States Air Force. So Brother Billy, the dedication of your March "The Ride of the Mavericks".

**("The Ride of the Mavericks" and as PGM Rosemary S. Berry plays,
she is explaining each segment of the music.)
(Applause)**

WGP Billy Clabaugh: Thank you Sister Rosemary, I love you. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: That was lovely Sister Rosemary. Music brings out the universal language through the emotions of the heart and the joys in our lives. Western music is fun, upbeat and encompasses life and soothes the soul. The "Trailblazers March Across Texas" is a combination of Texas, western and Eastern Star Marches and was written by Mrs. Boots Draper, Past Matron of Prospect Hill Chapter No. 817. Our Grand Organist, Sister Jackie Stogner will now play the March for us.

**(Grand Organist plays "Trailblazers March Across Texas")
(Applause)**

MC Bess Caldwell: Was that inspiring? It is now my privilege to present to you, Mr. Billy Clabaugh your Worthy Grand Patron for his Greetings.

WGP Billy Clabaugh: Thank you. What a beautiful installation this have been. Installing Grand Officers and everyone that has had a part has made this a memorable night and one that I will never forget.

Let me thank the members of District 1 and members of District 4 for their unending support since our Worthy Grand Matron, Jerre Lucas selected me as Mr. X. You have blown me away with your love and kindness. I love you all.

I want to thank my family for all they have done for me this year. They've put up with so many things and things that they didn't get to do because I've been on the road.

To you the members, I have been blown away by the love and support that you have shown

to Jane and me. My pledge to you is that I will be the best Worthy Grand Patron that I can possibly be and I will do all in my power to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Order that we all love.

The business of our Order in the year to come is demanding of our full attention. With God's help and your prayers I will represent you the membership to the very best of my ability. Working together we can make this Order, the Order that we will all be proud to be a part of.

I would like to leave you with a little saying: "If every member were just like me, what kind of Chapter would my Chapter be?" Thank you. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: It is now my privilege to present to you, Mrs. Jerre Lucas, your Worthy Grand Matron for her address.

WGM Jerre Lucas: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. My distinguished Sisters and Brothers all.

I appreciate my special friend, Sister Bess Caldwell, for agreeing to serve as our Master of Ceremonies this evening and for making the events of the evening flow in such a gracious manner. Thank you sweet friend.

I also want to thank all of my Installing Officers: Dr. Effie Mae Davis, A Past Grand Matron from my hometown. You and I have enjoyed a close relationship for over forty years. We actually met at a DeMolay Mother's Club. It was you who suggested the horseshoe as my emblem. Thank you special friend for serving as my Installing Officer. To those who assisted: Brother Jack Guy, Sister Rosemary Berry, Brother Nelson Campbell, Sister Yvonne Brownfield and Sister Mary Alberts. Each of you know how very special you are to me.

To the others who had any part in the program this evening, thank you so very much for your participation and for making this evening so very special to Billy and I and to all of our corps of Officers.

To each who has taken a part this evening, a donation has been made to the Alzheimer's Association for Dementia Research in Texas. My feeling is that each of us has enough dust catchers to last a lifetime. We hope this might help one of us in the future.

Thank you to each one who brought Greetings. I appreciate so very much our Deputy Grand Master, Wendall Miller whose presence this evening has meant so very much to me. His Greetings have made a statement to the purpose of working in harmony will all of the Masonic Bodies. I'm looking forward to Brother Wendall's installation in December and sharing many times with our Masonic Brothers. And a plug for Wendall... 1/16/2016 is his homecoming banquet.

To Chance Chapman, State Scribe and the State Master Councilor, Tony Peebler, I certainly appreciate your continued dedication to our young men. We appreciate your presence and your Greetings, each of you this evening.

To Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy

for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, I wish to express my appreciation for your constant dedication and your work with these young ladies in the Order of the Rainbow. I told my Worthy Grand Patron as we were walking down, I have heard this talk many times. Once given by my own daughter. I told him it would be a tear jerker and it was beautiful Emily. What a sweet friend you are. Grand Worthy Advisor, I will treasure this Bible. Emily, you are using the theme "Traveling Texas". You know most of us have a GPS but just in case, I have an official State of Texas roadmap which might come in handy one day, and also one of our stuffed animals and of course, it's a horse. So I'll get it to you in just a second.

To our immediate Past Grand Matron and immediate Past Grand Patron, Sister Cheryl and Brother George, some of you may not know that George and I are from the same Chapter and we share a special relationship. I want to express my appreciation to each of you for every courtesy that you have shown to me this year.

Now to the Trailblazers and Mavericks, you have brought much joy to me over the past three years with your expressions of enthusiasm and love. I look forward to being with you as we travel your way throughout the year. Each of you has a special place in my heart.

And to these ladies in pink...hot pink. I am so appreciative of the Arrangements and Executive Committee seating you where they seated you...closest to my Chapter and my family. Thank each of you. Each of you are very special to me. I want you to know how near and dear you are to my heart and I look forward to a wonderful year of us working together. Thank you so very much for saying yes. (Applause)

And now I take pride in introducing my family. My children, you've seen, Joe Frazier and Diana Payer. My grandchildren, Michael Frazier, Preston Frazier, Kate Frazier and Anna Payer. My daughters husband who I have told many times that I didn't have the opportunity to pick you, Michael, but had I had that opportunity I would have selected you. And to Pam, Pam please know how much each of us love you. You have grown very special to me. Every one of us, all of my sisters, we all love you more every time we're with you. Thank you for all of your efforts. My four sisters, Tana Clancy, Karen Robb, Judy McIlvain, Janice Friesenhahn and my brother who came here from New Jersey, Bill Spears, and one of my cousins, Bobby Taylor. Now I can tell you we have more relatives but I will tell you one thing, I can say something about one of them but none of you can. (Laughter) (Applause) You know how much I love you.

Will the members of Schertz Chapter, my home Chapter, would you please stand. Schertz Chapter, George are you still here? Is any of Schertz Chapter still here? I can't even see. Now the members of ...there's my Chapter. Where they were supposed to be, I just couldn't see. Each of you have supported me in so many ways. Just know that I love and appreciate each of you. Thank you.

As I stand here tonight as Worthy Grand Matron, I look back at my 50 plus years of Eastern Star and I am still awed that the membership is extending their confidence by electing me to this place of service and I am aware of the responsibilities and the obligation I assume in accepting this place of leadership. I pray for guidance in the decisions that must be made that I might meet the challenges.

This Grand Chapter year, you already know that there will be an underlying theme of the Code

of the West. Brother Jerry Trees voiced this code this evening. It's about transparency, humility, honesty, courage, loyalty and hard work. It's about being on the outside what we are on the inside. I hope that this year we will reflect on the heritage that was given to those who went before and live by a code to serve with courage, optimism, and just plain ol' hard work. Back in the day, when the cowboys rode for the brand, the brand was considered the "Ranch Trademark" and represented pride, duty and stewardship while inspiring loyalty, dedication and cowboy camaraderie. When you rode for the brand, it meant that you has signed on for the mission. That you had made a commitment that you were a dedicated team member. This year we will "Ride for the Brand" of Eastern Star. I pledge to you that we will try to live the code of the west in our actions. We will be true to our word and keep our promises. We will be loyal to our family of Eastern Star members. I'm asking each of you to sign on and "Ride for the Brand" with us.

The code of the west is far from a fairy tale. It defines our heritage. As we uphold our Order's traditions and honor this ethical code we will honor those who have served in the past.

Will Rogers, a favorite of mine, said "common sense isn't common", but may we strive to find common sense in our dealings with others.

A lie does not become truth
Evil does not become good
A wrong does not become right
Just because the majority accepts it.

May we live our lives by the Code of the West as we "Ride for the Brand" of Eastern Star so our Star will be brighter and each of us will be rewarded with respect, happiness, loyal friends and the satisfaction that comes with living an honorable life.

Thank you each one for being here. Just know how much I love and appreciate each of you. (Applause)

MC Bess Caldwell: 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 evening with us. Following the benediction, voiced this evening by Mr. John Berry, Past Patron of Lufkin Chapter No. 382 after which we will call a brief recess.

WGM Jerre Lucas: I've just been handed a note so that some of you that are staying at the Holiday Inn will know about this. The buses for the Holiday Inn stops running in 22 minutes. It stops at 10:00.

Mr. John Berry: Let's pray. Kind heavenly Father we come to you now with grateful hearts. For your loving care and guidance over the 133rd Grand Chapter Session. It is with joy and excitement that we look forward to the new year in Grand Chapter. And pray your watchful eye be upon our new leaders as well as the entire membership. Father we continue to pray for your blessings upon our beloved America and we look to you for your continued guidance and protection as we go forth from this place into the world of service. In the name of our dear Lord, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen. (Amen)

MC Bess Caldwell: To our visitors, thank you for sharing this very 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 of the Order will retire.

*******(Recess)*******

(Called this 133rd Session of Grand Chapter from Rest to Labor)

WGM Jerre Lucas: I now recognize the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Sister Audri Rowell. I recognize the entire Board.

Sister Audri Rowell: Yes ma'am. We go together. Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Board of Directors, we have two sets of keys for you. The van is parked in that direction over there and we will be praying for you in your travels. If you need anything, you contact us and we'll be here for you.

WGM Jerre Lucas: Thank you sweet one. Thank you Board of Directors. (Applause) Each of you have a special place in my heart. Many of us have served on this Board and you're very special. Thank you and thank you for this presentation.

We also have an announcement. Jacquie Bovée, lives in Kerrville, a member of Bandera Chapter we've got your billfold honey.

I recognize one of my very favorites, Dr. Effie Mae Davis.

PGM Effie Mae Davis: Brother Jack? We have a surprise. This is from the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association. We hope it speeds you on your way with the best of luck.

WGM Jerre Lucas: Thank you. Thank you sweet one. (Applause)

Mrs. Diane Davidson: Worthy Grand Matron. Has a nice ring to it? My buddy, Ann Kelly and I have traveled many miles with you and we look forward to the coming year and many more miles. But we wanted you to have your very own gavel to close our Grand Chapter tonight. (Applause)

WGM Jerre Lucas: Trey Smith is the one that's supposed to have the problem with tear ducts. Thank you special ones. I would not have wanted to have walked this way without the two of you by my side and I'm going to tell y'all something because I have had some flack...All y'all know Diane Davidson. I told Diane Davidson ten years ago before I started this journey that if I ever get elected you can have anything you want. She told me what she wanted and she got it. She served as secretary all these years and this year too. I'd still give her anything she wanted. My house if I had to. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for Diane and Ann. They have been good and kind to me. Thank you for this special presentation. (Applause) You might have to write your own thank you notes.

Tomorrow we will be having a breakfast honoring our newly elected Associate Grand Conductress, Carolyn Martin at 8:00 in the morning. It will be held in the Brazos Ballroom in the Waco Convention Center. I am also asking that those members who are planning to allow

their name to be placed in nomination for any office at the 2016 Grand Chapter Session, to be held in Tyler, Texas, September 1, 2 and 3, to meet me around 7:30 tomorrow morning near the head table. I'm sorry...how about the Arlington Convention Center. Maybe I need that road map back there. (Laughter)

The Deputy Grand Matron's Conference which is required by our Code of Laws will be held at 10:00 in the morning in the Convention Center. I invite the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members each to join us that you might know who the Deputy Grand Matrons are and that they may put a face with you. So please come.

Are there any other announcements that anybody knows of? No? They want to go home and I do too.

Grand Marshall, you will retire the United States flag.

One last thing, I want to especially thank the Executive and Arrangements Committee for all their hard work this entire week to have this beautiful installation for each of us and we appreciate it so very much and the hard work you're going to be doing for the next year and I hope you still love me when we are through.

******* (Ritualistic Closing) *******

APPENDIX

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Year	WORTHY		ASSOCIATE		ASSOCIATE		GRAND		GRAND
	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	TREASURER		
1884	†Mrs. E.J. Talbot	†W.L. Holt	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†W.J. Wickham	†R. R. McPhail	†Mrs. A. McGregor		
1885	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P. Hawkins	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Carr Forest	†J. K. Ashby	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. McGregor		
1886	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P.H. Stevens	†Mrs. Sullie Wayde	†D.H. Hightower	†J. K. Ashby	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. M. Hightower		
1887	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. Schwartz		
1888	†Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner		
1889	†Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.W. Ellender	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†T.J. Neely	†T.J. Neely	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh		
1890	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. Jennie Cassill	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh		
1891	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†J.L. Miller	†J.L. Miller	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter		
1892	†Mrs. P.C. Harris	†J.L. Miller	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†J.W. Febbaum	†J.W. Febbaum	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter		
1893	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†Tom Murrah	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†D. Ludlow	†D. Ludlow	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim		
1894	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†L.S. Garrison	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. Kate Birch		
1895	†Mrs. Sadie A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph		
1896	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†W.S. Hoskins	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Ree Alvord		
1897	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†J.T. Aichinson	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh		
1898	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†S.D. Moore	†S.D. Moore	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh		
1899	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne		
1900	†Mrs. Agnes V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne		
1901	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne		
1902	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. A. Walker	†P.S. Park	†P.S. Park	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph		
1903	†Mrs. Alma M. Walker	†P.S. Park	†Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman		
1904	†Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†John Orchard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman		
1905	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman		
1906	†Mrs. Mollie E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman		
1907	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†J.H. Anderson	†J.H. Anderson	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman		
1908	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†C.H. Thorn	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†M.T. Bell	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Amelia Huvelle		
1909	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†G.W. Glascock	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson		
1910	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson		
1911	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson		
1912	†Dr. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen		
1913	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†S.B. Miller	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody		
1914	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody		
1915	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. W.I. Pierson		
1916	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson		
1917	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson		
1918	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson		
1919	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†John Findlater	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson		

*Demitted †Deceased ‡Suspended

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1920	†Mrs. Margaret L. Hosey	†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 H. 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	†Mrs. Margery Wofford				
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 T. 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. Lallah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford				
1945	†Mrs. Lallah 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 Gauldin	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl				
1949	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton				
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Flora Best Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton				
1951	†Mrs. Flora Best 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	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton				
1955	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Dr. Russell Holt	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton				
1956	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Ruby Enloe							

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LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-2015

Year	WORTHY		ASSOCIATE		ASSOCIATE		GRAND		GRAND TREASURER
	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	TREASURER		
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. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	†Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Paul C. Stoneman	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1962	†Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	†Hal Burnett	†Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	†E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1963	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goetee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1964	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†James H. Goetee	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1965	†Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1966	†Mrs. Nancy Bailey	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Nancy Bailey	†Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1967	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	†Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	†J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1968	†Mrs. Sally Matranga	†J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Sally Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1969	†Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Frances Herrin	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1970	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1971	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†C.A. Bill [†] Holmes	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1972	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop	†C.A. Bill [†] Holmes	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop	†Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1973	†Mrs. Patricia Major Neimast	†Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Patricia Major Neimast	†Joseph B. Powell	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1974	†Mrs. Doris Easterling	†O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Doris Easterling	†O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1975	†Mrs. Joyce Roberts	†O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Joyce Roberts	†Perry Smithwick	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1976	†Mrs. Mary M. Brown	†Perry Smithwick	†Mrs. Mary Brown	†Murray Watson, Jr.	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1977	†Mrs. Rennie Oton	†Murray Watson, Jr.	†Mrs. Rennie Oton	†Thurman L. Weaver	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1978	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†T.L. Weaver	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†Leslie G. Burnett	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1979	†Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Leslie G. Burnett	†Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Thurman H. Perry	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1980	†Mrs. Elise Hammack	†Thurman H. Perry	†Mrs. Elise Hammack	†Oliver B. Chamberlin	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong				
1981	†Mrs. Lois Bell	†Gene Belk	†Mrs. Lois Bell	†Gene Belk	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong				
1982	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	†Gene Belk	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	†Wayne P. Jones	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong				
1983	†Mrs. Beulah Speer	†Wayne P. Jones	†Mrs. Beulah Speer	†Arnold Paul	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong				
1984	†Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Arnold Paul	†Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Leonard M. Ellington	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong				
1985	†Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	†Leonard M. Ellington	†Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	†B. F. Hutson	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong				
1986	†Mrs. Sherrill Cain	†B. F. Hutson	†Mrs. Sherrill Cain	†Harry G. Cunningham	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong				
1987	†Mrs. Doris Efrid	†Harry G. Cunningham	†Mrs. Doris Efrid	†Joe E. Jeffers	†Mrs. Frances Burbank				
1988	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	†Joe E. Jeffers	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	†Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Frances Burbank				
1989	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	†Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	†Glenn Whitaker	†Mrs. Frances Burbank				
1990	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	†Glenn Whitaker	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	†Garland Rattan	†Mrs. Frances Burbank				
1991	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Garland Rattan	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Leland Benefield	†Mrs. Frances Burbank				
1992	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Leland Benefield	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Charles Morris	†Mrs. Frances Burbank				
1993									

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Year	WORTHY		ASSOCIATE		ASSOCIATE		GRAND	
	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	TREASURER	
1994	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	†Charles Morris	Mrs. Rosemary Sweetland	†Billy Combest	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace		
1995	Mrs. Rosemary Sweetland	†Billy Combest	†Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Patsy Wilson		
1996	†Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Claude Ervin	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Patsy Wilson		
1997	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Kenneth Gregory	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Henry Martin	†Mrs. Marjorie Errington	†Mrs. Patsy Wilson		
1998	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Henry Martin	Mrs. Betty Y. Friend	Lee Stallings	†Mrs. Marjorie Errington	†Mrs. Patsy Wilson		
1999	Mrs. Betty Friend	Lee Stallings	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Duane Baker	†Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2000	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Duane Baker	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon	Harold Trammell	†Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2001	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon	Harold Trammell	†Mrs. Sharon Fentress	Ed Warner	†Mrs. Alma Carter	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2002	†Mrs. Sharon Fentress	Ed Warner	Mrs. Doris J. Hester	Jack Guy	†Mrs. Alma Carter	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2003	Mrs. Doris J. Hester	Jack Guy	Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler	Jerry L. Martin	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2004	Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler	Jerry L. Martin	Mrs. Nancy Brown	Nelson Campbell	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2005	Mrs. Nancy Brown	Nelson Campbell	Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	John Creel	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2006	Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	John Creel	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert	Jerry Trees	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2007	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert	Ray Hertenberger	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas	Ray Hertenberger	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2008	Mrs. Bess Caldwell	Bill Wyatt	Mrs. Bess Caldwell	Bill Wyatt	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2009	Mrs. Mary Ruth White	K. Arthur Dresher	Mrs. Mary Ruth White	K. Arthur Dresher	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens		
2010	Mrs. Vi Griffin	Mr. David Dibrell	Mrs. Vi Griffin	Mr. David Dibrell	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens		
2011	Mrs. Annette Curry	Mr. Bill Crews	Mrs. Annette Curry	Mr. Bill Crews	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens		
2012	Mrs. Jayne Yenger	Mr. Trey Smith	Mrs. Jayne Yenger	Mr. Trey Smith	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens		
2013	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht	Mr. George Gwaltney	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht	Mr. George Gwaltney	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens		
2014	Mrs. Jerre Lucas	Mr. Billy Clabaugh	Mrs. Jerre Lucas	Mr. Billy Clabaugh	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens		
2015			Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer	Mr. Thomas R. Murphy	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens		

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**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, 2015 and 2014, 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, 2015 and 2014, 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.

January 8, 2016

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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, 2015 and 2014

	ASSETS	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 322,022	\$ 345,673
Interest receivable	81,592	90,619
Merchandise inventory	11,278	12,115
Prepaid expenses and other	<u>85,956</u>	<u>76,109</u>
Total current assets	<u>500,848</u>	<u>524,516</u>
Investments	1,636,624	1,418,666
Net property and equipment	10,553	10,428
Investments held in trust	3,345,094	3,359,232
Endowment investments	14,117,291	14,796,900
Other assets	<u>2,247</u>	<u>1,552</u>
Total other assets	<u>19,111,809</u>	<u>19,586,778</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 19,612,657</u>	<u>\$ 20,111,294</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 127,546	\$ 136,490
Accrued lawsuit settlement	200,000	-
Deferred revenue	<u>168,825</u>	<u>156,591</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>496,371</u>	<u>293,081</u>
Funds held for others	<u>3,345,094</u>	<u>3,358,962</u>
Total other liabilities	<u>3,345,094</u>	<u>3,358,962</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	5,989,580	6,787,639
Permanently restricted	<u>9,781,612</u>	<u>9,671,612</u>
Total net assets	<u>15,771,192</u>	<u>16,459,251</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 19,612,657</u>	<u>\$ 20,111,294</u>

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Consolidated Statements of Activities
For the Years Ended August 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets		
Revenue		
Gifts and donations	\$ 532,569	\$ 426,438
Dues	290,913	256,683
Grand Session revenue	161,435	138,917
Bulletin & supply sales	103,875	116,474
Investment income	410,252	398,834
Unrealized gains (losses)	(557,823)	439,049
Net realized gains	<u>154,842</u>	<u>298,530</u>
 Total unrestricted revenue	 <u>1,096,063</u>	 <u>2,074,925</u>
Operating expenses		
Program services		
Care of elderly members	809,826	803,869
Educational scholarships	53,000	41,000
Benevolence	96,292	77,567
Fraternal activities	301,987	255,549
Supporting services		
Management and general	388,631	387,513
Fundraising	<u>44,386</u>	<u>27,247</u>
 Total operating expenses	 <u>1,694,122</u>	 <u>1,592,745</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Operating Net Assets	<u>(598,059)</u>	<u>482,180</u>
Other expense		
Lawsuit settlement	<u>(200,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>(798,059)</u>	<u>482,180</u>
Changes in Permanently Restricted Net Assets		
Contributions	<u>110,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>110,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>(688,059)</u>	<u>482,180</u>
Net assets at beginning of the year	<u>16,459,251</u>	<u>15,977,071</u>
Net assets at end of the year	<u>\$ 15,771,192</u>	<u>\$ 16,459,251</u>

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended August 31, 2015 and 2014

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash received from donors, dues, memberships and other	\$ 1,110,053	\$ 943,933
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	<u>(1,652,250)</u>	<u>(1,539,766)</u>
Net cash utilized by operating activities	<u>(542,197)</u>	<u>(595,833)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sale of certificates of deposits	-	108,500
Purchase of fixed assets	(11,080)	-
Purchase of marketable securities	(6,322)	(104,771)
Proceeds from sales of investments	425,948	582,468
Proceeds from (investment in) other assets	<u>-</u>	<u>175</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>408,546</u>	<u>586,372</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Contributions for endowment	<u>110,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>110,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>(23,651)</u>	<u>(9,461)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>345,673</u>	<u>355,134</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 322,022</u>	<u>\$ 345,673</u>

**Reconciliation of Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets to
Net Cash Utilized by Operating Activities**

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>\$ (688,059)</u>	<u>\$ 482,180</u>
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash utilized by operating activities		
Depreciation	10,955	18,256
Unrealized (gains) losses on investments	557,823	(439,049)
Investment income and realized gains on investments	(565,094)	(697,364)
Contributions to endowment	(110,000)	-
Investment fees	49,566	49,579
Change in interest receivable	9,027	(1,993)
Change in inventory	837	1,220
Change in prepaid expenses	(9,847)	(28,541)
Change in other assets	(695)	-
Change in accounts payable and accrued expenses	191,056	12,465
Change in deferred revenue	<u>12,234</u>	<u>7,414</u>
Total adjustments	<u>145,862</u>	<u>(1,078,013)</u>
Net Cash Utilized by Operating Activities	<u>\$ (542,197)</u>	<u>\$ (595,833)</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, 2015

	Care of Elderly	Educational Scholarships	Benevolence	Fraternal Activities	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses
Personnel costs							
Compensation	\$ 4,350	-	-	\$ 7,350	\$ -	\$ 105,757	\$ 117,457
Payroll taxes	386	-	-	652	-	9,376	10,414
	<u>4,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,133</u>	<u>127,871</u>
Care of the elderly							
Allowance to home members	10,010	-	-	-	-	-	10,010
Funeral	4,230	-	-	-	-	-	4,230
Infirmary and TMRC housing	777,857	-	-	-	-	-	777,857
Scholarships	-	53,000	-	-	-	-	53,000
Benevolence	-	-	51,906	-	-	-	51,906
Special funds	-	-	44,386	-	44,386	-	88,772
Fraternal activities	-	-	-	12,275	-	-	12,275
Grand officer's expense	-	-	-	156,655	-	-	156,655
Grand session expense	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Past Grand Matron/ Patron Jewels	-	-	-	27,356	-	-	27,356
General Grand Chapter per capita	-	-	-	6,924	-	7,514	14,664
Postage	226	-	-	57,762	-	-	57,762
Printing	-	-	-	1,964	-	23,740	25,704
Supplies	-	-	-	5,265	-	-	5,265
GGC International Headquarters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management and general	-	-	-	4,323	-	228	4,551
Auto	-	-	-	548	-	9,312	10,956
Depreciation	1,096	-	-	2,950	-	50,149	58,999
Insurance	5,900	-	-	-	-	49,566	49,566
Investment trust fees	-	-	-	-	-	29,410	29,410
Audit and taxes	-	-	-	-	-	6,608	6,608
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	-	22,528	22,528
Computers and technology	-	-	-	4,207	-	5,660	9,867
Office supplies	-	-	-	2,184	-	2,184	7,397
Other	118	-	-	5,095	-	37,812	48,820
Rent	4,449	-	-	6,559	-	2,208	2,598
Repairs and maintenance	260	-	-	130	-	2,532	2,979
Telephone	298	-	-	149	-	5,495	6,464
Utilities	646	-	-	323	-	2,344	2,344
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	-	16,208	16,208
Sale of Property	805,090	53,000	96,292	293,985	44,386	273,498	1,566,251
	<u>\$ 809,826</u>	<u>\$ 53,000</u>	<u>\$ 96,292</u>	<u>\$ 301,987</u>	<u>\$ 44,386</u>	<u>\$ 388,631</u>	<u>\$ 1,694,122</u>

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended August 31, 2014

	Care of Elderly	Educational Scholarships	Benevolence	Fraternal Activities	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses
Personnel costs							
Compensation	\$ 4,350	-	-	\$ 7,350	-	\$ 119,291	\$ 130,991
Payroll taxes	301	-	-	509	-	8,267	9,077
	<u>4,651</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,859</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,558</u>	<u>140,068</u>
Care of the elderly							
Allowance to home members	10,080	-	-	-	-	-	10,080
Funeral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infirmary and TMRC housing	777,179	-	-	-	-	-	777,179
Scholarships	-	41,000	-	-	-	-	41,000
Benevolence	-	-	50,320	-	-	-	50,320
Chapter benevolence	-	-	27,247	-	27,247	-	54,494
Special funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fraternal activities	-	-	-	10,275	-	-	10,275
Grand officer's expense	-	-	-	112,203	-	-	112,203
Grand session expense	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Past Grand Matron/ Grand Patron Jewels	-	-	-	28,814	-	-	28,814
General Grand Chapter per capita	-	-	-	13,049	-	5,106	18,465
Postage	310	-	-	54,723	-	-	54,723
Printing	-	-	-	267	-	-	267
Supplies	-	-	-	4,755	-	22,699	22,966
GJC International Headquarters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	177	-	6,097	6,097
Computers and technology	-	-	-	4,854	-	31,493	31,670
Office supplies	-	-	-	(144)	-	6,714	11,568
Other	27	-	-	4,884	-	2,908	2,791
Rent	3,300	-	-	114	-	28,050	36,234
Repairs and maintenance	227	-	-	1,931	-	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>799,218</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>
	<u>\$ 803,869</u>	<u>\$ 41,000</u>	<u>\$ 77,567</u>	<u>\$ 255,549</u>	<u>\$ 27,247</u>	<u>\$ 387,513</u>	<u>\$ 1,592,745</u>



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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, 2015 and 2014, and our report thereon dated January 8, 2016, 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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January 8, 2016

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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, 2015

ASSETS

	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 320,198	\$ 1,824	\$ -	\$ 322,022
Interest receivable	81,590	2	-	81,592
Receivable from Chapter	-	15,122	(15,122)	-
Merchandise inventory	11,278	-	-	11,278
Prepaid expenses and other	85,956	-	-	85,956
	<u>499,022</u>	<u>16,948</u>	<u>(15,122)</u>	<u>500,848</u>
Total current assets				
Investments	688,668	947,956	-	1,636,624
Net property and equipment	10,553	-	-	10,553
Investments held in trust	3,345,094	-	-	3,345,094
Endowment investments	14,117,291	-	-	14,117,291
Other assets	2,225	22	-	2,247
	<u>18,163,831</u>	<u>947,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,111,809</u>
Total other assets				
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,662,853</u>	<u>\$ 964,926</u>	<u>\$ (15,122)</u>	<u>\$ 19,612,657</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 62,395	\$ 65,151	\$ -	\$ 127,546
Settlement liability	200,000	-	-	200,000
Payable to home	15,122	-	(15,122)	-
Deferred revenue	168,825	-	-	168,825
	<u>446,342</u>	<u>65,151</u>	<u>(15,122)</u>	<u>496,371</u>
Total current liabilities				
Funds held for others	3,345,094	-	-	3,345,094
	<u>3,345,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,345,094</u>
Total other liabilities				
Net assets				
Unrestricted	5,400,769	588,811	-	5,989,580
Temporarily restricted	-	-	-	-
Permanently restricted	9,470,648	310,964	-	9,781,612
	<u>14,871,417</u>	<u>899,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,771,192</u>
Total net assets				
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 18,662,853</u>	<u>\$ 964,926</u>	<u>\$ (15,122)</u>	<u>\$ 19,612,657</u>

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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>

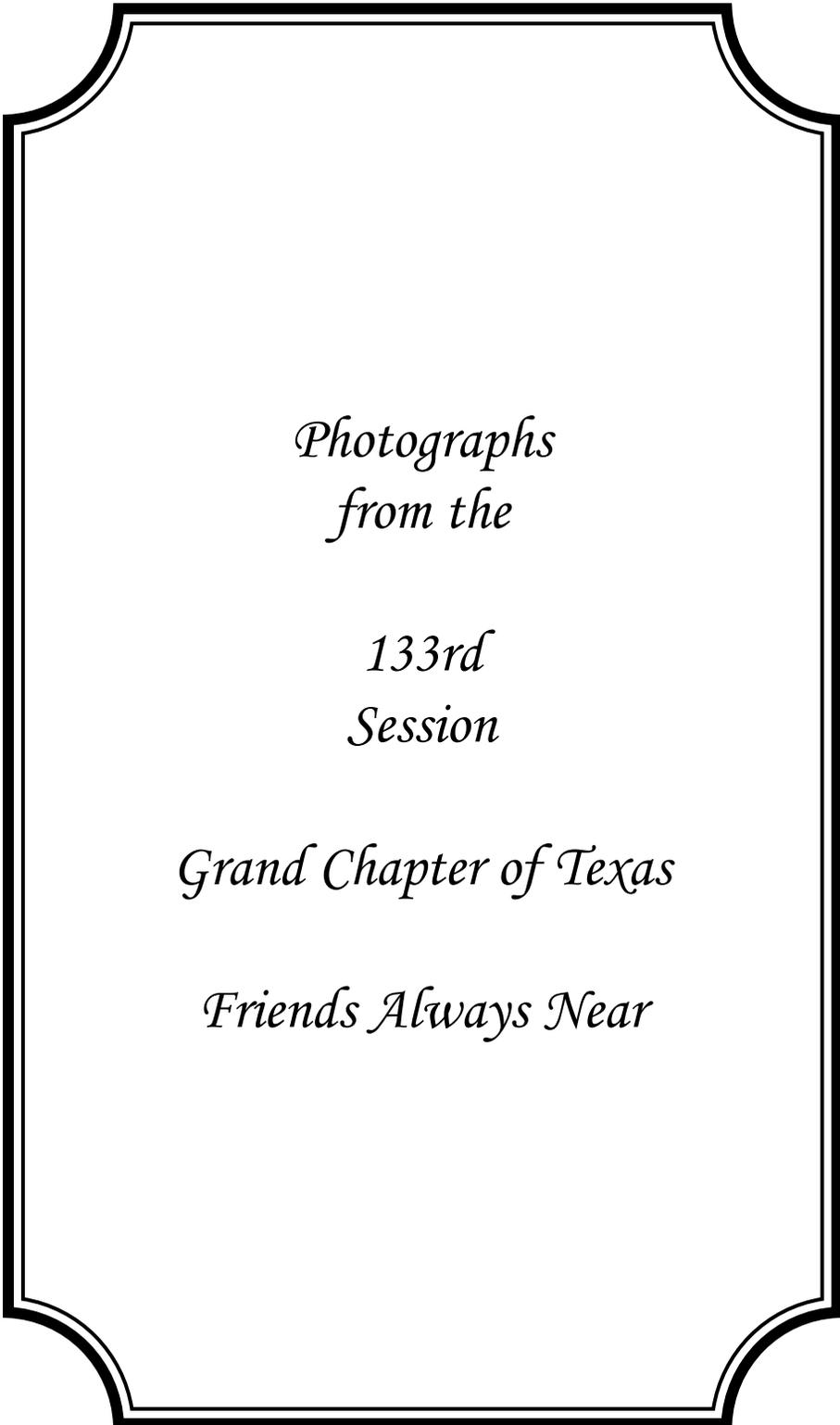
**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
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Consolidating Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

	Chapter	Home	Eliminations	Consolidated
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets				
Revenue				
Gifts and donations	\$ 204,530	\$ 328,039	\$ -	\$ 532,569
Contributions from Chapter	-	368,000	(368,000)	-
Dues	158,913	132,000	-	290,913
Grand Session revenue	161,435	-	-	161,435
Bulletin & supply sales	103,875	-	-	103,875
Investment income	404,281	5,971	-	410,252
Unrealized losses	(554,685)	(3,138)	-	(557,823)
Realized gains	154,562	280	-	154,842
Total unrestricted revenue	<u>632,911</u>	<u>831,152</u>	<u>(368,000)</u>	<u>1,096,063</u>
Operating expenses				
Program services				
Care of elderly members	17,729	792,097	-	809,826
Educational scholarships	53,000	-	-	53,000
Benevolence	96,292	-	-	96,292
Fraternal activities	301,987	-	-	301,987
Home support	368,000	-	(368,000)	-
Supporting services				
Management and general	380,557	8,074	-	388,631
Fundraising	44,386	-	-	44,386
Total operating expenses	<u>1,261,951</u>	<u>800,171</u>	<u>(368,000)</u>	<u>1,694,122</u>
Decrease in Operating Net Assets	<u>(629,040)</u>	<u>30,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(598,059)</u>
Other expenses				
Lawsuit settlement	(200,000)	-	-	(200,000)
Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>(829,040)</u>	<u>30,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(798,059)</u>
Changes in Permanently Restricted Net Assets				
Contributions	110,000	-	-	110,000
Increase in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>110,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,000</u>
Uncompleted transfer	(258,464)	258,464	-	-
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>(977,504)</u>	<u>289,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(688,059)</u>
Net assets at beginning of the year	<u>15,848,921</u>	<u>610,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,459,251</u>
Net assets at end of the year	<u>\$ 14,871,417</u>	<u>\$ 899,775</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,771,192</u>

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	<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	<u>920,309</u>	<u>(438,129)</u>	<u>482,180</u>
 Uncompleted transfer	 <u>(263,190)</u>	 <u>263,190</u>	 <u>-</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	657,119	(174,939)	482,180
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>





*Photographs
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*133rd
Session*

Grand Chapter of Texas

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133RD GRAND CHAPTER SESSION PHOTOS





Nicklaus Albrecht, WGM Escort at Installation



Cheryl Albrecht, WGM, escorted by Darrell Albrecht, Grand Warder



George Gwaltney, WPG,
escorted by
Shirley Hainline



Jerre Lucas, AGM,
escorted by
Richard Hancock



Billy Clabaugh, AGP,
escorted by
Jane Clabaugh



Marlene Scholari,
Grand Secretary,
escorted by
Joseph Scholari

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Lorrie Owens,
Grand Treasurer,
escorted by
Jerry Owens



Sharon Mosmeyer,
Grand Conductress,
escorted by
Gary Mosmeyer



Norma Phillips,
Grand Chaplain,
escorted by
Barbara Randle



Loretta Booth,
Grand Marshal,
escorted by
Bill Booth

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Daniel Caldwell, Grand Organist,
escorted by Kristi Bridgwater



Elaine Rowland, Grand Adah, Cindy Echols, Grand Ruth, Nannette Gwaltney,
Grand Esther, Laverne Hadley, Grand Martha, Barbara Grant-Scott, Grand Electa



Darrell Albrecht,
Grand Warder



Bob Royall,
Grand Sentinel

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Teddy Bears in Attendance



Fan in the East



Hand beaded Altar Cloth, a vision from Brenda Ruiz



Special Bible given to WGM, and handmade book mark
by Loretta Booth



Grand Adah Station,
Dolls are from our Museum



Grand Ruth Station,
Dolls are from our Museum



Grand Esther Station,
Dolls are from our Museum



Grand Martha Station,
Dolls are from our Museum



Grand Electa Station,
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First Look at
Grand Chapter Floor



Surprised by the Decorations



Decorations Committee



MWGM and MWGP escorted by Betty Benham



Rennie Ofton, PMWGM,
escorted by
Buddy Baker, PGP



Bible presented by Joyce Waddell, Secretary to WGM,
Bible Marker presented by Nancy Haley, Secretary to WGP,
Square & Compasses presented by John Wilson, Grand Page to WGP



American Flag presented by Buddy Baker, PGP of TX



American Flag presented by Buddy Baker, PGP of TX and
Canadian Flag presented by Carl Larson, PGP of CT



Texas Flag presented by Nelson Campbell, PGP of TX,
West Virginia Flag presented by Dr. Bill Bane, PGP of D.C.,
Washington Flag presented by K. Arthur Drescher, Jr, PGP of TX
and John's Matador,
Christian Flag presented by Bill Rhyan, PGP of AZ,
Eastern Star Flag presented by Ray Hertenberger, PGP of TX,
Masonic Flag presented by Jerry Martin, PGP of Texas and PGM of the
Grand Lodge of TX, AF & AM



Presentation of WGM & WGP at Official Opening



Official Opening of Grand Chapter by Sharon Fentress, PGM of TX



Sharon Fentress presenting Gavel to WGM at Official Opening



American Flag presented by Loretta Booth, Grand Marshal



Official Opening



Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron and John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Matron introduced at Altar



Elected General Grand Chapter Officers



Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers



General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and 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, Michael Wiggins



Installed Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions



General Grand Chapter Appointments



Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdiction in Texas



Grand Representative's Drill



Jim Fentress,
Executive Chairman



Stephanie Brigger from the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children receiving a
Teddy Bear and check for Hospital



Donation to American Cancer Society from Nelson Campbell, Cancer Committee of GGC, standing with Bobbi White, MWGM



One of many donations to Judith Markelz, Warrior & Family Support Center



Donation to Tony Peebler, State Master Councilor and Michael Sampson,
Executive Officer of DeMolay Texas



Tony Peebler, State Master Councilor and Michael Sampson,
Executive Officer of DeMolay Texas



Emily Cumming, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas,
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Texas



Emily Cumming, Grand Worthy Advisor, JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy, and
Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and Member of the House of Gold, IORG



Most Worshipful Michael Wiggins, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.



General Banquet



General Banquet



Grand Representatives Breakfast



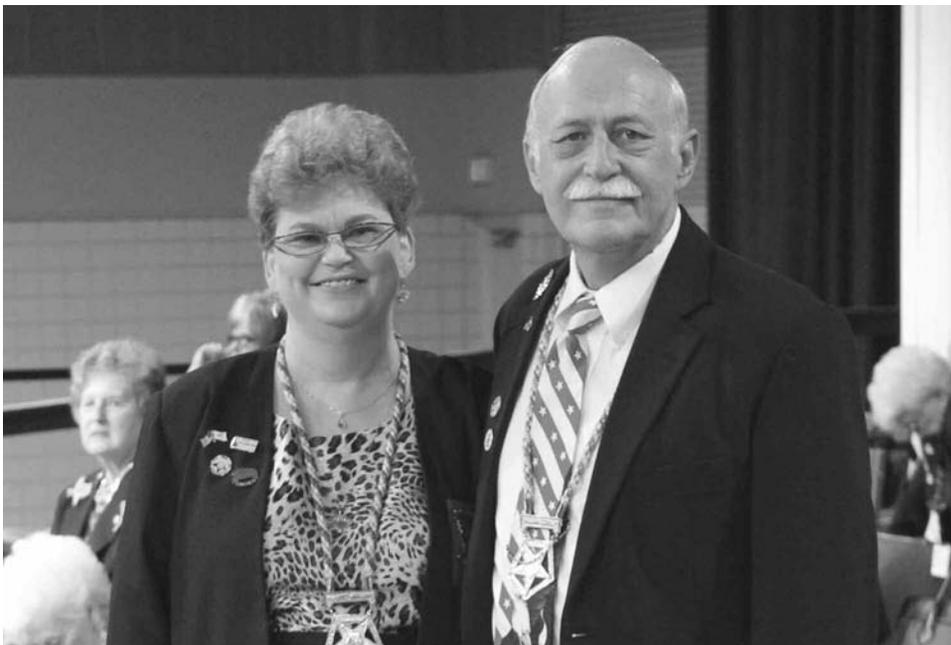
Rennie Ofton, PMWGM
opening Thursday
Evening Session



Nannette Gwaltney,
Grand Electa,
Jaron Brandt,
ESTARL Recipient,
Jahnnette Brandt, and
George Gwaltney,
Worthy Grand Patron



Memorial Program



Cheryl Albrecht, WGM & George Gwaltney, WGP



Cheryl Albrecht, WGM & Darrell Albrecht, Grand Warder



Picture of Jack & Jill



Loretta Booth, Grand Marshal, with bear in memory of Brenda Ruiz



Sharon Fentress, PGM of TX, Bobby Scott, PGP of TN, Cheryl Albrecht, WGM, Dee Scott, and Darrell Albrecht, Grand Warder. Good Friends together again.



Happy Birthday Rob Morris



Rob Morris Celebration



The Blackwood Quartet



The Blackwood Quartet



Enjoying the Rob Morris
Celebration

"Friends Always Near"



DDGM's: Phyllis Macon, District 1, Shirley Scholl, District 2,
Georgia Orr, District 3, Diane Flanagan, District 4, Joan Miller, District 5



Future Member with
WGP and Grand Esther



Future Member with WGM



Star Points



WGP in his station



Membership



Someone must be in trouble



Fifty-year Members



Corporate Board and Board of Directors working together to settle lawsuit



Executive and Arrangements Committee



Precision Drill participants



Saturday morning presentations



Board of Directors



Credentials Committee



Registration Committee



Jurisprudence Committee



Deputy Grand Matrons



Michael Coté performs
at Grand Chapter



Grand Choir



Sharon Fentress receiving Grand Representative to Scotland



First Fraternal Visit in Fort Worth



First Fraternal Visit at Crescent Chapter



Fraternal Visit at Schertz Chapter



Smokin' Hot Men of Eastern Star Calendar Models



***GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
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