

***The Grand Chapter of Texas  
Order of the Eastern Star  
Extends Fraternal Greetings and  
Welcomes You to  
The One Hundred and Thirty Fourth Session  
“RIDE FOR THE BRAND”***



***Harvey Convention Center***

***Tyler, Texas***

***September 1-3, 2016***

***Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas***

***Worthy Grand Matron***

***Mr. William “Billy” Clabaugh***

***Worthy Grand Patron***





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**WELCOME TO THE  
“RIDE FOR THE BRAND”  
One Hundred Thirty-Fourth Session  
Of the Grand Chapter of Texas**

TO THE MEMBERSHIP IN TEXAS

Welcome to the 134<sup>th</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. What a joyous time! Each of us are grateful for each kind word, each hug, each handshake, each encouragement as you have joined us on this wonderful Trail of Service! YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMING and we THANK YOU!

Each of us are so appreciative of your support, not just for us, but for our projects. We are very honored that you have helped us reach our goals. You have gone above and beyond, and we are so grateful.

The Worthy Grand Patron and I extend to you a heartfelt WELCOME to YOUR Session. Tyler is a new venue for us. The Executive and Arrangements Committees have worked many hours preparing for your every need.

In our every endeavor, we have tried to work for what is best for our membership. Each of us pray that you enjoy your 134<sup>th</sup> Session! Thank you for “Riding for the Brand” of Eastern Star in Texas throughout 2015-2016.

Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas  
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Billy Clabaugh  
Worthy Grand Patron



***Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas***  
***Worthy Grand Matron***  
***2015-2016***  
***Grand Chapter of Texas***  
***Order of the Eastern Star***



***Mr. William "Billy" Clabaugh***

***Worthy Grand Patron***

***2015-2016***

***Grand Chapter of Texas***

***Order of the Eastern Star***

## ***Honored Guests***

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons & Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons  
Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter  
Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter  
General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons  
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of  
Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Past Grand Masters  
Grand Lodge Officers  
Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand  
Patron and the 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 Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas

Grand Chapter Committee Members and Appointments  
of other Grand Jurisdictions

Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations

Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members  
of All Appendant Bodies



***HONORED GUEST***



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

**HONORED GUEST**



***Mrs. Marianne Shenefelt***  
***Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron***

## ***HONORED GUEST***



***Mr. Henry S. Martin***  
***Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron***



**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER  
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**



**Mrs. Jayne Yenger  
Ambassador to Germany**



**Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane  
By-Laws Committee, Chrm.**



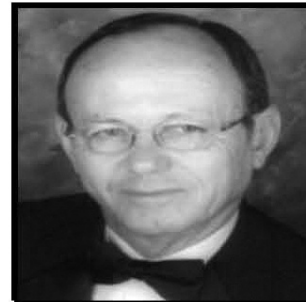
**Mrs. Bess Caldwell  
Eastern Star Journal**



**Mrs. Joyce Gilbert  
Necrology**



**Mrs. Mary Ruth White  
Regenerative Medicine**

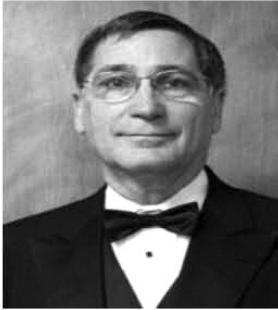


**Mr. Jerry Trees  
Ambassador to Mexico**

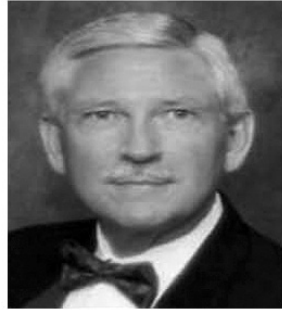


**Mr. Trey Smith  
ESTARL**

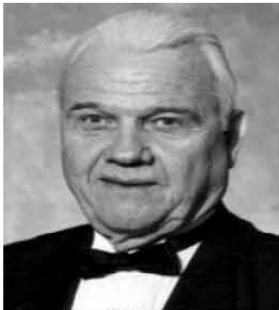
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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**



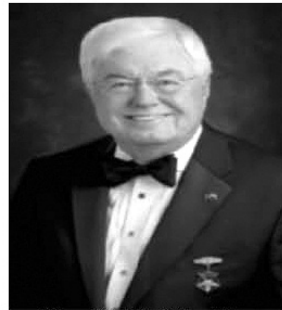
**Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.**  
**First Responders, Chairman**



**Mr. Lee Stallings**  
**Jurisprudence, Chairman**



**Mr. Jack Guy**  
**Service Dogs**



**Mr. David Dibrell**  
**Youth**



**Mr. Bill Bane**  
**Ambassador to Romania**



**Mrs. Bonnie Varnell**  
**Credentials**

**Special Appointments**

**Mrs. Delila Whitfield, Deputy to the MWGM in Mexico**

**Mrs. Phyllis Macon, Chairman Hummingbirds**

**Mrs. Deborah Foster, Hummingbirds**

**Mr. Bob Royall, Eagle**

***In Memoriam***



***MRS. SHARON FENTRESS  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON***

***2002-2003***

***"From the Heart"  
121st Session of Grand Chapter of Texas  
2003***

***In Memoriam***



***MRS. PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST***

***WORTHY GRAND MATRON***

***1974-1975***

***“Roads to Remember”***

***93rd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas***

***1975***

***In Memoriam***



***MRS. ALMA CARTER***

***WORTHY GRAND MATRON***

***1996-1997***

***"Freedom's Light"***

***115th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas***

***1997***



### ***SPECIAL GUESTS***

#### ***Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas***

**Mrs. Elise B. Hammack**

**Mrs. Beulah Speer**

**Mrs. Elsie Paladino**

**Mrs. Betty Benham**

**Dr. Effie Mae Davis**

**Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry**

**Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield**

**Mrs. Betty Y. Friend**

**Mrs. Naomi Wolfe**

**Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan**

**Mrs. Doris Hester**

**Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler**

**Mrs. Nancy Brown**

**Mrs. Geraldine Dusek**

**Mrs. Joyce Nicklas**

**Mrs. Vi Griffin**

**Mrs. Annette Curry**

**Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht**

**Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.**

**Mr. Glenn Whitaker**

**Mr. Kenneth Gregory**

**Mr. Richard Ochs**

**Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker**

**Mr. Harold Trammell**

**Mr. Ed Warner**

**Mr. Jerry Martin**

**Mr. Nelson Campbell**

**Mr. John Creel**

**Mr. Ray Hertenberger**

**Mr. Bill Wyatt**

**Mr. William "Bill" Crews**

**Mr. George Gwaltney**



**HONORED GUEST**



***Mr. Wendell P. Miller***  
***Most Worshipful Grand Master***  
***Grand Lodge of Texas,***  
***Ancient Free and Accepted Masons***

## INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



**Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer**  
Associate Grand Matron



**Mr. Tom Murphy**  
Associate Grand Patron



**Dr. Ellen Pickrell**  
Interim Grand Secretary



**Mrs. Lorrie Owens**  
Grand Treasurer



**Mrs. Melissa Hudman**  
Grand Conductress



**Mrs. Carolyn Martin**  
Associate Grand Conductress



## INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



**Mr. Burley D. Jones**  
**Grand Chaplain**



**Mrs. Linda Roy**  
**Grand Marshal**



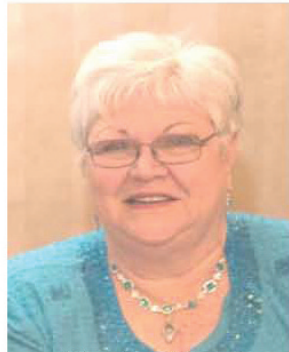
**Mrs. Jackie Stogner**  
**Grand Organist**



**Mrs. Cathy Eidson**  
**Grand Adah**



**Mrs. Jean Harrison**  
**Grand Ruth**



**Mrs. Jane Clabaugh**  
**Grand Esther**

## INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



**Mrs. Pat Turner**  
Grand Martha



**Dr. Linda J. Puckett**  
Grand Electa



**Mrs. Gail Fuller**  
Grand Warder



**Mr. Paul C. Zappe, III**  
Grand Sentinel



**Mrs. Iris Lowe**  
Fraternal Correspondent

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



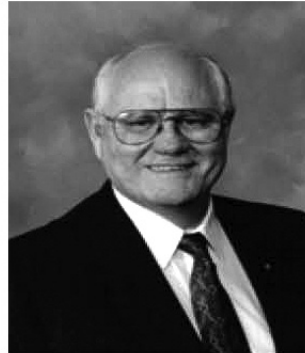
**Mrs. Audri Rowell**  
Chairman



**Mrs. Becky Austin**  
Vice Chairman



**Mrs. Carlotta A. Fairchild**  
Secretary



**Mr. Ray Hargis**  
District One



**Mrs. Deborah Land**  
District Two

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**Mrs. Jean Hobbs  
District Three**



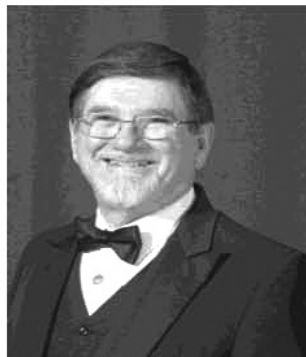
**Mrs. Barbara Martin  
District Three**



**Mrs. Debra S. "Debi" Fincher  
District Four**



**Mr. Robert "Bob" Royall, Jr.  
District Four**



**Mr. David Ouelette  
District Five**

## BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS



**Mrs. Phyllis Macon**  
District One



**Mrs. Susan Dormady**  
District Two



**Mrs. Donna Noe**  
District Three



**Mrs. Terri Rozell**  
District Four



**Mrs. Joan Miller**  
District Five



**Mrs. Laura Sharp**  
Grand Examiner At Large





**Ms. Diane Davidson**  
Secretary to the Worthy  
Grand Matron



**Mrs. Elizabeth Wise**  
Secretary to the Worthy  
Grand Patron

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



**Mrs. Jane Hudson**  
Chairman



**Mrs. Phyllis Wilson**  
Co-Chairman



**Mrs. Cladette Allen**  
Secretary



**Mrs. Vicki Matthews**  
Treasurer



**Mr. Raul Garcia**  
Auditor

## ARRANGEMENTS



**Mr. Sammy Peach**  
Chairman



**Mr. Randy Martin**  
Co-Chairman



**Mrs. Patti Peach**  
Secretary



**Mrs. Evelyn Ross**  
First Aid



**Mrs. Ann Stuart**  
Labyrinth



**Mrs. Glenda Klemm**  
Paraphernalia



**Mrs. Wendy LaGrone**  
Photographer



**Mr. Jim Turner**  
Photographer



**Ms. "Nickie" Bilski**  
Photographer

## ARRANGEMENTS



**Mrs. Ann Teague**  
Social



**Mrs. Sharon Willingham**  
Tickets



**Mrs. Vickie Smith**  
Secretarial



**Mr. Keith Mikeworth**  
Vendors



**Mr. Ron Mietzner**  
Ushers



**Mrs. Bobbye Dyer**  
Stage Pages



**Mrs. Pat Hancock**  
Decorations



**Mrs. Debara Perry**  
Membership Assistance



**Mr. Jerry Owens**  
Electrical





**Mrs. Becky Cole**  
Housing



**Mrs. Linda Guy**  
Distinguished Guests



**Mrs. B. J. Corwin**  
Sound



**Mrs. Mary Calvert**  
Credentials



**Ms. Deneice Marshall**  
Registration



**Ms. Doris Dee Davis**  
Parliamentarian



**Mr. Mike Fincher**  
Security



**Mrs. Lisa M. Nystedt**  
Ditty Bags



**Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann**  
Elections



Mrs. Susan Martin  
Information &  
Lost & Found



Mr. Jim Hevron  
Transportation



Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander  
Grand Choir Director

**RIDE FOR THE BRAND**

**By Frank Knight**

Back in the day of 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!

***Ceremonial Opening  
Thursday, September 1, 2016  
11 A.M.***

10:45 A.M. Musical Prelude Mrs. Carolyn Black,  
Humanitarian, District Four Chairman

Organist Informal Opening Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry,  
Past Grand Matron

Master of Ceremonies Mr. Lee Stallings,  
Jurisprudence Chairman. General Grand Chapter

Assisting Grand Marshal Mrs. Betty Benham,  
Past Grand Matron

***Procession of Distinguished Members and Guests***

***Board of Grand Examiners***

Mrs. Phyllis Macon District One  
Escorted by Mr. Carol Macon

Mrs. Susan Dormandy District Two  
Escorted by Mr. Bill Dormandy

Mrs. Donna Noe District Three  
Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith

Ms. 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

***Board of Directors***

- Mrs. Audri Rowell, Chairman District Two  
Escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt
- Mrs. Becky Austin, Vice Chairman District One  
Escorted by Mr. Don Austin
- Mrs. Carlotta A. Fairchild, Secretary District Five  
Escorted by Mr. Bill Crews
- Mr. Ray Hargis District One  
Escorted by Mrs. Linda Hargis
- Mrs. Deborah Land District Two  
Escorted by Mr. Allen Rodgers
- Mrs. Jean Hobbs District Three  
Escorted by Mr. Mike Hall
- Mrs. Barbara Martin District Three  
Escorted by Mr. Victor Christenson
- Mrs. Debra S. "Debi" Fincher District Four  
Escorted by Mr. Michael Fincher
- Mr. Robert "Bob" Royall, Jr. District Four  
Escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Royall
- Mr. David Ouelette District Five  
Escorted by Ms. Gayle Adams

***Special Appointments***

***Matriarchs Of the Plains***

***Mrs. Joyce Fields***

***Mrs. Sara Rozean***

***Mrs. Mary Jo Rosamond***

Mrs. Iris Lowe Fraternal Correspondent  
Escorted by Mr. Paul Lowe

## *2015-2016 Installed Grand Officers*

Mr. Paul C. Zappe, III	Grand Sentinel
Escorted by Mrs. Doris "Dee" Davis	
Mrs. Gail Fuller	Grand Warder
Escorted by Mr. Clarence Thompson	
Dr. Linda J. Puckett	Grand Electa
Escorted by Mr. John Puckett	
Mrs. Pat Turner	Grand Martha
Escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock	
Mrs. Jane Clabaugh	Grand Esther
Escorted by Mr. Charles Foster	
Mrs. Jean Harrison	Grand Ruth
Escorted by Mr. James Scott	
Mrs. Cathy Eidson	Grand Adah
Escorted by Mr. Boyed Cramer	
Mrs. Jackie Stogner	Grand Organist
Escorted by Mr. Terry Stogner	
Mrs. Linda Roy	Grand Marshal
Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith	
Mr. Burley D. Jones	Grand Chaplain
Escorted by Mrs. Doris Jones	
Mrs. Carolyn Martin	Associate Grand Conductress
Escorted by Mr. Henry Martin	
Mrs. Melissa Hudman	Grand Conductress
Escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman	
Mrs. Lorrie Owens	Grand Treasurer
Escorted by Mr. Jerry L. Owens	
Dr. Ellen Pickrell	Interim Grand Secretary
Escorted by Mr. David Dibrell	

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 Mr. Frank Rockabrand

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Presentation of the Bible***

*Ms. Diane Davidson,  
Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Tommy Griffin, Past Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons*

### ***Presentation of the Bible Marker***

*Mrs. Georgia Faye Jennings,  
Grand Representative of Colorado in Texas  
Escorted by Mr. Walt Rogers, Past Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons*

### ***Presentation of the Square & Compasses***

*Mr. Donny Broughton, Past Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
Escorted by Mrs. Georgia Campbell, Arrangements*

## ***Flag Presentations***

UNITED STATES	Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron
CANADIAN	Mr. Harold Trammell, Past Grand Patron
TEXAS	Mr. Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico, General Grand Chapter
WYOMING	Mr. David Dibrell, Youth Committee, General Grand Chapter & Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM
CHRISTIAN	Mr. Jack Guy, Service Dogs, General Grand Chapter
MASONIC	Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron & Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM
EASTERN STAR	Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, III, First Responders, Chairman, General Grand Chapter
INVOCATION	Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron
DEDICATION OF THE SESSION	Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron



WELCOME TO TYLER

Mrs. Jane Hudson &  
Mrs. Phyllis Wilson  
Executive Committee

MAYOR OF TYLER

The Honorable Martin Heines

CONVENTION CENTER

Ms. Shari Lee,  
Vice President - General Manager/Conventions

TEXAS DEMOLAY

Mr. Michael L. Sampson  
Executive Officer

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

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

Miss Becky Simon

Grand Worthy Advisor

Mr. Wendell P. Miller

Grand Lodge Of Texas  
Most Worshipful Grand Master

RESPONSE TO WELCOMES

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer,  
Associate Grand Matron

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



***Ritualistic Opening***  
***1:00 PM***  
***“All Trails Lead to Tyler”***

Call to Order Mrs. Rennie Ofton,  
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron  
Mr. Henry Martin,  
Right Worthy Grand Sentinel

Code of the West Thought Mrs. Vi Griffin,  
Past Grand Matron

***“The Texas Brand March”***

Installed Grand Officers & Pages

Directed by Mrs. Linda Roy, Grand Marshal

“Precision Drill” Directed by Mr. Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron

FILLING OF VACANCIES

PARTIAL CREDENTIALS REPORT Mrs. Mary Calvert,  
Credentials Chairman

Ritualistic Opening Installed Grand Officers

Opening Ode “Texas Our Texas”  
Directed by Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander, Grand Choir Director

Flag Presentation Mrs. Linda Roy,  
Grand Marshal

Pledge of Allegiance Worthy Grand Patron

National Anthem Mrs. Susie Rodgers,  
Grand Soloist

O’Canada Mr. Paul Lowe Jr,  
Grand Soloist

## ***FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS***

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron  
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron &  
Past Most Worthy Grand Patron  
Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter  
Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter  
General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons  
of Other Grand Jurisdictions  
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of Other Grand Jurisdictions  
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Past Grand Masters  
Grand Lodge Officers  
Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand  
Patron along with the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy  
Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

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of other Grand Jurisdictions  
Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations

Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members  
of All Appendant Bodies

Welcome: Worthy Grand Matron  
Worthy Grand Patron

Response to the Welcome: Mrs. Marianne Shenefelt,  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron,  
General Grand Chapter

Benediction Mrs. Doris Hester,  
Past Grand Matron

Closing of the Holy Bible Mrs. Melissa Hudman,  
Grand Conductress

Fraternal Correspondent Mrs. Iris Lowe

*“Riding the O.E.S. Trails of the World”*  
Texas Own & Visiting Grand Representatives  
Directed by Mrs. Linda Roy, Grand Marshal

**Session called from Labor to Rest until  
Friday Morning**

***Please join us for the  
Campfire Gathering  
Rob Morris Celebration  
At Green Acres Baptist Church  
Cross Walk Center  
1607 Troup Highway***

***Friday Morning Session  
September 2, 2016  
"Blazing Trails"***

7:30—8:00 A.M. Musical Prelude Mrs. Jamie Quenzer,  
Arrangements, Membership Assistance

8:00 A.M.

Assisting Grand Organist Mrs. Marlene Dibrell,  
General Chairman, Serenading the Herd

Call to Order Mrs. Jayne Yenger,  
Ambassador to Germany, General Grand Chapter  
Mr. Trey Smith,  
ESTARL, General Grand Chapter

***"The Texas Brand March"***

Installed Grand Officers & Pages

Directed by Mrs. Linda Roy, Grand Marshal

"Precision Drill" Directed by Mr. Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron

***Entrance of the Installed Grand Officers***

Opening of the Holy Bible Mrs. Melissa Hudman,  
Grand Conductress

Invocation Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield,  
Past Grand Matron

Code of the West Thought Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane,  
By-Laws, General Grand Chapter

Adoption of the Fraternal Correspondent Report

Business Session:

Parliamentarian Mrs. Doris "Dee" Davis

Reports:

Chapters Under Dispensation Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield

Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron

Interim Grand Secretary

Grand Treasurer

Board of Directors

Jurisprudence Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry

Unfinished Business

Benediction Mr. K. Arthur Drescher,  
First Responders, Chairman , General Grand Chapter

Closing of the Holy Bible Mrs. Melissa Hudman,  
Grand Conductress

*We hope that you will be joining us for  
our Line Officers Luncheons  
At the Rose Garden Center*

**Called from Labor to Rest  
until 1 P.M., Friday Afternoon.**

***Friday Afternoon Session  
September 2, 2016  
"Sentimental Trails"***

12:45 P.M. Musical Prelude

Assisting Grand Organist                      Mrs. Sandra Perdue,  
Grand Representative of California in Texas

1:00 P.M.

Call to Order                                      Mrs. Bess Caldwell,  
Eastern Star Journal, General Grand Chapter  
Mr. Bill Wyatt,  
Past Grand Patron

"The Texas Brand March"  
Installed Grand Officers & Pages  
Directed by Mrs. Linda Roy, Grand Marshal

"Precision Drill" Directed by Mr. Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron

*Entrance of the Installed Grand Officers*

Humanitarian Report & Drill                      Mrs. Betty Hancock,  
General Chairman Humanitarian

"Spurs & Stars" Drill by Chapter Representatives  
Directed by Mrs. Linda Roy, Grand Marshal

Opening of the Holy Bible                      Mrs. Melissa Hudman,  
Grand Conductress

Invocation Mr. Jerry Trees,  
Ambassador to Mexico, General Grand Chapter

Code of the West Thought Mrs. Betty Benham,  
Past Grand Matron

Reports & Jurisprudence Continued:

Grievance and Appeals Mr. Nelson Campbell

Educational Fund Mrs. Diane Beckley

International Headquarters Mrs. Betty Scott

Museum Mr. Dewey Teague

O.E.S. Home Endowment Mrs. Delila Whitfield

Purposes and Policies Mr. Ray Hertenberger

Titles, Deeds and Properties Mrs. Betty Benham

Benediction Mr. David Dibrell,  
Youth Committee, General Grand Chapter

Closing of the Holy Bible Mrs. Melissa Hudman,  
Grand Conductress

**Called from Labor to Rest  
until 8 P.M., Friday Evening for  
The ESTARL and Memorial Services.**

*THE CANDLES IN THE EAST  
ARE LIT IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF MEMBERS  
THROUGHOUT THE STATE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE  
LIGHTING THE TRAIL EFFORT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR  
ALZHEIMER'S' THIS YEAR.*

*LIGHTING THE TRAIL*

*WHEN THE TRAIL OF LIFE GROWS LONG  
AND THE SUN IS SETTING LOW HIS LEGS  
AREN'T NEAR AS STRONG  
AND HIS BACK IS SOMEWHAT BOWED,*

*THEN HIS MEMORY BEGINS  
TO FADE FASTER THAN THE SETTING SUN  
HIS FAMILY'S DISMAYED  
'CAUSE ALZHEIMER'S AIN'T NO FUN.*

*SO WE'RE JOINING IN THE FIGHT  
TO GIVE HIM BACK HIS DIGNITY  
AND REMOVE THIS AWFUL BLIGHT'  
BY TURNING BACK SENILITY.*

*TO LIGHT  
HIS PATH ONCE MORE  
AND REMOVE ALZHEIMER'S VEIL  
WORKING HARD TO FIND THE CURE  
WE ARE "LIGHTING UP THE TRAIL."*

*FRANK KNIGHT*



***Friday Evening Session  
September 2, 2016***

***“Trails of Remembrance”***

***ESTARL & Memorial Services***

7:45 P.M. Musical Prelude

Assisting Grand Organist                      Mrs. Debra Hull,  
Worthy Matron, Copperas Cove #1070

8 P.M. Call to Order                      Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry,  
Past Grand Matron  
Mr. Ray Hertenberger,  
Past Grand Patron

***Entrance of the Installed Grand Officers***

ESTARL Presentation                      Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger,  
ESTARL General Chairman

Memorial Program                      Mr. Burley Jones,  
Grand Chaplain

Closing of the Holy Bible                      Mrs. Melissa Hudman,  
Grand Conductress

**Called from Labor to Rest  
until 8 A.M., Saturday Morning**

***Those participating in the 2016-2017 Installation are asked to  
remain after the Close of the Session for Practice***

**“RIDING FOR THE BRAND OF  
RELIGIOUS SERVICE”  
ESTARL PROGRAM**



**MRS. JERRE S. LUCAS**

**MR. WILLIAM “BILLY” CLABAUGH**

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

**FRIDAY EVENING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2016**

**MRS. VICKI HERTENBERGER  
ESTARL, GENERAL CHAIRMAN**

## ESTARL SERVICE

7:45 P.M. Musical Prelude

Assisting Grand Organist Mrs. Debra Hull,  
Worthy Matron, Copperas Cove #1070

Opening Remarks Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger,  
General Chairman

Invocation Mr. Cody M. Perkins,  
Recipient, District Four

“Amazing Grace” Mrs. Stephanie Staton,  
Recipient, District One  
Accompanist, Mr. Conrad Staton

ESTARL District Chairmen Mrs. Barbara Hampton,  
District One  
Mrs. Dawn Larson,  
District Two  
Mrs. Tina Stevens,  
District Three  
Mrs. Donna Haltom,  
District Four  
Mrs. Polly McCamey,  
District Five

Scripture Reading Mrs. Stephanie Staton  
Romans 12:1 “A Living Sacrifice”

Announcements of Recipients

“How Great Thou Art”

Ms. Patricia Faltesek,  
Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, Section 10  
Accompanist, Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry

Offertory

Musical Selections  
Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry,  
Past Grand Matron

Remarks

Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger  
Mr. William “Billy” Clabaugh,  
Worthy Grand Patron  
Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas,  
Worthy Grand Matron

Benediction

Mr. Cody Perkins



*Look up and not down;  
Look out and not in;  
Look forward and not back,  
and Lend a hand in Service to Others*

### ***A Prayer of Worship***

Every beat of my heart,  
    Every breath that I draw,  
        Is a gift from you, O Lord.  
Every day that I rise,  
    All I see with my eyes,  
        Is here because of your Word.  
Not a bird in the air,  
    Not a strand of my hair,  
        Escapes your watchful gaze.  
All the stars of the night,  
    Angels hid from our sight,  
        Show us the depth of your ways.  
You have made us each one,  
    And have sent us your Son,  
        To redeem us and bring us back home.  
When we fall into sin,  
    You forgive us again,  
        No matter how far we've roamed.  
So I thank you again,  
    For being my friend,  
        My maker, redeemer, and guide  
You are with me each day,  
    They can't take that away,  
        In you I will always abide.  
May I not waste a breath,  
    Or go to my death,  
        Without serving and giving you praise.  
May the life that I live  
    Be to love and to give,  
        And to honor you all of my days.

Frank Knight

***“The Brand Never Dies”***

***Memorial Program***



***Mr. Burley Jones***  
***Grand Chaplain***

***Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas***  
***Worthy Grand Matron***

***Mr. William “Billy” Clabaugh***  
***Worthy Grand Patron***



***“The Brand Never Dies”  
Memorial Program***

Musical Prelude	Mrs. Jackie Stogner, Grand Organist Mrs. Debra Hull, Assisting Grand Organist
Grand Chaplain	Mr. Burley Jones
Invocation	Mr. Nelson Campbell Past Grand Patron
Report of the Grand Chaplain	
“Cross of Faith” Formation	Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages Led by Mrs. Linda Roy, Grand Marshal
“When He was On the Cross”	Kenny James, Grand Soloist
Tribute to General Grand Chapter Floral Presentation	Grand Chaplain Mrs. Karen Morgenthaller, Past Grand Matron Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron
Tribute to Past Grand Matrons	Grand Chaplain
Tribute to Mrs. Sharon Fentress	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan, Past Grand Matron
Tribute to Mrs. Patricia Neinast	Mrs. Ann Kelly, Grand Representative to Scotland in Texas
Tribute to Mrs. Alma Carter	Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron
Floral Presentation	Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Eastern Star Journal, GGC Mr. Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron

Tribute to Other Grand Jurisdictions Floral Presentation	Grand Chaplain Mrs. Vi Griffin, Past Grand Matron Mr. David Dibrell, Youth Committee, GGC
Tribute to Subordinate Chapters Floral Presentation	Grand Chaplain Mrs. Jayne Yenger Ambassador to Germany, GGC Mr. Trey Smith, ESTARL, GGC
Tribute to U.S. Military Floral Presentation	Grand Chaplain Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Regenerative Medicine, GGC Mr. K. Arthur Drescher III, First Responders, Chairman , GGC
“I Bowed On My Knees”	Grand Chaplain & Doris Jones Grand Representative of New Jersey in Texas
Opening of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Grand Conductress
Draping of the Altar	Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Grand Conductress Mrs. Carolyn Martin, Associate Grand Conductress Mr. Burley Jones, Grand Chaplain
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Grand Conductress
“I Believe”	Mr. Don Austin, Grand Soloist
Benediction	Mr. Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico, GGC

## The Brand Never Dies

It's not the end of the trail for me,  
I'm just heading up to the light You see.  
Beyond those clouds there's a soft glow;  
It's getting brighter the closer I go.  
It's like the beginning of a new day,  
And the trail I'm following leads the way.  
I feel sure there's friends and family ahead,  
And they've set up camp on a brand new spread.  
If you're thinking it sounds too good to be true,  
it's not—'cause the Boss Man made a promise to you.  
If you'd ride for his brand, be honest and square,  
He'd relieve all your pain, and remove every care.  
For the Saviour has taken the contract  
To deliver all those who believe,  
At the headquarters ranch of His Father,  
In the great range where none can deceive.  
The Inspector will stand at the gateway  
And the herd, one by one, will go by,  
The round-up by the angels in judgment  
Must past 'neath His all-seeing eye.  
All Trailblazers and Mavericks will be tallied  
In the great book of life in his home,  
For he knows all the brands and the earmarks  
That down through the ages have come.  
Yet I trust, in the last great round-up,  
When the rider shall cut the big herd,  
That the cowboys shall be represented  
In the earmark and brand of the Lord;  
To be shipped to the bright mystic regions  
Over there in green pastures to lie,  
And led by the crystal still waters,  
In that home of the sweet by and by.

**Saturday Morning Session**  
**September 3, 2016**  
**"Trails of Change"**

7:45 A.M. Musical Prelude

Assisting Grand Organist

Mrs. Linda Hugo,  
Critters Care

*8:00 A.M.*

Call to Order

Dr. Effie Mae Davis,  
Past Grand Matron  
Mr. Nelson Campbell,  
Past Grand Patron

**"The Texas Brand March"**

**Installed Grand Officers & Pages**

**Directed by Mrs. Linda Roy, Grand Marshal**

**"Precision Drill" Directed by Mr. Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron**

*Entrance of the Installed Grand Officers*

Opening of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Melissa Hudman,  
Grand Conductress

Invocation

Mr. Jerry Martin,  
Past Grand Patron

Code of the West Thought

Mrs. Betty Friend,  
Past Grand Matron

Presentation of the Executive & Arrangements Committee

Unfinished Business:

Credentials—Final Report

Appointment of Election Judge, Table Judges & Tellers  
10:00 AM Election of Officers  
Election Judge

Presentation and Recognition of Fifty Year Members

Presentation of Residents of the  
Texas Masonic Retirement Center

Reports and Jurisprudence Continued

Board of Grand Examiners  
Deputies of Grand Chapter

Invitation to the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter Session

Recognitions and Presentations

Election Results

Closing Ode "Happy Trails'

Benediction Ms. Diane Davidson,  
Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron

Closing of the Holy Bible Mrs. Melissa Hudman,  
Grand Conductress

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**Called from Labor to Rest until 5:30 P.M. Saturday evening  
For the Installation of 2016-2017 Grand Officers**

***Processional of Distinguished Guests will begin at 5:15 P.M.***

**INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS  
PERSONAL PAGES AND SECRETARIES**

*Worthy Grand Matron*  
*Mrs. Jerre Lucas*

Mrs. Tonya Foster  
Mrs. Sandy Alford  
Mrs. Mildred Bolton  
Ms. Melanie Raynor  
Mrs. Janet Kramer  
Ms. Diane Davidson, Secretary

*Worthy Grand Patron*  
*Mr. Billy Clabaugh*

Mr. Dallas Alford  
Mr. Charles Foster  
Mr. Sonny Wise  
Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, Secretary

*Associate Grand Matron*  
*Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer*

Ms. Sylvia A. Chafin  
Mrs. Sharon Cobb  
Mrs. Melba Jean Hanna  
Mrs. Susan Smith  
Mrs. Diane Flanagan

*Associate Grand Patron*  
*Mr. Tom Murphy*

Mr. Pete Araiza  
Mr. Michael Miller  
Mr. James R. Parker  
Mr. Bill Rowland  
Mrs. Joanne M. Barrett, Secretary

*Interim Grand Secretary*  
*Dr. Ellen Pickrell*

Mrs. Linda R. Hargis  
Mrs. Adele Isaacs  
Mrs. Addie Taylor

*Grand Treasurer*  
*Mrs. Lorrie Owens*

Mrs. Ethel Dammann  
Mrs. Marie A. Tammen  
Mrs. Joyce Whiteside

*Grand Conductress*  
*Mrs. Melissa Hudman*

Mrs. Sarah Valkus Coursey  
Mrs. Kathy Creel  
Mrs. Sharon Prague  
Mrs. Jessie Braswell  
Mrs. Patricia Pope



*Associate Grand Conductress*  
*Mrs. Carolyn Martin*

Mrs. Helen Ainsworth  
Mrs. Karen Kidd  
Mrs. Jo Ann Snow  
Mrs. Kim Dunahoe Waxler  
Mrs. Joy James, Secretary

*Grand Chaplain*  
*Mr. Burley D. Jones*

Mr. Terry W. Haltom  
Mr. Richard O. King  
Mr. Huey Moore

*Grand Marshal*  
*Mrs. Linda Roy*

Mrs. Freida Dillion  
Mrs. Linda Malak  
Mrs. Linda Wentworth

*Grand Organist*  
*Mrs. Jackie Stogner*

Mrs. Joyce Marlar  
Mrs. Carol S. Melton  
Mrs. Judy Parsons

*Grand Adah*  
*Mrs. Cathy Eidson*

Ms. Donna Lynn Damon  
Mrs. Robyn McGarr  
Mrs. Sudie Pool

*Grand Ruth*  
*Mrs. Jean Harrison*

Mrs. Shirley Flache  
Mrs. Christeen Ledbetter  
Mrs. Bernell Scott

*Grand Esther*  
*Mrs. Jane Clabaugh*

Mrs. Amanda Duckworth  
Mrs. Kristin Gardner  
Mrs. Monnie Pennington

*Grand Martha*  
*Mrs. Pat Turner*

Mrs. Corrine Anderson  
Mrs. Kaye Swain

*Grand Electa*  
*Dr. Linda J. Puckett*

Mrs. Darlene Klonaris  
Mrs. Linda Turner  
Mrs. Jean Vestal

*Grand Warder*  
*Mrs. Gail Fuller*

Mrs. June Bell  
Mrs. JoAnn Drescher  
Mrs. June Thompson

*Grand Sentinel*  
*Mr. Paul C. Zappe III*

Mr. Boyd Kramer  
Mr. Brain L. McKibben  
Mr. Clarence Thompson

### ***Special Thanks***

Ms. Diane Davidson  
Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Jane Hudson & Mrs. Phyllis Wilson  
Executive Committee

And

The Executive and Arrangements Committee of 2015-2016

Altar Cloth, Bible Cover &

Bible Marker

Mrs. Georgia Faye Jennings

Gavels

Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Ms. Diane Davidson &

Mrs. Ann Kelly

Star Point Pedestals

Mrs. Lenda M. Reeves

Holy Bible

Ms. Patricia Faltesek & Mrs. Iris Lowe

Star Point Emblems

Schertz Chapter No. 911

Square & Compasses

Mrs. Jean Harrison

& Brownfield #785

*Thank you for your assistance*



**MUSICAL SELECTIONS**

**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 spangle banner yet wave...  
 O'er the land of the free... and the home of the brave.

**O CANADA**

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
 True patriot love in all thy sons command  
 With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
 The True North strong and free!  
 From far and wide O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
 God keep our land....glorious and free!  
 O Canada we stand on guard for thee  
 O Canada we stand on guard for thee

**TEXAS, OUR TEXAS**

Texas, our Texas! All hail the mighty State!  
 Texas, our Texas! So wonderful so great!  
 Boldest and grandest,  
 Withstanding ev'ry test;  
 O Empire wide and glorious,  
 You stand supremely blest.  
 God bless you, Texas!  
 And keep you brave and strong.  
 That you may grow in power and worth,  
 Thro'out the ages long.  
 That you may grow in power and worth,  
 Thro'out the ages long.

### DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

The stars at night are big and bright,  
 Deep in the heart of Texas;  
 The prairie sky is wide and high,  
 Deep in the heart of Texas.  
 The sage in bloom is like perfume,  
 Deep in the heart of Texas;  
 Reminds me of the one I love,  
 Deep in the heart of Texas.  
 The coyotes wail along the trail,  
 Deep in the heart of Texas;  
 The rabbits rush around the bush,  
 Deep in the heart of Texas.  
 The cowboys cry, "Ki-yip-pee-i",  
 Deep in the heart of Texas;  
 The doggies bawl and bawl and bawl,  
 Deep in the heart of Texas.

### DON'T FENCE ME IN

Oh, give me land, lots of land  
 Under starry skies above.  
 Don't fence me in.  
 Let me ride through the wide  
 Open country that I love.  
 Don't fence me in.  
 Let me be by myself  
 In the evening breeze.  
 Listen to the murmur of the  
 Cottonwood trees.  
 Send me off forever,  
 But I ask you please  
 Don't fence me in.  
 Just turn me loose, let me straddle  
 My old saddle underneath the western skies.  
 On my cayuse, let me wander over yonder  
 Till I see the mountains rise.  
 Don't fence me in.  
 I want to ride to the ridge  
 Where the West commences.  
 Gaze at the moon till I lose my senses.  
 Can't look at hobbles and I can't stand fences.  
 Don't fence me in.





## RED RIVER VALLEY

From this valley they say you are going,  
I will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile.  
For they say you are taking the sunshine  
That has brightened your pathway a while.  
Come and sit by my side if you love me.

Do not hasten to bid me adieu.

Just remember the Red River Valley,  
And the hobo that loved you so true.  
For a long time my dear, I've been waiting  
For those words that you never would say.  
But at last all my fond hopes have vanished,  
For they say you are going away.

Come and sit by my side if you love me.

Do not hasten to bid me adieu.

Just remember the Red River Valley,  
And the hobo that loved you so true.  
Won't you think of this valley you're leaving  
And how lonely and sad it will be;  
And think of the heart that you're breakin'  
And the grief that you are causin' me.

Come and sit by my side if you love me.

Do not hasten to bid me adieu.

Just remember the Red River Valley,  
And the hobo that loved you so true.

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER

South of the border down Mexico way,  
That's where I fell in love  
when stars above came out to play.  
And now as I wander my thoughts ever stray  
South of the border down Mexico way.  
She was a picture in old Spanish lace,  
Just for a tender while  
I kissed the smile upon her face.  
For it was "Fiesta" and we were so gay  
South of the border down Mexico way.

## HOME ON THE RANGE

Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam,  
 Where the deer and the antelope play,  
 Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,  
 And the skies and not cloudy all day.

Home, home on the range,  
 Where the deer and the antelope play,  
 Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,  
 And the skies are not cloudy all day.

How often at night when the heavens are bright,  
 From the light of the glittering stars,  
 Have I stood there amazed and asked as I gazed,  
 If their glory exceeds that of ours.

Home, home on the range,  
 Where the deer and the antelope play,  
 Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,  
 And the skies are not cloudy all day.

Where the air is so pure and the zephers so free,  
 And the breezes so balmy and light;  
 Oh, I would not exchange my home on the range  
 For the glittering cities so bright.

Home, home on the range,  
 Where the deer and the antelope play,  
 Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,  
 And the skies are not cloudy all day.

Oh, give me a land where the bright diamond sand  
 Flows leisurely down with the stream,  
 Where the graceful white swan glides slowly along,  
 Like a maid in a heavenly dream.

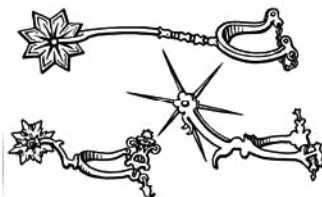
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### JINGLE JANGLE JINGLE (I've Got Spurs)

Yip-pee-ay, there'll be no weddin' bells.  
 For today, I got spurs that jingle, jangle, jingle  
 As I go ridin' merrily along.  
 And they sing, "Oh, ain't you glad you're single!"  
 And that song ain't very far from wrong.  
 Oh, Lillie Belle, oh, Lillie Belle, Lillie Belle,  
 Though I may have done some foolin'  
 Tis is why I never fell:  
 I got spurs that jingle, jangle, jingle  
 As I go ridin' merrily along.  
 And they sing, "Oh, ain't you glad you're single!"  
 And that song ain't very far from wrong.  
 Oh, Mary Ann, oh, Mary Ann, Mary Ann,  
 Though we done some moonlight walkin'  
 This is why I up and ran:  
 I got spurs that jingle, jangle, jingle  
 As I go ridin' merrily along.  
 And they sing, "Oh, ain't you glad you're single!"  
 And that song ain't very far from wrong.  
 Oh, Sally Jane, oh, Sally Jane, Sally Jane,  
 Though I'd love to stay forever,  
 This is why I can't remain:  
 I got spurs that jingle, jangle, jingle  
 As I go ridin' merrily along.  
 And they sing, "Oh, ain't you glad you're single!"  
 And that song ain't very far from wrong.  
 Oh, Bessie Lou oh, Bessie Lou, Bessie Lou,  
 Though we done a heap of dreamin',  
 This is why it won't come true:  
 I got spurs that jingle, jangle, jingle  
 As I go ridin' merrily along.  
 And they sing, "Oh, ain't you glad you're single!"  
 And that song ain't very far from wrong.



## SAN ANTONIO ROSE

Deep within my heart lies a melody,  
A song of old San Antone  
Where in dreams I live with a memory,  
Beneath the stars all alone.  
It was there I found beside the Alamo  
Enchantment strange as the blue up above.  
A moonlit pass that only she would know,  
Still hears my broken song of love.  
Moon in all your splendor, know only my heart  
Call back my Rose, Rose of San Antone.  
Lips so sweet and tender like petals falling a part  
Speak once again of my love, my own Broken song,  
Empty words I know still live in my heart all alone  
For that moonlit pass by the Alamo,  
And Rose, my Rose of San Antone.  
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And Rose, my Rose of San Antone. ]





### **GIT ALONG, LITTLE DOGGIES**

As I was a-walking one morning for pleasure  
I saw a cowpuncher come riding along.  
His hat was thrown back  
And his spurs was a-jingling.  
And as he approached, he was singing this song.  
Whoopee ti-yi-yo, git along little doggies!  
Whoopie ti-yi-yo, git along little doggies!  
Wyoming will be your new home.  
Early in spring we round up all the doggies.  
We mark 'em and brand 'em  
And bob off their tails.  
Round up your horses, load up the chuck wagon.  
Throw all them doggies right up on the trail.  
Whoopee ti-yi-yo, git along little doggies!  
Whoopie ti-yi-yo, git along little doggies!  
Wyoming will be your new home.  
Whooping and yelling  
And rounding the doggies  
From sunrise till sunset  
And all the night long.  
So come now, you young 'uns,  
Get over the prairie  
And keep right on hearing my beautiful song.  
Whoopee ti-yi-yo, git along little doggies!  
Whoopie ti-yi-yo, git along little doggies!  
Wyoming will be your new home.

### **HAPPY TRAILS**

Some trails are happy ones, others are blue.  
It's the way you ride the trail that counts;  
Here's a happy one for you.  
Happy trails to you until we meet again.  
Happy trails to you keep smiling until then.  
Who cares about the clouds when we're together?  
Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.  
Happy trails to you till we meet again.  
Happy trails to you until we meet again.  
Happy trails to you keep smiling until then.  
Who cares about the clouds when we're together?  
Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.  
Happy trails to you till we meet again.

## THE YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS

There's a yellow rose in Texas that I am gonna see  
 Nobody else could miss her not half as much as me  
 She cried so when I left her it was like it broke her heart  
 And if I ever find her we never more will part  
 She's the sweetest little rose bud that Texas ever knew  
 Her eyes are bright as diamonds they sparkle like the dew  
 You may talk about your Clementine and sing of Rosa Lee  
 But the yellow rose of Texas is the only girl for me  
 Where the Rio Grande is flowing  
 and the starry skies are bright  
 She walks along the river in the quiet summer night  
 I know that she remembers when we parted long ago  
 I promise to return and not to leave her so  
 She's the sweetest little rose bud that Texas ever knew  
 Her eyes are bright as diamonds they sparkle like the dew  
 You may talk about your Clementine and sing of Rosa Lee  
 But the yellow rose of Texas is the only girl for me  
 Now I'm gonna find her for my heart is full of woe  
 We'll do the things together we did so long ago  
 We'll play the banjo gaily she'll loves me like before  
 And the yellow rose of Texas shall be mine forever more  
 She's the sweetest little rose bud that Texas ever knew  
 Her eyes are bright as diamonds they sparkle like the dew  
 You may talk about your Clementine and sing of Rosa Lee  
 But the yellow rose of Texas is the only girl for me



## BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN

I'm back in the saddle again,  
 Out where a friend is a friend,  
 Where the longhorn cattle feed  
 On the lowly jimson weed.  
 I'm back in the saddle again.  
 Ridin' the range once more,  
 Totin' my old forty-four,  
 Where yo sleep out ev'ry night,  
 Where the only law is right.  
 I'm back in the saddle again.  
 Whoopi-ti-yi-yo, rockin' to and fro,  
 Back in the saddle again.  
 Whoopi-ti-yi-yay, I go my way,  
 Back in the saddle again.

**SCHEDULE FOR 2016 GRAND CHAPTER — TYLER, TEXAS**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 29**

9:00 AM – Arrangements Committee Setup of Convention Center

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**

9:00 AM – Move in of Vendors - Harvey Convention Center

7:00 PM - “The Western Elegance” Installed Grand Officers

Banquet - Potpourri House (3320 Troup Hwy.)

Mrs. Linda Roy, Chairman

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

9:00 AM - Arrangements - Harvey Convention Center

12 noon - Vendors Open

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Reception honoring Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer

Rose Garden Center (420 Rose Park Dr.)

11:30 AM - “End of the Trail” Luncheon - Deputies of Grand

Chapter honoring Worthy Grand Matron - Holiday Inn

South Mrs. Janet Kramer, Chairman

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Registration and Credentials Open

Harvey Convention Center

10:30 AM - Past Grands of Texas Association meeting - Traditions

(6205 S. Broadway)

12 noon - “The Round-Up Has Begun” Past Grands Luncheon

Traditions Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Chairman

2 PM - Drill Practice for Installed Grand Officers & Pages

Harvey Convention Center

12 noon - 3:00 PM - Hospitality Rooms for Distinguished Guests,

Grand Representatives, and PAGO members - Holiday Inn

South Distinguished Guest : Mrs. Linda Guy, Chmn. and

Mrs. Georgia Campbell, Co-Chmn.

PAGO: Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth.

Grand Representatives: Mr. Terry Miller

6:30 PM - “Top Hands of the Star Brand” Banquet honoring

General Grand Chapter Officers—Holiday Inn South.

Chairman: Mrs. Vi Griffin & Mrs. Marlene Dibrell



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Registration, Credentials, Vendors open  
9:00 AM - "Traveling Texas" Grand Representatives Breakfast  
Holiday Inn South Chairman, Mr. Terry Miller  
10:00 AM - "Fan-Ships Reunion" Immediate Past Grand Matron  
and Past Grand Patron's Brunch— Mrs. Shirley Scholl Chrm.  
Holiday Inn South  
11:00 AM - Informal Opening – Harvey Convention Center  
1:00 PM - Formal Opening – Harvey Convention Center  
6:00 PM - "Campfire Gathering" Rob Morris Celebration - Green Acres  
Baptist Church, Chairman, Mrs. Debbie Holman & Co-Chairman,  
Mrs. Marilyn Butler

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Registration, Credentials, Vendors open  
8:45 AM - Session opens – Harvey Convention Center  
12 Noon - Line Officers Luncheons at the Rose Garden Center  
"And the Cowgirl Rides Away"(WGM) Mrs. Monette Littlepage, Chrm.  
"Inspiring Others" (AGM &AGP)- Mrs. Marsha Talton, Chrm.  
"Garden of Melodies" (Gr. Cond.)- Mrs. Becky Cole, Chrm.  
"Planting Seeds of Kindness" (AGC) Mrs. Kim Dunahoe Waxler, Chrm.  
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Reception for Distinguished Guests - Holiday  
Inn South  
6:00 PM - "Texas Best" General Banquet - Holiday Inn South.  
Chairman: Mrs. Betty Benham  
8:00 PM ESTARL and Memorial  
Practice for 2016-2017 Installation after the Closing

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

- 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Registration and Credentials open  
8:00 AM - Vendors open  
6:30 AM - "Beginning Inspirations" Breakfast honoring AGM and  
AGP - - Holiday Inn South. Chairman: Mrs. Sherrie Fowler  
8:45 AM - Session opens – Harvey Convention Center  
10:00 AM - Elections – Harvey Convention Center  
5:30 PM – Installation – Harvey Convention Center

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

- 8:00 AM - "The Dawning of a Star" Breakfast honoring newly elected  
Associate Grand Conductress at Harvey Convention Center.  
Chairman: Mrs. Ann Wyatt



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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

### HOSPITALITY ROOM INFORMATION

Distinguished Guests	Holiday Inn South
Grand Representatives	Holiday Inn South
PAGO	Holiday Inn South

### REPORTS

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

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

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

### **HEADQUARTERS HOTELS**

WGM & WGP— Holiday Inn South (5701 Broadway, Tyler)

AGM & AGP — Magnuson Grand Hotel (3310 Troup Hwy. Tyler)

### **GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS at the** Harvey Convention Center

Thursday Afternoon Informal Opening 11:00 AM

Thursday Ceremonial Opening 1:00 PM

Thursday Afternoon— Grand Representatives Drill

Friday Morning - Business Session 8:00 AM

Friday Afternoon - Business Session 1:00 PM & Humanitarian Drill

Friday Evening—ESTARL and Memorial 8:00 PM

After Friday Evening Session—Practice for 2016-2017 Installation

Saturday Morning - Business and Election Session 8:00 AM

### **REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS**

Wednesday - Harvey Convention Center 9:00 AM

Thursday - Harvey Convention Center 8:00 AM

Friday - Harvey Convention Center 7:00 AM

Saturday - Harvey Convention Center 7:00 AM

Registration of Voting Delegates for their Credentials closes promptly at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 3, 2016

Registration for Non-Voting Delegates closes at 10:00 AM.

Ballots are not transferable, and if lost, will not be replaced.

Please sign your Ballot envelope immediately upon receipt.

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

### **FIRST AID**

Arrangements First Aid Committee members will be on duty for all sessions. A First Aid room is provided at the Convention Center

### **GRAND EXAMINING ROOM**

Thursday, September 1st 9—10:30 A.M.

Friday, September 2nd 8-9:30 AM

Located in the Convention Center.

### **VENDORS**

The vendors will be located directly outside the Grand Chapter Room

**PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE  
FOR GRAND CHAPTER 2016**

**In accordance with Code of Laws, Article  
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
  - a. One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron;
  - b. One copy to the Grand Secretary;
  - c. One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.
5. Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction (or members holding the proxy of the Worthy Matron and/or Worthy Patron) are

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 Turquoise card; Chapter Representatives will hold up the Hot Pink card.
11. After a motion has been made, seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer, it cannot be withdrawn without permission of the voting body.
12. The following motions are not debatable:
  - a. Reconsider
  - b. Refer to a committee
  - f. Call for the orders of the day

- d. Division of the question
- c. Previous question \*
- f. Lay 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**.







## ***NOTES***

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Votes Cast</i>	<i>Needed to elect</i>	<i>Totals</i>	<i>Votes Cast</i>	<i>Needed to elect</i>	<i>Totals</i>
<b>Grand Secretary</b>						
Alys Newsom						
Jan Clower Walker						
<b>Associate Grand Conductress</b>						
Laura Sharp						
Linda Winn Christenson						
Carla Stringer						
<b>Board of Directors-District One</b>						
James Parker						
<b>Board of Directors - District Five</b>						
Phyllis Wilson						
<b>Board of Grand Examiners-At Large</b>						
Sandy Alford						
Shelley Walker						

***ALWAYS REMEMBER, DO NOT GO WHERE  
THE PATH MAY LEAD...GO INSTEAD  
WHERE THERE IS NO PATH, AND LEAVE A  
TRAIL.***

***Emerson***



# ADVANCE ANNUAL REPORTS

WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
GRAND SECRETARY  
GRAND TREASURER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AND  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LAWS  
OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

## Order Of The Eastern Star

### OF THE STATE OF TEXAS



ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
MRS. JERRE S. LUCAS**

The "Ride for the Brand" year of service began August 15, 2015 in Arlington, Texas. Having been born and reared in a Christian home that was grounded in the Principals of Eastern Star and built on the firm foundation of Masonry, when the time arrived that I could become a member, the Initiation was an outstanding experience in my life! Through these many years, I have been privileged to be an active member. I am most humbled to have been installed as Worthy Grand Matron. The Installation was all that I ever dreamed it would be. Thanks to the Executive and Arrangements Committees for arranging this beautiful event. The presence of my family made it all the more special. I am grateful to each who participated in the lovely ceremony!

Excitement is in the Air! I welcome you to the 134th "Ride for the Brand" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas!

**IN MEMORIAM**

We have lost many special members throughout the Grand Chapter year of 2015-2016 in our Subordinate Chapters. We thank God daily for their having special places in our hearts.

We lost three of Texas' finest! Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, and Mrs. Alma Carter. I was able to attend each of their services. The Grand Officers performed the Eastern Star Service for Mrs. Neinast. I shall ever be grateful to them for performing this beautiful service. The family was most appreciative. I attended the visitation for both Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast and Mrs. Alma Carter. The Eastern Star School Schedule prohibited my attendance at the visitation for Mrs. Sharon Fentress however; I did postpone the Eastern Star School in Abilene in order that our members would be able to attend Mrs. Fentress' service.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS 2015 2016**

One of the highlights of serving as Worthy Grand Matron is to have the honor of recommending special ones for a Grand Representative Commission.

- Alberta . . . . . Mrs. Annette Clark
- British Columbia . . . . . Mrs. Cathy Sammons
- California . . . . . Mrs. Sandra Perdue
- Colorado . . . . . Mrs. Georgia Faye Jennings
- Delaware . . . . . Mr. Frank Knight
- Georgia . . . . . Mr. John Berry
- Idaho . . . . . Mrs. Tava Smith
- Kentucky . . . . . Mrs. Marceline Crenshaw
- Louisiana . . . . . Mrs. Sylvia Garcia
- Maryland . . . . . Mrs. Teresa Heinzmann



Massachusetts . . . . .Mrs. Jane Pyle  
 Minnesota . . . . .Mrs. Barbara Reynolds  
 New Jersey . . . . .Mrs. Doris Jones  
 North Carolina . . . . .Mrs. Jeannie Green  
 Pennsylvania . . . . .Mrs. Patti Strey  
 Scotland . . . . .Mrs. Ann Kelly  
 Washington . . . . .Mrs. Marsha Putnam  
 Wisconsin . . . . .Mrs. Ruby Langley

After filing this report and before the conclusion of my term as Worthy Grand Matron, it will be my pleasure to present eleven more commissions that I recommended to very deserving members.

**TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER ACTIVITIES  
 PARTIES AND EVENTS AT TMRC**

Mrs. Donna Ott chaired these events, and has done a great job on each of the events. December 13, 2015 was the Christmas Party, which was most enjoyable. April 10, 2016 brought a beautiful Springtime party. June 12, 2016 will be the Summertime Party. March 14, 2016, a Brunch honoring the Worthy Grand Matron was held, such a beautiful event. The food was wonderful, prepared by the Chef at TMRC. His presentation rivaled the Food Network! I was able to attend a regular stated meeting of TMRC-Daylight Chapter #1145 on February 22, 2016. As always, the members of this Chapter were so very welcoming! Their attendance and membership is growing. Congratulations to this Chapter!

**GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS**

To the two Grand Masters that I have served with – Brothers Michael L. Wiggins and Wendell P. Miller, I thank each of you for every courtesy! I was honored to speak at the Grand Lodge Session in Waco on December 5, 2015 on behalf of Eastern Star in Texas. I thank you, Brother Michael L. Wiggins and Lady Tonya, for every courtesy. I enjoyed so very much, being your guest at the Banquet. Thank you for this sweet privilege! And, to my Co-Worker, Mr. Wendell P. Miller and his Lady, Billie, thank you for every courtesy! Your Homecoming banquet January 16, 2016 was such a beautiful event, and I thank you for always being the Mason who lives the Code of a Mason! I appreciate your assistance each time I have requested your help. I look forward to your greetings at the “Ride for the Brand” Session of Grand Chapter. Eastern Star appreciates being allowed to have a table at your Annual Communication. I am so very grateful to the District Deputy Grand Matrons for building the presentation board and manning the table. This was such a special time. I was also able to attend the Reception hosted by several of the previous and current First Ladies of Masonry in Texas honoring Mrs. Billie Miller. This was a beautiful and delightful event. Brother Wendell P. Miller, your Installation was a special event, my Congratulations!

**GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AND GRAND COUNCIL  
 OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS**

I was so pleased that I was able to attend this special event in Waco in October 18 and 19, 2015. The banquet was delightful. I was invited to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand

Chapter of Texas. The work these two groups are doing is so appreciated! To Mr. Steve Wolfe and Mr. Richard Sharp, I thank you for every courtesy!

### **YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

Both Rainbow and DeMolay have been important in my family for many years. My son was a state elected officer in DeMolay, and my daughter was State Sweetheart for DeMolay, and an elected officer in Rainbow for several years. What a joy it was to have Ms. Emily Cumming make the Bible Presentation to the Worthy Grand Patron and me. Such a beautiful, letter perfect presentation. I was so very pleased to bring greetings at the opening ceremony of Grand Assembly in June, 2016 in Waco. I am so very grateful to Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy and Mrs. Marlene Dibrell for always instilling Faith, Hope, Love, Patriotism and Charity to our beautiful young ladies. I am also very grateful to Mr. Tony Peebles, State Master Councilor and Mr. Mike Sampson, State DeMolay Dad, for assisting the young men of tomorrow to become better men! I look forward to bringing Greetings at State Conclave in Waco in July.

### **TOP HATS**

Appreciation is extended to the Top Hats, Inc., for assisting with our Wyoming guests, who are our partners in General Grand Chapter. To Mr. David Dibrell, thank you for handling this for us. We welcome our Wyoming members to this Session! We are so grateful to Mrs. Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, for selecting Mr. Henry Martin to serve in General Grand Chapter. We look forward to being with each of you in Utah.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Flowers from my Children, Joe Frazier and Diana Payer for Installation

Gavel Presentation at Installation by Diane Davidson & Ann Kelly

Texas Flag flown over State Capitol in my honor presented by Tonya & Charles Foster

Special Bible and Cover presented by Iris Lowe and Patricia Faltasek

The Potentate Arabia Shrine of Houston presented a Plaque in honor of the donation for the Banquet preceding the Eastern Star School

Certificate of Welcome to Texas City Presented by the Mayor in Texas City, and naming September 18, 2015 Jerre Lucas Day

Proclamation & Key to the City, Eastern Star & Jerre Lucas Day on September 26, 2015 in Lufkin

Proclamation, Eastern Star & Jerre Lucas Day on October 2, 2015 in Somerville

Birthday Celebration October 9, 2015 Amarillo

A Horse was adopted in honor of the Worthy Grand Matron at the Black Hill Wild Horse Sanctuary in Hot Springs, South Dakota

The Star on the Mountain in El Paso was lit in honor of the Worthy Grand Matron

Lights on the Bridge in Star Points Colors at McLane Stadium in Honor of the Worthy Grand Matron in Waco

Proclamation, Eastern Star Day on January 18 & 19 in Killeen

Key to the City in Lewisville

Proclamation of Jerre Lucas Day in the City of Gilmer

United States and Texas Flag presented by the Treasurer of Tyler County

Key to the City of Gainesville & Honorary Citizenship

Honorary Citizen of Bandera

Proclamation and Certificate from the Mayor of Kingsville Chamberlain Masonic Lodge 100 Year Coin, Grand Master’s Coin and Pin

Proclamation, Jerre Lucas Day, Austin

Proclamation, City of San Antonio, Honorary Mayor of La Villita

Numerous special gifts from a loving and caring membership were given throughout the year. How very grateful I am, and I thank you. We have tried to acknowledge each gift however, if any has been missed, just know you are so very appreciated.

I was privileged to serve as Worthy Matron for Initiation in Schertz Chapter No. 911, my Home Chapter. My gratitude to the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Nannette Gwaltney for this special honor.

Mrs. Shirley Woodlock retrieved some special treasures from the front gate of the Eastern Star Home. These had been preserved for many years. They were taken to the Grand Chapter Office to be placed into the Museum.

I was able to attend two special birthday parties for my special friend, Mrs. Edna Goette who celebrated her Ninetieth! What a special time in my life for one I have known and loved so many years!

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- December 20, 2015 . . . . . Edinburg #473
- October 4, 2015 . . . . . Belton #589
- October 14, 2015 . . . . . Floresville #771
- December 6, 2015 . . . . . Jourdanton #581

Congratulatory certificates were presented to each of these. Each event was well attended, with good food, and great fellowship.

**EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS****DISTRICT ONE SCHOOLS  
TONYA FOSTER, DDGM**

DATE	LOCATION	SECTIONS	SCHOOL NAME
2/5-6	Gainesville	1, 2	Happy Trails Across Texas
2/12-13	Gilmer	9,10	Archway to the Piney Woods
2/19-20	Garland	4,5	Lassoing Knowledge
2/26-27	Tyler	3,6,7	Golden Saddles and Silver Spurs
3/4-5	Marshall	8	Blazing Stars

**DISTRICT TWO SCHOOLS  
SANDY ALFORD, DDGM**

DATE	LOCATION	SECTIONS	SCHOOL NAME
10/9-10	Amarillo	1,2,3	Boot Scootin' Across the Panhandle Eastern Star
1/27	Abilene	7	Happy Trails to Abilene
10/23-24	Lubbock	4	Mighty Fine School of Learning
10/31	Wichita Falls	5,6	True Grit
11/14	El Paso	10	The Horseshoes on the Rio Grande
11/20-21	Midland	8	West Texas Cattle Drive

**DISTRICT THREE SCHOOLS  
MILDRED BOLTON, DDGM**

DATE	LOCATION	SECTIONS	SCHOOL NAME
12/11-12	Mineral Wells	2,3	Head Master's Lesson
1/1-2	Hillsboro	10	Water Hole #3
1/8-9	Fort Worth	1	Saddle Up
1/15-16	Killeen	6,8	Lucky Horseshoes
1/22-23	Waco	7,9	Crossing the Brazos at Waco
1/29-30	Coleman	4,5	Campfire Memories

**DISTRICT FOUR SCHOOLS  
MELANIE RAYNER, DDGM**

DATE	LOCATION	SECTIONS	SCHOOL NAME
9/4-9/5	Houston	4,5,7,9	The Trail Ride Begins
9/11-9/12	Vidor	2	Branding the OES Trail
9/18-9/19	Texas City	10	Campfire by the Bay
9/25-9/26	Lufkin	1,3	Blazing the OES Trail
10/2-3	Somerville	6,8	Deep in the Heart of Texas

**DISTRICT FIVE SCHOOLS**  
**JANET KRAMER, DDGM**

DATE	LOCATION	SECTIONS	SCHOOL NAME
3/11-12	Lytle	5,8	Horseshoes Over Texas
3/18-19	Del Rio	3,4	Saddlin' Up For Success
3/30-31	Harlingen	10	Roping in the Rio Grande Valley
4/1-2	Austin	6	Round Up Time in the Capital
4/8-9	Kingsville	9	Spring Round Up
4/15-16	San Antonio	7	San Antonio Stars in the Western Sky

**APPRECIATION**  
**WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

My sincere thanks to Billy and Jane for agreeing to walk this way. There has never been a time I requested assistance from the Worthy Grand Patron that he did not willingly comply. Several times, I called on Billy for assistance in problems. I am grateful to this special family for the friendships we have shared through the years. After contacting my family, the first call I made when my husband died, was to Billy and Jane. Bob and Billy were good friends, for that I shall always be thankful.

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

What a joy it was to represent Texas at General Grand Chapter in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in November, 2015! To our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Rennie Ofton. Thank you! Rennie, for the life of service you have given to this Order, not only to our Grand Chapter, but to the world! You have brought great honor and distinction to Texas. Your special friendship has meant much to me through these many years. To Mr. Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron (and Opal); Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Ambassador to Germany; Ms. Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico; Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Chairman of By-Laws and Grand Representative; Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Eastern Star Journal Committee; Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Regenerative Medicine; Mr. K. Arthur Dresser, Jr., Chairman First Responders; Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Jurisprudence Chairman; Mr. David Dibrell, Youth Committee; Dr. Bill Bane, Ambassador to Romania and Grand Representative; Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Necrology; Mrs. Bonnie Varnell, Credentials and the special appointments; Mrs. Phyllis Macon, Chairman Hummingbirds; Mr. Bob Royall, Eagle; Mrs. Deborah Foster, Hummingbirds. The State of Texas congratulates each of you, we are so very proud!

What a joy it was to have the privilege of nominating Mr. Henry S. Martin for the office of Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron at General Grand Chapter. You have made Texas proud! Thank you for this special honor, and I thank you and Opal for your special friendship!

**PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS**

To each of you, I thank you! For the positive influence you have made on my life, I am highly grateful. Thank you for the tremendous records of service you have given, and for the personal sacrifice each of you has made. I shall be grateful always, for your wise council and advice

you have given me through the years. Many of you have been close friends for years. Thank you for your friendships, and for your dedication to the great principles for which this Order stands!

### **INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS**

Each of you holds a special place in my heart. Some of you were elected, and I thank God for that! To the Appointed Grand Officers, I had the privilege of appointing you. You were selected very carefully, after much prayer. You are definitely the “cream of the crop” and I thank each of you for accepting this special place of service!

### **CORPORATE BOARD**

I thank you so very much for your cooperation, help, support and your prayers. Grand Chapter elected each of you for a particular place of service, and this Worthy Grand Matron is so very thankful to the membership for electing you. You have been by my side both in good times, and in trying times and have always shown your love and support. To Sharon, Tom, Melissa, and Carolyn, My thoughts and prayers are with you as you progress. I look forward to showing you the support you have shown to me. To Ellen and Lorrie, I thank you for your service and for your support. Each of you holds a special place in my heart. Thank you for all you are doing for the great State of Texas!

On November 27, 2015, 5:30 pm, Mrs. Marlene Scholari resigned her office as Grand Secretary. Mrs. Melissa Hudman was appointed to serve until the right time for an Interim Grand Secretary to be appointed. Upon acceptance of Mrs. Hudman to this important place of service, I asked what she needed the most. Her answer immediately was “A Bookkeeper,” then, I asked who her preference was. “Jane Pyle” was the immediate answer. I called Jane who asked for a day or so to pray about this, understanding that if she accepted this, it would only be until September 3, 2016. Previous to Mrs. Scholari’s resignation, I asked of her what I could do to assist her the most. The answer was: “Ask Lorrie to come into the office to do her job. I have been doing it.” I did just that. I requested of Lorrie to come into the office eight hours a week, every week. Whenever you prefer, and is convenient to you. I appreciate her compliance with that directive very few times. In addition, in order to have a “checks and balances system” I asked Lorrie to reconcile her own accounts, as the bookkeeper does not need to be reconciling her own books. This has been done part of the time, which I appreciate.

To Mrs. Jane Pyle, thank you for your service to the Grand Chapter of Texas, and for your love and loyalty to me! On Monday Morning, November 30, 2016 the Worthy Grand Patron and I met with Mrs. Melissa Hudman, and the Office Staff. They were, naturally, concerned. They were assured that their jobs were not in jeopardy, and they were instructed that we were only going to be grateful to Mrs. Scholari for the service she had given to Grand Chapter. We were going to go on with “business as usual” each of us realizing that none of us are indispensable. We wish Mrs. Scholari only the best. That same day, Mrs. Jane Pyle came to the office to meet with Mrs. Melissa Hudman. Later that day, Melissa and I got all of the financial records changed over with our Bankers.

On January 9, 2016, Dr. Ellen Pickrell accepted serving as Interim Grand Secretary until September 3, 2016. The office has “never missed a beat”, each Staff member has done her job in an efficient manner, all bills are current, the Bulletin has been mailed on time or early, storage rooms have been cleaned out, supply orders are current, membership records are current.



The Corporate Board voted to accept Dr. Ellen Pickrell, unanimously!

“Professionalism” is the only word that comes to mind when I think of those who stepped up to the plate! This Worthy Grand Matron cannot offer enough accolades to Mrs. Melissa Hudman, and the Office Staff, particularly Dr. Ellen Pickrell. This has been a stressful situation! Dr. Ellen Pickrell, you have endeared yourself not only to this Worthy Grand Matron, but to the membership of Texas. Just please know you are loved, appreciated, and respected beyond measure! Thank you dear one, what a joy you have been to my life!

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

I was so privileged to have been elected to serve this membership as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, which, later was changed to the Board of Directors and to serve as the first Chairman of the combined board. Some of my sweetest friendships were made while serving in this place. Much can be learned while serving on this Board! I am so grateful to the Board of Directors, under the very capable leadership of Mrs. Audri Rowell, Chairman. I thank this Board for allowing me to use this very serviceable vehicle. I was privileged to drive this van for two out of state Grand Chapters, and many, many miles in Texas. I thank you so much for this! The Board of Directors has been most generous in the Maintenance. Every mile driven was logged, each gallon of gas and maintenance accounted for. I am pleased to turn in both sets of keys that were presented to me, along with all records.

### **OUT OF STATE GRAND CHAPTERS**

I was so pleased to attend the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, October 20, 2015, accompanied by Mrs. Pat Turner, Grand Martha. I also was able to attend the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin May 16 through 19, 2016. We took private cars for eight of us to travel to Wisconsin to accompany Ruby Langley, Grand Representative. I am grateful to the Board of Directors for allowing me to travel in the Grand Chapter Vehicle to Oklahoma, and will be attending Wyoming’s Grand Chapter Session in August, 2016. Both Oklahoma and Wisconsin were so happy we came to their Sessions. What an honor it is to have been elected as an Honorary Member of each of these Grand Chapters!

### **APOLOGY**

Many times in years passed, I have stated that I truly love Eastern Star however; I do not love Eastern Star more than my family! My son, Joe D. Frazier, had Open Heart Surgery in Joplin, Missouri during the Wichita Falls School. I am so grateful to the membership of District 2, Sections 5 & 6 for your kind, understanding hearts! I appreciate the District Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. Sandy Alford, for a beautiful job of conducting the School without the presence of the Worthy Grand Matron.

### **SCHERTZ CHAPTER NO. 911**

You have been there every step of the way. You have loved me, and supported me over fifty years. For every act of kindness, just know that each of you holds a special place in my heart. From the very minute I found this Chapter while drinking coffee at Ol’ Bossy across the street, I knew I was HOME. You have hosted teas, luncheons, dinners, the VERY BEST Banquet and

Fraternal Visit ever!!! It is not easy for a Chapter to have a Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron, we had both in two years. I can only say THANK YOU and please know you are loved. The Fraternal Visit held in the gorgeous Scottish Rite Temple August 22, 2015 was wonderful. I was so very proud of my Chapter, and grateful for each act of kindness extended for so many years! The Officers did such a lovely job! Your hard work was evident. I look forward to being with each of you more in the future. Thank you from a grateful heart!

### **CARTHAGE CHAPTER NO. 747**

August 29, 2015 was a special day for Carthage Chapter, the home Chapter of the Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Esther. This was such a beautiful evening! I know and share the pride of the Worthy Grand Patron. I have been privileged to attend Chapter in Carthage many times in years past, each time; the members have been so very warm and loving. I thank you for every courtesy.

### **ADDITIONAL FRATERNAL VISITS**

September 9, 2015	Silsbee #298
September 10, 2015	Cedar Bayou #11
September 17, 2015	Kurten # 1146
September 22, 2015	Seguin #555
September 23, 2015	Buna #968
September 24, 2015	Port Neches #677
September 29, 2015	Orange #214
October 6, 2015	Waller #1047
October 13, 2015	Vidor #914
October 14, 2015	Floresville #771
October 19, 2015	Grapevine #326
October 27, 2015	Odessa #1008
November 9, 2015	Velasco #220
November 10, 2015	Dallas #1, Roy Stanley #1086, and Templar #374
December 7, 2015	Haltom City #982
December 8, 2015	Midland #253
December 14, 2015	Nederland #1079
January 4, 2016	New Braunfels #771
January 5, 2016	Norman Reed #1010
January 11, 2016	Balch Springs #1132
January 12, 2016	Jefferson #627
January 14, 2016	Travis #472
January 18, 2016	Hadassah #188
January 19, 2016	Lewisville #935
January 26, 2016	Abilene #30
February 1, 2016	Grand Prairie #219
February 2, 2016	Border #211
February 8, 2016	Lufkin #382
February 15, 2016	Archives #1095
February 16, 2016	Port Neches #677
February 18, 2016	Everman #624

February 22, 2016	TMRC Daylight #1145
February 22, 2016	Royse City #642
February 23, 2016	Handley #617
February 25, 2016	Ruth #20
March 3, 2016	Kerrville #24
March 8, 2016	Normangee #87
March 10, 2016	Robert Lee #198 and the Chapters of District 5, Sections 1 & 2
March 14, 2016	Edwin J. Kiest #959
March 16, 2016	Houston Ransford #135
March 17, 2016	Jasper #291 & Spurger #315
March 21, 2016	Odessa #447
March 24, 2016	Prospect Hill #817
March 29, 2016	Cleveland #465, Huffman #1112 & New Caney #1093
April 5, 2016	Lorena #1124
April 7, 2016	Texas City #626
April 11, 2016	Evadale #1111
April 12, 2016	Creedmoor #607
April 18, 2016	Castleberry #1028
April 19, 2016	Omaha #997
April 20, 2016	Garland #156 & Mesquite #887
May 5, 2016	Conroe #710
May 6, 2016	Texas #35
May 11, 2016	Bellaire #1021
May 12, 2016	Copperas Cove #1070
May 25, 2016	Livingston #1139, Crockett #509, Corrigan #631, Groveton #1035, Shepherd #1003, Trinity #186, & Woodville #462
May 26, 2016	Pearland #1065
May 31, 2016	Huntington #938 & Burke #1098

### SPECIAL EVENTS

One of the highlights of the year was being able to “drop-in” to several Chapters! One of such times was to Eastland Chapter #280. They were so delighted that a Worthy Grand Matron would choose to attend their meeting. They had never had a sitting Worthy Grand Matron attend their Chapter. It was a delightful evening celebrating St. Patrick’s Day! They placed an article in their local newspaper, with a picture including a Leprechaun, and placed an article in our Official Bulletin! This Worthy Grand Matron was received so very graciously.

### JAYNE YENGER AND TREY SMITH’S “HANGING”

This Worthy Grand Matron was so pleased to be able to attend the “Hanging” of Past Grand Matron Jayne Yenger in Temple, Texas and Past Grand Patron, Trey Smith in Big Spring. Each event was delightful. There were many laughs, a few tears, wonderful food and fabulous fellowship. I have such happy memories of serving as the Grand Conductress during your “special year” of service to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thanks to each of you for your special friendship!

## **DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS AND DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**

Each Worthy Grand Matron probably thinks she has the best. The difference is, I know I do! To the District Deputy Grand Matrons: I told each of you when I appointed you, that I knew how to teach a School, but, I could not teach you how to be kind to our members! That was all that I asked, each of you have done your job so very well. I am so proud of you!!! To the Deputy Grand Matrons: You have served your Sections so very well. You have represented this Worthy Grand Matron beautifully! I shall always be grateful to you for the great job you have done. I wish I could have attended each of your Official Visits, that being impossible – but, I have heard glowing reports. I thank you from the bottom of my heart!!!

### **TRAILBLAZERS**

You have led your Chapters in an exemplary manner. I have been so very honored to have had each of you walk by my side. Your Chapters are proud of you, as am I. Your kindness, generosity, friendship, and love has been evident. Just remember, once a Trailblazer, always a Trailblazer! Thank you so much for assisting in the programs of Grand Chapter this year!

### **CAMPFIRE STORIES**

To Frank Knight, author and friend! Thank you for sharing your talents with each of us. The Campfire Stories book has literally circled the globe! For this, I am so very proud. The Chapters have enjoyed your humor as well as the depth of your endearing personality. I am so grateful to Copperas Cove Chapter for assisting you in this enormous endeavor!

### **MATRIARCHS OF THE PLAINS**

The four of you, Ann Kelly, Sara Rozean, Joyce Fields and Mary Jo Rosamond, have been so very special in my life! Thank you for just being you and for always being there for me.

### **FAMILY**

My family has been my greatest support. They have, for years and years, tried to understand when Mother or Grandmother, Aunt Jerre, or whatever pet name they used, had to miss a family event. Many times through the years I have said that “I truly love Eastern Star, but, I do not love Eastern Star more than my family” – that is as true today as it was when I first uttered those words more than fifty years ago.

My children: Joe Frazier and wife Pam, my daughter Diana Payer and husband Michael, my four grandchildren Michael, Preston, Kate, and Anna, two step grandchildren Jake and Josh, my four sisters, Tana Clancy, Karen Robb, Judy McIlvain, Janice Friesenhahn, and my brother William S. “Bill” Spears, just know you are loved and appreciated. I look forward to many special times together! How proud my husband, Bob, and my parents, Lucy and Joe Brooks Spears would have been. Never in a million years did I ever expect to walk this way in Eastern Star.

Because of some of my early friendships, I was active in Grand Chapter before I could even vote in Grand Chapter! You and God know who they are!

## DECISIONS, IRREGULARITIES, DISCIPLINE

As I have tried to follow the tenants of the Code of the West. The ones requiring the most prayer time, are two of those:

- Do what has to be done.
- Be tough, but fair.

This Worthy Grand Matron is very fortunate in having appointed capable and efficient District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons who have answered most of the questions by referring to the Ritual, Constitution and Code of Laws. The work they have performed lightened the load of the Worthy Grand Matron, of which, I am most grateful. I thank you for serving as such efficient pages not just for the Grand Chapter Session, but throughout the year!

One of our Chapters mailed a solicitation letter to each chapter in Texas. I cited our Legal Code, Article 501 which prohibits such action. The Chapter returned all funds which had been received, and wrote a letter of apology to each chapter they had previously written. I am convinced this was an innocent act. In this same realm, I was contacted by an attorney who had dealt with a situation which involved an Eastern Star trial as well as a civil suit. There was a threat of civil action against the Worthy Grand Matron and The Grand Chapter of Texas. I referred the matter to the Grand Chapter attorney as I was not privy to previous actions, promises, agreements, or meetings. Evidently, the matter has been closed.

One chapter has been infighting for several years, with much gossip going out into the community. Much time and effort has been spent trying to get this chapter on the right track. These actions have not proven successful. Therefore, I placed this chapter on six months supervised probation. From all reports, the chapter seems to be performing those actions for which the chapter was originally established. The probation will end July, 2016. I am grateful to each who has assisted in this matter, and am confident that once the Chapter realized the seriousness of the situation, all appears to be going much better.

One member had gone into the community and to other Masonic affiliated organizations spreading some very malicious, hurtful gossip about one or more of their members. This is another file to be passed on to the Associate Grand Matron.

Mother Nature interrupted several of our meetings; there were several chapters with severe flooding, particularly around Election and Installation time. Common sense must prevail. I advised the chapters who were not able to meet, to send for a Special Dispensation for a late election. Some of the chapters would have been over a month late with both Elections and Installations causing some to be conflicting with our Masonic Installations.

Our law is quite clear regarding those who may participate in Election of Officers. ONLY members of the Chapter may participate, even as a Teller. The same applies to the actual Installation Ceremony, participants MUST be members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Non members may participate in other parts, but non members may NOT participate in the actual Ceremony of Installation.

In answer to countless calls, letters, and questions regarding the wearing of slacks by ladies of our chapters; there is no law concerning the wearing of any type of dress to a meeting of

the Order of the Eastern Star. I feel that all members would want to present a proper image of our Order to other members, and to non-members. The Order should exemplify a lady always, through the women who are its members, just as the brothers exemplify the great nobility and stature of the Masonic fraternity. I have asked always, that if a lady attends in slacks, to please ignore the entire situation, saying nothing whatsoever; as she will figure out that the others are wearing dresses or skirts. It is never proper to embarrass anyone, much less one of our members. I would never presume to tell a LADY how to dress.

Many questions have been asked regarding the response to the salutation sign, and whether the response is given during balloting and during altar services. Yes, the response is made each time the salutation sign is given. This is law on Page 175 of our Code of Laws. In the secret work, the salutation sign is explained with the response explained in the same paragraph, and under the same number. Through the complete history of this Grand Chapter, such has been the decision of each Worthy Grand Matron. I am in accord, and this has been my decision this year.

In answer to numerous questions concerning the Worthy Matron appointing the Worthy Patron to give the “farewell address” in the closing ceremony of the Ritual, I answered no, he cannot give the farewell address. The Ritual is our law as so declared on page 162, and our Constitution declares its allegiance in the acceptance of the Ritual. The Ritual is very explicit regarding which officers must be sisters and those who must be brothers. The farewell is listed as being given by the Worthy Matron. And again, it is law on Page 168. In 1958, a Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter made the decision that it was permissible for a “guest” to give the farewell at the close of the chapter but the officers of the Chapter must open and close it.

Several Chapters have had questions regarding having “Casino Nights” as a fundraiser. I determined that again, our law is quite clear on Page 187, Article 271, therefore, such fundraisers are prohibited by our law. The same applies to “Bingo Nights”. They are illegal. To quote Forrest Gump, “That is all I have to say about that.”

Many questions arose concerning proper Masonic affiliation. I referred many of those questions to our Ritual, page 165, “petitions”. Along these same lines, many questions arose regarding great great granddaughters, great-great uncles, etc. Again, our Ritual, page 161, “Membership” is quite plain. Nieces by marriage is not listed, therefore, if that is the only affiliation, she would not be eligible for membership. I am grateful to brother Wendell P. Miller, Grand Master for his advice regarding Masonry. The duties of the man on the Investigating Committee are important, it is his job to determine the Masonic eligibility, and to determine that the Masonic Lodge is in Fraternal Relations with the Grand Lodge of Texas.

A question arose regarding ownership of Endowed Memberships. Our law is quite clear regarding transferring Endowed Memberships. I determined that when there was a question, it depended on how the actual Endowed Membership was styled, example: If the Certificate read: Schertz Chapter No. 911, Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas, then, the Endowed Membership belonged to Schertz Chapter and would need a vote of the Chapter to transfer. BUT, if the Endowed Membership were styled: Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas, then, it belonged to me and I had the right to transfer to any Chapter I chose. The Endowed Membership could have been paid for by the Chapter, or any number of sources. We could have many people who have paid or contributed

to that Endowed Membership. If a Chapter wants to keep control of the Endowed Membership, they need to make sure that it is styled in the name of the Chapter. I have determined that whoever's name is on the certificate, is who the owner is. It is "titled" or "styled" in the members name therefore, the member owns it, regardless of who pays for it.

Many questions have been asked regarding Consolidation and Demising, particularly where disposition of funds are involved. Each time, the answer has been the same. Chapter 13, Article 268. Once the motion to consider Consolidation, has been brought to the Chapter, no assets may be given away. This includes all cash, savings accounts, CD's, and all Chapter articles of monetary value, etc. All records, paraphernalia, etc., will become property of the Receiving Chapter. I have determined that ONLY the regular bills, rent, utilities, salaries , etc. may be paid. Other than those regular expenses, ALL ASSETS ARE FROZEN according to our law.

### **TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER**

The day I returned home from Grand Chapter August 16, 2015, I was contacted that the ladies who have been placed in our care were quite upset over discussion regarding their future care. There was mention of moving them to another facility during the 2015 Grand Chapter Session. Immediately, I contacted the Worthy Grand Patron to meet me the next morning. I am grateful for his attendance and support. We met with the ladies, Mr. Gary Blair, Mrs. Donna Pope, and Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield. In addition, we welcomed a few family members who were also very concerned. The ladies were assured that they would remain at TMRC for the remainder of their natural life. They are happy and well cared for. I asked if there were any questions, there were very few. Because of this situation, I have tried on every possible occasion to stay at TMRC to be with all of the residents.

### **EXECUTIVE AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE**

You have worked tirelessly for several years. Tyler is a new venue for us, but we can only hope it will not be the last. My first thoughts were safety and affordability for our members. The City of Tyler fit the bill perfectly! I am so grateful to the Executive and Arrangements Committee for the professionalism in your every act. You have kept this Worthy Grand Matron in the loop every step of the way. Just please know you are all loved and appreciated! To the Convention and Visitors Bureau, thank you for your many hours of work, and all your efforts. The Rose Capital has so much to be proud of, and we are grateful.

### **DIANE DAVIDSON AND ANN KELLY**

Never would I have considered walking this way without DIANE DAVIDSON. Diane has been there every step of the way! Her brain is similar to a computer with the largest hard drive known to man! Many years ago, I asked Diane what office she wanted, she knew she could have anything she wanted! Her reply was "I want to be your Secretary, and remain in that position all the way through." Well Diane, when the proceedings are complete, we will be through. You have typed, stuffed, answered telephone calls, researched, and just been there in good times and bad! Thank you for your sweet, listening ear. Each Worthy Grand Matron needs a Diane Davidson and an Ann Kelly! I look forward to many more special times with each of you! I thank you for all you have done, but, more important, I thank you for your



friendship these many years!!!

### **TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS**

Without you, there is no need for a Worthy Grand Matron! You are Grand Chapter! I have tried to always ask what do you want? What is your choice? You have always been uppermost in my heart and mind. You have been so very good to this Worthy Grand Matron for some 53 years and have made my life richer by far. I am so very grateful for your every act of kindness and love for the Order of the Eastern Star! Thank you for all you are doing in your Communities, your Chapter, and for Grand Chapter! As I have served you for many years, I have tried to follow the tenants of the Code of the West. Cowboy Ethics is knowing right from wrong. The ten tenants of the Code of the West are:

- LIVE EACH DAY WITH COURAGE
- TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK
- ALWAYS FINISH WHAT YOU START
- DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE.
- BE TOUGH, BUT FAIR
- WHEN YOU MAKE A PROMISE, KEEP IT.
- RIDE FOR THE BRAND
- TALK LESS, AND SAY MORE
- REMEMBER, SOME THINGS ARE NOT FOR SALE
- KNOW WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE.

My love to each of you!!!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron

## REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2015-2016

To the membership of Texas:

The past year has been the most memorable year of my life! It has exclusively been great because of the kindness and love shown by the membership and I have been overwhelmed throughout the state. Your love and kindness, your hugs and handshakes, along with your warm smiles have humbled me. I thank you for all the courtesies that you have showed to Jane and me. It has been a privilege and an honor to have been elected and to serve such an awesome membership.

### INSTALLATION

The beautiful "RIDE FOR THE BRAND" installation was held August 15, 2015 at the Arlington Convention Center in Arlington, Texas. It was the beginning of a trail ride across the great state of Texas to meet and be greeted by this awesome membership. Jane and I will never forget you. I appreciate those grand ladies and gentlemen who served as installing officers. They were as follows: Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Installing Grand Officer; Brother Jack Guy, Assisting Installing Grand Officer; Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Installing Grand Secretary; Brother Nelson Campbell, Installing Grand Chaplain; Sister Rosemary S. Berry, Installing Grand Marshal; Sister Mary Alberts, Installing Grand Organist. And to those who assisted in other capacities, please know how much I appreciate each of you. will never forget that night.

### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER 48th TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY

I was excited to attend the General Grand Chapter Session from October 30th to November 6th 2015, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. We were not able to stay in the hotel with the Texas delegation due to a conflict in the hotel reservations. But we made the best of it and enjoyed meeting many new friends whom, had it not been for the mix-up, we might never have met.

During the flag presentation, I was honored to carry the "great state of Texas flag." The business portion was carried out a little differently than we handle ours but taken care of just the same. I enjoyed the fun and fellowship.

### SCHERTZ CHAPTER No. 911

On August 22, 2015, I was pleased to attend the banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron in her home chapter. The officers and members of this chapter received the Worthy Grand Matron in a gracious and friendly manner. Thank you for all the courtesies extended to me.

### CARTHAGE CHAPTER No. 747

On August 29, 2015 my parent chapter, Carthage No. 747, hosted a banquet and Fraternal visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron at the Carthage Civic Center in Carthage, Texas. The night was very special for me as the officers and members of my chapter did a beautiful job. Just to tell you the truth they put the "big pot in the little pot."

They did such a wonderful job. I can't say thank you loud enough.

### **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER FAMILY**

The Grand Chapter of Texas is very fortunate to have the quality and dedication of those who are serving General Grand Chapter from Texas, Brother Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, and those serving as Ambassadors and Committee Members, I thank you for your assistance and encouragement.

### **WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

I am grateful to Sister Jerre Lucas and her late husband Bob for choosing me to "Ride for the Brand" with her this year. She has always worked hard for this membership and I know the Fraternity will always be uppermost in her mind.

### **PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRON OF TEXAS**

You are the elite, the cream that came to the top and you are still serving this great Order. You have been so kind and offered your assistance in so many ways. THANK YOU! I look forward to joining your ranks as a "Rookie" when I become a member of the "WONDERFUL WORLD OF WAS."

### **INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS**

I take my hat off to our Worthy Grand Matron in the selection of her appointed Grand Chapter Officers and the core of elected Grand Chapter Officers by the membership. Your dedication and love for the Order has made this year special.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors has done a wonderful job this year in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. They were so easy to work with even though the school schedule kept me from being present at many meetings. I thank each of you for your dedication to this Order.

### **BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS**

The Grand Examiners excelled in their proficiencies. They were most kind to the membership and I enjoyed their programs, smiles, and friendship.

### **DEPUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER**

The five District Deputy Grand Matrons chosen by the Worthy Grand Matron served this membership well. They encouraged and taught the membership by example. They were talented, capable, and most enjoyable to work with. It was my great pleasure to get to know the ladies who served as Deputy Grand Matrons. Each school was alike yet different in that it reflected the personality of those putting it on. You have given to me memories to cherish.

## TRAILBLAZERS AND MAVERICKS

Those who served as Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons throughout the state; not only did you serve your chapters but also you represented the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, their programs and charities. Congratulations to the first time Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. I thank each of you for your dedication to our Order.

## GRAND ESTHER

I will never have the words to say how much you have meant to me this past year. You and I have been through some wonderful and some trying experiences but as you always said, "This too shall pass". As you know for the past few years our chapter installation has been on our wedding Anniversary, so why should our lives not be dedicated to OES. I love you Queen Esther.

## MY FAMILY

As you must know by now our daughter was one of the Worthy Grand Matron's District Deputy Grand Matrons and her husband was one of my pages. Our granddaughter, also a Past Matron of two chapters, was one of Grand Esther's pages. The rest of my family does not quite understand our being gone every weekend especially the youngest granddaughter and great grandchildren. All they know is that Nanny and Pappy are never home. To tell you the truth it is hard on Nanny and Pappy to be away from them too.

## SECRETARY AND PAGES

To my secretary, Sister Elizabeth Wise, who is one of the most dedicated members of this great Order. Her love and dedication to this Order and to me is beyond reproach. How can I ever say thank you enough. To my Grand Pages, Brothers Sunny Wise, Charles Foster, Dallas Alford, and Dale Eldredge, thank you so much. You have answered the call even before I called. At least one of you and sometimes all of you would be present at a school ready to help with the sound system or whatever I needed.

## STATE OFFICE STAFF

Thank you Grand Secretary and Interim Grand Secretary as well as all the office staff, you have been most helpful to me and kind when I called.

## THE MAVERICK CLUB

You have absolutely blown me away with your love, kindness, and generosity. I do not have words to express how much all of you mean to Jane and me and how much Jane and I love you.

## SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

It was my intention to attend all twenty-eight schools. I did miss two. I missed the Midland School so I could be best man for my brother at his wedding. I missed the Harlingen School

to attend a personal business meeting. The schools were put on and instructed with thoughtfulness and love for the membership. Good job ladies.

### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

I received many special awards and recognitions while on the school schedule. will cherish them all. I received the key to four cities and proclamations to numerous other cities. One special presentation given to me was a wild mustang named Don Juan sponsored, in my name, by the Black Hill Wild Horse Sanctuary. I received two flags, one American and one Texas. Both flags were flown above the State Capital. I received many honorary titles, one being the Honorable Mayor of the city of San Antonio, Texas.

### **OTHER FRATERNAL VISITS**

In addition to Fraternal Visits associated with the schools of instruction, it was my pleasure to attend nineteen Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron. It has been so great to meet the membership all over this great state. How awesome, how kind, and how loving you are. Thank you for all the kindnesses and courtesies.

### **HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

The honorary memberships from each of the subordinate chapters across the state are wonderful. I know they required a vote of your chapter. Thank you. The quilt squares are very special to me. I am honored by them. I can't wait for Jane to put them put together in a quilt. With these quilt squares, are many fond memories.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

It was a pleasure to attend the following:

One Hundred Year Anniversary of Belton Chapter No. 589

TMRC- Meet the Ladies and Manager

TMRC Christmas Party

Hanging for Past Grand Matron, Jayne Yenger

Mr. X "Night of Music" Banquet in Garland, Texas

Two official visits to chapters to support or represent the Worthy Grand Matron.

### **GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS**

I attended the 180th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Waco, Texas December 3rd-5th, 2015. I was honored to accompany the Worthy Grand Matron as she was introduced and brought greetings from the Grand Chapter of Texas to those assembled. Due to a time conflict with the Eastern Star Schools in Killeen, I was unable to attend the Grand Master's Banquet. Regrets were sent to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Michael L. Wiggins.

## COMMENTS

I will never be able to make the membership of Texas know how thankful I am for all the love and kindness shown to Grand Esther and me. You made my year the great year it has been. When I close my eyes at night I still see your smiling faces. I confess I still can't put a name with all of them, but I promise I will in the years to come.

Fraternally,

William (Billy) H. Clabaugh  
Worthy Grand Patron, 2015-2016

## **REPORT OF THE INTERIM GRAND SECRETARY MRS. ELLEN PICKRELL**

The following report is given to you in advance for the purpose of providing you, the membership, information on the activities of the Interim Grand Secretary and the staff of the Grand Chapter office. We, as members of this Order, are working hard to serve the membership for the good of our Order. Our desire is to continue to serve the membership to the best of our ability.

### **WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

A very special thank you to Mrs. Jerre Lucas for offering me the position of Interim Grand Secretary. It was with a great deal of thought and prayer that I accepted this position. I was very unsure of what to expect but knew the job needed to be done.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thank you to Audri Rowell, Chairman, and all members of the Board of Directors. They have welcomed me and I have felt truly loved and appreciated. I hope I have answered all their questions and fulfilled all their requests to their expectations. Our membership should be very proud of the choices they made in electing this Board.

### **GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE STAFF**

A simple thank you does not seem adequate to express my appreciation to the office staff. Jane Pyle has been an outstanding bookkeeper. Tava Smith and Konnie Harrell keep the office in order by logging in checks, filling supply orders, organizing the Bulletin, keeping the copy machine in good running order, and all the other every day activities of the office. Betty Hancock has been a true blessing when it comes to questions about our membership or database. I appreciate all they have done to make me feel welcome.

### **GRAND CHAPTER AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**

I must commend all the Chapter Secretaries for all they do to keep their chapters in compliance with not only our law but the law of the land. All reports on the IRS form 990 for Subordinate Chapters were electronically filed by the Grand Chapter office as required for 2015 and will be filed in the same manner this year.

The Federal 990 returns for Grand Chapter of Texas and Eastern Star Home Fund have been completed by the outside CPA firm, Somerville & Associates, and have been sent to the IRS. Copies are on file at the Grand Chapter Office for permanent record.

### **TMRC**

It is always a pleasure to spend time with our ladies at the TMRC. They are always so happy for just a visit or a card. All of our members should attend a meeting at the TMRC Daylight Chapter. What a delightful chapter with such devoted members who love the work of our Order. When I came to the Grand Chapter office, we had ten ladies in our care. We lost Pearl



Woody, long time member and friend. Our Board TMRC liaison, Barbara Martin, visits with the ladies often and is a great caregiver and friend to all.

### MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

It has been my pleasure to attend the following for the year: all Board of Director meetings, the Budget Workshop, two Corporate Board meetings, the Purposes and Policy Committee meeting, teas for the ladies at TMRC, TMRC Family day, many Schools of Instruction and Fraternal Visits, Roundups, Installations, Banquets and many Chapter meetings of both my parent Chapter, Richardson No. 921 and my plural Chapter, Dal-Cliff No. 574. I also am Chairman of the Board of our Richardson Rainbow Assembly #291 and have attended many of their Assembly meetings as well as Grand Assembly in Waco.

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Below are the figures reported to Grand Chapter on the Annual Reports for 2015-2016 from the Subordinate Chapters:

May 31, 2015—Total Chapters 322

#### CHAPTERS CONSOLIDATED FROM JUNE 1, 2015 TO MAY 31, 2016

District	Section	Consolidating Chapters	District	Section	Receiving Chapters	Effective Date
2	2	Texline #640	2	2	Dumas #653	11/05/15
1	6	Fairfield #331	1	6	Buffalo #157	11/10/15
1	6	Wortham #96	1	6	Corsicana #118	01/05/16
2	1	Pampa #65	2	2	Amarillo #787	06/01/16
2	6	Petrolia #84	2	6	Faith #713	06/01/16
3	1	Wedgwood #756	3	1	So Ft Worth #835	06/01/16
4	6	Rockdale #23	4	8	Caldwell #976	06/01/16
4	9	Bay City #380	4	10	Sweeny #873	06/01/16
4	10	Lake Jackson #1009	4	10	Velasco #220	06/01/16
5	9	Mathis #874	5	9	Aransas Pass #162	06/01/16
5	9	Kingsville #325	5	9	Alice #61	06/01/16

#### CHAPTER DEMISED FROM JUNE 1, 2015 TO MAY 31, 2016

District	Section	Chapter Demised	Date
2	1	Borger #811	4/5/16
3	4	Moran #591	5/28/16

Total Chapters as of Grand Chapter: 309

Total Membership Ending Grand Chapter 2015

25,789

## Membership Increases:

Initiated	429
Affiliated: Transfers	48
Plurals	296
Demits	31
Reinstated	182

Total Increase	986
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## Membership Decreases:

Demitted	186
Grand Demits	81
Plural Withdrawn	71
Expelled	4
Transferred Out	43
Suspended	771
Died	1013

Total Decrease	2,169
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Total Membership as of Grand Chapter 2016	24,606
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Plural Membership	1,713
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<b>Actual Members</b>	<b>22,893</b>
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### IN CONCLUSION

I have furnished all requested information to our auditors. The audit was completed and printed in the Bulletin as required. I assisted the Grand Treasurer in providing the necessary financial reports as required by our Constitution and Code of Laws and have worked with the Board of Directors to see that our finances have been handled.

A special thanks to my three capable pages: Adele Isaacs, Linda Hargis and Addie Taylor for their encouragement, helpfulness and friendship during this transition. Lastly, a loving thanks to my husband and best friend, Jim Pickrell, for his understanding, patience and support.

Even though I have only served in this office for seven months, it has been an honor to serve the membership. Thank you for all your dedication and service as you continue to work in your chapters.

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

Fraternally,  
Ellen Pickrell  
Interim Grand Secretary

## REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER MRS. LORRIE OWENS

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

My sincere thanks to the Texas membership for electing and allowing me again to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas in this responsible position. This year involved changing duties due to varied circumstances. This Grand Treasurer continues to work for and with you, the Texas Eastern Star members. This has been an unusual Grand Chapter year with several changes in Grand Chapter Office leadership and personnel. When the Grand Secretary, Marlene Scholari resigned Friday, November 27, 2015, she had closed out most November business, including paying bills that were due. I appreciate her many years working in our Grand Chapter Office as bookkeeper and Grand Secretary. Nell Drenner and she helped make my job easier, especially my first year as Grand Treasurer. Melissa Hudman, Grand Conductress volunteered to oversee the Grand Chapter Office starting in December. I am thankful that she had helped with the annual reports and knew some office routines. Her previous IRS managerial experience kept daily business going smoothly with little interruption. With the agreement of the Corporate Board, at the end of January 2016 Ellen Pickrell was appointed Interim Grand Secretary to complete our Grand Chapter year until the election of a Grand Secretary on September 3, 2016. Jane Pyle who previously worked at the Grand Chapter Office was hired as bookkeeper on December 16, 2015. I commend her work ethic and catching up with some monthly Grand Chapter computer checking reconciliations, since we did not have a regular bookkeeper for several months. Tava Smith, the longest tenured staff employee, always is willing and cooperative to assist when asked to do so. Konnie Harrell and Betty Hancock, two more recent employees, are energetic, helpful and pleasant workers. My heartfelt thanks to all the above members for their flexibility during this changing work atmosphere!

The Auditors met with the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer and the Board of Directors' audit and budget chairmen to plan the audit schedule for the September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015 year. When required information and signed audit engagement agreement were not timely presented, the audit start was delayed. In late October the Auditors asked for certain financial documentation. Several times I met and talked with Gary, the auditor regarding fund transfers, procedures and Endowed Membership transactions. The information requested was provided in a timely manner to avoid additional hourly costs. The brokerage accounts and the Eastern Star Home checking account were reconciled by Marlene and myself. The former bookkeeper was in charge of reconciling the Grand Chapter checking account. Although the auditors had many difficulties (missing and/or incomplete documentation) with this particular checking account, Marlene, Melissa and I with long hours and hard work finally satisfied them. Per the Worthy Grand Matron's instructions, now I with Jane Pyle's assistance am reconciling this Grand Chapter checking account.

My thanks to the members on the Board of Directors for their understanding, cooperation and frequent communication. The meetings were organized and civilized. I have attended all their meetings, including the budget workshop pertaining to the 2016 - 2017 year. I have provided the monthly necessary financial reports (Trial Balances, Profit & Loss Statements and

Journals listing deposits, checks and journal entries) for the Eastern Star Home checking and Investment accounts and the Grand Chapter checking account. Becky Austin, the Board of Directors' Budget Chairman and I worked on the 4/30/2016 actual amounts. That report shows actual Revenues (income) and Expenses (expenditures) for eight months. The Revenues and Expenses are estimated for the remaining four months of our Grand Chapter year. This shows a more accurate revenue and expense for the entire year for Jerre Lucas and Billy Clabaugh. You, the membership can compare these with the projected budget for Sharon Mosmeyer and Tom Murphy and the prior year for Cheryl Albrecht and George Gwaltney.

Just a reminder that our Grand Chapter fiscal year for the current year goes from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. We are not on a calendar year and we do not follow the subordinate chapter year. The Per Capita in the amount of \$11.00 collected in June of this year when each subordinate chapter filed its Annual Report is not available for use until September 1, 2016. Remember that our Per Capita is increased next year by \$1.00 that goes to General Grand Chapter. Much time and effort has been spent to keep the membership informed of our financial status so that each member can make intelligent, informed and relevant decisions for the good and welfare of our beautiful Order.

I have attended all Corporate Board meetings (your eight elected Grand Chapter Officers) as well as conference calls. In April the Interim Grand Secretary, Grand Conductress and I met with Sharon Mosmeyer and Tom Murphy to prepare a proposed budget for their 2016 - 2017 Grand Chapter year. Also, I attended the yearly Purposes and Policy meeting in Waco when Sharon Mosmeyer and Tom Murphy presented their projects for their year. I have continued to confer with the bankers regularly.

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, 2015) I attended or participated in the following activities: 32 Chapter meetings; 6 Schools of Instruction; 8 Fraternal Visits; 10 OES Installations; 28 food events (banquets, luncheons, breakfasts and fund raisers); 19 Miscellaneous Events (practices, roundups, Line Officers, District, Section and Chapter Past Matrons and Past Patrons); 3 Funerals; 3 Rainbow functions; 8 Masonic functions (including 3 Installations, a 100th Celebration and Masonic Family Day at TMRC); General Grand Chapter sessions in Pittsburgh and Grand Chapter sessions in Arlington.

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, 2015 through April 30, 2016. The exceptions are the report for Endowed Memberships that is from the beginning November 1, 1987 through May 31, 2015 and the explanation for the Eastern Star Home Investment Fund, Account 1009. 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.

A special thanks to my three capable pages Ethel Dammann, Marie Tammen and Joyce Whiteside for their encouragement, helpfulness and friendship. Lastly, a loving thanks to my husband, best friend and helpmate, Jerry Owens and my two daughters, Suzette and Dee who have continued to aid and support me and take care of ordinary household duties, since I had to be away from home more than previous years. Their patience has been remarkable.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report of the Grand Treasurer, as printed in the Advance Annual Report and 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	Sep. 1, 2015 thru Apr. 30, 2016
<b>REVENUE (INCOME)</b>		
Interest General Fund Checking	4	-
Interest General Fund Holding	4,095	5,072
Endowment Interest - 501c(8)	211,430	183,631
Endowment Interest Sub-Account - 501c(8)	62,632	63,904
Interest - Endowed Memberships	1,592	1,984
Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Funds	72,680	47,279
General Fund Per Capita	911	1,016
General Grand Chapter Per Capita	-	-
Refunds/Adjustments/Ret Checks	2,851	230
Registration Fees	-	-
Session Income/Returned Funds-Albrecht	44,945	18,498
Grand Chapter Sales	13,232	24,205
Bulletin Subscriptions	16,771	10,910
Bulletin Articles	23,566	15,161
Supplies/Postage/Shipping	24	32
25% Adm Fee (WGM Special Projects)	-	-
GGC Supplies Sales	14,266	9,030
Admin Revenue - Endowed Memberships	5,955	6,178
Credit Card Conv Fee for Sales	105	120
Misc. Fees/CK/CCREB/Spec. Dispensations	347	237
International Headquarters	-	-
Founder's Day 100%	349	223
Gifts and Donations Made to Grand Chapter	5,840	10,341
General Fund Humanitarian	-	6,338
Other Misc. Receipts-Old Projects/Demised	142	1,262
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>481,737</b>	<b>405,651</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS (EXPENSES)</b>		
Office Salaries	57,553	29,871
Grand Secretary's Salary	18,961	7,808
Grand Treasurer's Salary	4,000	4,000
Worthy Grand Matron Expense	3,600	3,000
Worthy Grand Patron Expense	1,800	1,500
Associate Grand Matron Expense	2,250	2,500
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	-	471
GGC - Hospitality	-	-
International Headquarters	5,265	4,585
Official Reporter-GC	3,750	3,800
Advanced Reports	-	1,431
Audit/CPA	19,400	25,775
Interpretations	-	-
Scanner Rental/Ballots and Voting Cards	1,955	-
CPA-990 Tax Filing	-	-
Printing Bulletins	16,878	4,146
Grand Master Expense Session	-	-
GC Support Staff Housing	-	-

Installation Programs/Humanitarian	-	-
Photos for Proceedings	-	-
Registration Forms/Postage/Badges	-	1,431
Session and Memorial Programs	-	-
Vehicle-Fuel	2,882	4,919
Vehicle-License (Van/2 Trailers)Toll Tags	-	383
Vehicle-All Mainenance/Repairs	200	3,451
Auto Acquisition	12,000	100
Legal Services	5,368	202,172
Humanitarian Ribbons	278	-
Auto Insurance	-	4,695
Insurance-Directors Liability	-	-
Furnishings,Personal Prop/Umbrella	6,222	-
Insurance-Workman's Compensation	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	942
Bank Fees/NSF	-	26
General Grand Chapter Per Capita	27,356	25,789
Credit Card Fees	244	1,128
District Workshops/Chapter Packets	79	-
Document Storage	660	83
Office and Museum Items Storage	2,759	2,175
NSF Return Checks	152	492
Trust Fees - OES GC Endowment 501c(8)	26,068	18,084
Trust Fees OES GC Endowment Sub 501c(8)	10,310	7,616
The Session 2016	13,500	38,235
Endowed Interest 501c(8) to 501c(3)	258,465	279,298
Contingency Fund	-	-
Annual Proceedings-Printing	12,023	-
Printing-Chapter Packets/Line Officers/Comm	-	1,498
Letterhead for WGM,WGP & Chaplain	141	1,699
Postage/Petty Cash/Certified Mail	214	151
Postage - Bulletin Mailings	4,842	6,500
Postage for Chapter Packet Mailing	-	-
Postage Permit	470	225
Postage Meter Lease	1,694	565
Computer Contract Services GLMMS	9,950	4,714
Building Maintenance/Repair/Replacement	-	950
Equipment Maintenance	1,608	-
HVAC Service Maintenance Contract	-	-
Postage for Meter	2,900	4,690
Copy Machine	14,216	28,501
Janitorial/Cleaning Service	-	1,030
Security Services	151	1,068
Supplies Purchased from General Grand	7,772	8,789
Directories Printed to Sell	-	1,431
Office/Committee-Printing/Mailing Supplies	4,040	3,142
Chapter Directories Furnished to Chapters	-	1,431
Chapter Bulletins Furnished to Chapters	3,175	2,693
Shipping Charges for Supplies from GGC	609	179
Utilities - Electric	3,979	5,273
Utilities - Gas	211	-
Utilities - Telephone	2,157	2,085
Website	311	10
Internet Service	982	1,156
Computer Maintenance	1,740	2,324
Rent - Office	29,250	25,294
Property Taxes/Office Maint/Landscaping Fee	-	7,250
Sale of Property Exp. (Items for Move Prep)	15,973	-
Payroll Expense (Liability)	6,968	5,895
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>631,956</b>	<b>798,449</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(150,219)</b>	<b>(392,798)</b>



## EASTERN STAR HOME CHECKING ACCOUNT (LADIES)

	Sep. 1, 2014 thru Apr. 30, 2015	Sep. 1, 2015 thru Apr. 30, 2016
<b>REVENUE (INCOME)</b>		
Interest - Checking	3	1
Endowment Interest 501c(8)	258,465	279,298
Interest 501c(3)	4,215	4,381
Gain/Loss Eastern Star Home Investment	280	383
Per Capita Income	144,982	128,945
Refunds/Adjustments/Returned Checks	2,921	5,847
Oil & Gas Royalty	33,380	20,140
Ladies' Pensions	60,503	65,868
Gifts/Donations	5,035	30
Bequests, Wills & Grants	168,948	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>678,732</b>	<b>504,893</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS (EXPENSES)</b>		
Audit	6,000	-
CPA-990 Taxes	-	-
Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	574	923
Annual TMRC Billing	-	33,608
In-service/501c(3) Accounts Mgmt.	-	-
Checking Bank Fees & Error Adjustments	-	-
Legal	-	-
Allowance to Ladies @\$70.00	6,160	5,110
Funeral Expenses	4,230	-
Independent Resident Expense	40,608	54,566
Clinic Resident Expense	477,721	437,946
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>535,293</b>	<b>532,153</b>
<b>INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>143,439</b>	<b>(27,260)</b>
<b>EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS - ACCOUNT 1009</b>		<b>908,386</b>
<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNT - 501c(3) -RESTRICTED \$310,964</b>		

As needed, amounts are transferred monthly to the checking account. Consequently, this account is being reduced each month to pay TMRC and expenses for the ladies.

Approximately **\$179,500** is estimated for TMRC payments for May - August 2016 and **\$152,274.37** in other expenses resulting in a balance of **\$576,611.43** as of August 31, 2016. The Board of Directors determined these two estimates. The **\$576,611.43** less restricted **\$310,964** leaves a usable balance of **\$265,647** to begin Mosmeyer's year.

## BENEVOLENT AID

	Sep. 1, 2014 thru Apr. 30, 2015	Sep. 1, 2015 thru Apr. 30, 2016
<b>INCOME</b>		
Per Capita	27,356	51,578
Humanitarian	14,337	8,809
Prior Year Fund Balance	40,000	30,000
Donation Gifts Received	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>81,693</b>	<b>90,387</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Long Term Aid	22,000	27,900
Temporary Aid	1,960	-
Emergency Aid	5,600	9,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>29,560</b>	<b>36,900</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>52,133</b>	<b>53,487</b>

**BROKERAGE ACCOUNTS - EDUCATION**  
**J.P. MORGAN/CHASE - April 30, 2016**

Mary C. Kennington - Education/ESTARL	527,690
Fannie V. Ward - Education	34,866
Helen M. Bramlett - ESTARL	8,438
Education Fund	64,402

**OTHER INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS**  
**J.P. MORGAN/CHASE - April 30, 2016**

Eastern Star Home of Texas - Account 1009 Fund 501c(3) - Restricted \$310,964	908,386
Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund Checking	2,419
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund 501c(8)	9,213,389
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund Sub-Acct. 501c(8) Sale of OES Home	3,104,192
Endowed Membership Trust Fund	3,150,634
General Fund Holding Account Sale of Property & Relocation Funds	280,574
General Fund Holding Account (excludes above Property Sale Account & Restricted)	291,557
General Fund Holding Account Restricted Funds	110,000

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SEPTEMBER 2016  
134TH GRAND CHAPTER SESSION  
TYLER, TEXAS**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, My Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to present the Report of the Board of Directors for the Grand Chapter year of 2015-2016 and to introduce the members of your Board of Directors:

Mrs. Becky Austin, Vice Chairman from District One  
Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild, Secretary from District Five  
Mr. Ray Hargis, District One  
Ms. Deborah Land, District Two  
Mrs. Jean Hobbs, District Three  
Mrs. Barbara Martin, District Three  
Mrs. Debi Fincher, District Four  
Mr. Bob Royall, District Four  
Mr. David Ouellette, District Five

It is impossible for me to express my thanks and appreciation for the dedication and hard work that these Board members have given to Grand Chapter this year. Each member brings a special talent and gift to the Board of Directors along with sharing their time and abilities for the membership of Texas. Together these members have worked as a team to create a Board with unlimited possibilities.

The other Board members will be bringing further detailed reports of the individual committees.

I would also like to recognize Sister Janet Travers, the appointed secretary to the Board of Directors. Sister Janet has sat quietly taking notes at the monthly meetings, while translating our discussions into minutes. She is diligent, faithful, and a friend to all. Thank you, Sister Janet, for your dedication this past year. The first order of business came after the elections at the 2014-2015 Grand Chapter year held in Arlington, Texas. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary were elected by their peers as well as welcoming new Board Members – Barbara Martin and Bob Royall. Regular board meetings were held at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington except for the April meeting, which was held in conjunction with the Worthy Grand Matron's Eastern Star School in San Antonio. This Grand Chapter year has brought a wide variety of topics and issues which were both challenging and rewarding. On several occasions the Board of Directors was invited to meet with the Corporate Board at the Worthy Grand Matron's request.

In addition to overseeing the financial affairs of Grand Chapter, the Board members evaluated benevolent aid requests and negotiated contracts for services. The board also supported the Education Committee on their Scholarship Program, and the Associate Grand Matron with her Special Projects for the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter year. The Board of Directors with the assistance of the Purposes and Policies Committee established a Key Control & Accountability Management Plan along with a Computer Management Security Plan for the protection of this Grand Chapter.

A major undertaking which began several years ago was to see that it would no longer be necessary to make payments on the U-Haul storage units. This year many items were taken from the storage unit over to the Grand Chapter Office while others items were offered to the membership with sealed bids.

Our Bankers at JP Morgan Chase are working for the betterment of our order and presented quarterly reports, and our auditors Ratliff & Associates reported on the Grand Chapter year of 2014-2015. The Financial Investment Committee has worked with the Board on several occasions along with supporting the Board with their attendance throughout the year at meetings.

The members of this Board have worked together to achieve the many tasks brought before them even though the challenges may have been difficult. There are members in our order who have been affected with situations that the Board was able to help lighten through our benevolent aid be it permanent, temporary, or onetime emergency. The application provides information for board members that allow them the opportunity with prayerful thought and consideration to make the right decision. While providing assistance for those in need, the Board carefully watches over the funds of the Grand Chapter.

The Texas Masonic Retirement Center is currently where our precious ladies reside. It is the responsibility of this Grand Chapter to provide monthly for these ladies.

We appreciate the attendance of the Grand Secretary, the Interim Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer at our monthly Board meetings. Thank you for the wealth of knowledge and the information you have provided while answering numerous questions. Please know that your hard work and service did not go un-noticed. The electronic age is upon us, and we thank you for assisting this Board of Directors in the endeavors of moving this Grand Chapter forward into the future.

To my friend and traveling partner, no words will ever express the love and gratitude that I hold for you. Through our many years in this Order, you have taught me the real meaning of service and by following your example, how could I go wrong. Thank you will never be enough.

To the sweet membership of Texas, the goal of your Board of Directors is to be good stewards of the funds of this Grand Chapter, ensuring that there will be many more prosperous years to come. We thank you for trusting this Board of Directors with such an enormous responsibility.

To our General Grand Chapter Family, our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and other Elected Board members, please know the time you have taken out of your busy schedule to attend just one Board meeting means a lot. Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Jerre Lucas and our Worthy Grand Patron, Billy Clabaugh, thank you for your guidance, assistance, and support this year. It was a pleasure when your schedule allowed you to be in attendance at our Board meetings. Your appreciation and interest for the membership and financial matters of this Grand Chapter, has given encouragement to this

Board of Directors.

To the other nine Board members, thank you for the gracious ways in which each of you have served and supported not only this Grand Chapter but to me personally. Your friendships, your smiles, and your many kind words of encouragement have left me with more gifts than one could ever imagine. Each of you have become a unique part of my life. It was God's grace who allowed us to be together at this specific time in our lives.

As this year of service for the Board of Directors comes to an end, please know that some of the decisions we have made, have not have been easy.

Through the love and support of others, and as always keeping you the sweet membership in mind, this has been a rewarding year. We will cherish the moments of service and hope that we have not failed this Grand Chapter.

Audri Rowell  
Chairman  
Board of Directors

**GRAND DEMITS  
2015-2016**

**BORGER #811**

Caroline Alexander  
Delma Ann Andress  
Colene Berry  
Dorothy Bissantz  
Ina Sue Boyd  
Ella Jean Chisum  
Janan Collard  
Mary Dee Compton  
Billie Currie  
Delores Duncan  
Barbara Eads  
Cambden Edwards  
Anita Eisenhaur  
Carla Jo Flanagan  
Kevin Flanagan  
Joy Gerstner  
Linda Graham  
Tommie Hale

Betty Harkins  
Rita Harrington  
Margie Hazlett  
Jaunita Holster  
Marcia Howard  
Thomas Howard  
Eulliah Jeffers  
Carolyn Long  
Lynanne Maize  
Billie Mayes  
Renee McKinney  
Virginia McWhorter  
Deana Moon  
Terry Moon  
Terry Moon  
Patricia Petty  
Harold Rawlins  
Mamie Rawlins

Cheryl Robison  
Saundra Russell  
Alveretta Schroeder  
Viva Sewell  
Mary Shipley  
Frances Stewart  
Carolyn Sweeney  
Betty Trout  
Sue Trumbly  
Bonnie Turner  
Lillie Turner  
Yvonne White  
Bonita Woodruff  
Howard Yeager  
Stephany York

**MORAN CHAPTER #591**

Diann May  
Jo Juan Rogers  
Francis McAfee  
Lynda Jones Weatherby  
Susan R. Calvo  
Patricia Adams  
Uletha M. Jander  
Marvin Kays  
Raul N. Calvo  
John A. Adams

LeVone Meadows  
H.D. Weaver  
Mary Anna Snyder  
Wanda Ellis  
Judy P. Burchard  
Mary Wilkinson  
Marie Lewis  
Grace Jane Crawford  
Billie J. Breeding  
Harley Wheeler

Vicki B. Timmons  
Patricia Logan  
Grace Ann Pittman  
Martha J. Coots  
Jo Ann Austin  
Mary Lou Hamilton  
Sandra Husky  
William H. Coots  
Tommy J. Alldredge  
Maureen Fisher

**SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS 2015-2016****LATE INSTALLATION**

Humble #415  
 Klein #1141  
 Springtown #498  
 Richardson #921  
 Balch Springs #1132  
 Kurten #1146  
 Newbern #1135  
 Normangee #87  
 Pleasanton #133  
 Cleveland #465  
 LaPorte #683  
 CockhillDelta Flora #794  
 Mart #109  
 Grapevine #326  
 El Campo #535  
 Brock #274  
 Belle Moon #90  
 Princeton #1126

**LATE ELECTION WP**

Lipan #127

**LATE ELECTION SEC.**

Eustace #1062  
 Kingsland #1118  
 Bastrop #64  
 Huntington #938  
 Whitewright #939  
 Huntington #938  
 Bastrop #64

**LATE ELECTION COND.**

Lipan #127  
 Boyd #897  
 Medina #988  
 Newbern #1135  
 Grapevine #326  
 Goose Creek #798  
 Lancaster #943  
 Alice #61  
 Willis #1017

**LATE ELECTION WM**

John L. DeGrazier#881  
 West Columbia #705

**LATE ELECTION ALL**

Seminole #855  
 Jacksonville #377  
 Brock #274  
 Spring #1105  
 Andral Vann #741  
 Archives #1095  
 Sweeny #873  
 Lipan #127  
 Boyd #897  
 Handley #617  
 Blum #931  
 Yoakum #282  
 Eustace #1062  
 El Campo #535

**LATE ELECTION AP**

Medina #988  
 Eastland #280  
 Blum #931  
 Amistad #1115  
 Grapevine #326

**LATE ELECTION TREA.**

Boyd #897  
 Poteet #913  
 Bastrop #64  
 Huntington #938  
 Huntington #938  
 Livingston #139

**LATE ELECTION ASSOC. COND.**

Montgomery #228  
 Liberty Dayton #634  
 Jasper #291  
 Iola/North Zulch #458  
 Quitman #695  
 Friendship #1008  
 Evadale #1111  
 Haltom City #982  
 Round Rock #316  
 West Columbia #705  
 Goose Creek #798  
 TMRC Daylight #1145  
 Willis #1017  
 Denton #259



**LATE ELECTION AM**

Webb #1140  
 Mike Thomas Oak Cliff #951  
 Richland Hills #1040

**WAIVE DISABILITY**

Troup #421  
 Big Spring #67  
 Jacksboro #390  
 Blanco #934

**TRAVELING CHARTER**

Nacogdoches #428

**LOST SECRET WORK**

Saint Jo #17 03  
 Mike Thomas Oak Cliff #951 all 4  
 Cleveland #465 2AP 3C 4AC  
 Kingsland #1118 2AP  
 Nederland #1079 3C  
 Beaumont #71 all 4  
 El Campo #535 1WP 2AP  
 Humble #415 4AC  
 Decatur #543 all 4 copies  
 Marble Falls #435 1WP

**LOST SECRET WORK, continued**

Normangee #87 2AP  
 Jasper #291 3C  
 Gatesville #1005 all 4 copies  
 Wallace Hughston #1100 AP & 4AC  
 Boyd #897 1WP 5/16  
 Vashti #32 2AP

**FRATERNAL VISITS**

Schertz #911  
 Kurten # 1146  
 Port Neches #677  
 Vidor #914  
 Odessa #1008  
 Roy Stanley #1086  
 Midland #253  
 Norman Reed #1010  
 Travis #472  
 Abilene #30  
 Lufkin #382  
 Everman #624

Silsbee #298  
 Seguin #555  
 Orange #214  
 Floresville #771  
 Velasco #220  
 Templar #374  
 Nederland #1079  
 Balch Springs #1132  
 Hadassah #188  
 Grand Prairie #219  
 Archives #1095  
 TMRC Daylight #1145

**MOVE MEETING PLACE**

Santo #270  
 Austin #304  
 Mary Martha #981  
 Madisonville #193  
 Travis #472  
 Cypress #1102  
 Schertz #911  
 Cypress #1102  
 Cypress #1102 for Inst.

Rockport #479 1WP  
 Silsbee #298 1WP  
 Richland Hills #1040 3C  
 Schertz #911 4AC  
 Pearland #1065 3C  
 Blum #931 1WP  
 Medina #988 all 4 copies  
 Madisonville #193 1WP  
 LaPorte #683 3C  
 Haltom City #982 2AP

Big Spring #67 2AP  
 League City 621 1WP  
 Wolf City #1129 3C  
 Rio Vista #343 all 4 copies 5/5/16  
 Luling #155 3C 5/24  
 Whitney #930 2AP 3C 4AC 2016

Cedar Bayou #1  
 Buna #968  
 Waller #1047  
 Grapevine #326  
 Dallas #1  
 Haltom City #982  
 New Braunfels #771  
 Jefferson #627  
 Lewisville #935  
 Border #211  
 Port Neches #677  
 Royse City #642

**FRATERNAL VISITS - continued**

Handley #617	Ruth #20	Kerrville #24
Normangee #87	Edwin J. Kiest #959	Houston Ransford #135
Jasper #291	Spurger #315	Odessa #447
Prospect Hill #817	Cleveland #465	Huffman #1112
New Caney #1093	Lorena #1124	Texas City #626
Evadale #1111	Creedmoor #607	Castleberry #1028
Omaha #997	Garland #156	Mesquite #887
Conroe #710	Texas #35	Bellaire #1021
Copperas Cove #1070	Livingston #1139	Crockett #509
Corrigan #631	Groveton #1035	Shepherd #1003
Trinity #186	Woodville #462	Pearland #1065
Huntington #938	Burke #1098	Cypress #1102
Roy Stanley #1086	Nacogdoches #428	Austin #304
	Carthage #747	

Robert Lee #198 and the Chapters of District 5, Sections 1 & 2

## 50 YEAR MEMBERS

### **CEDAR BAYOU 11**

Mrs. Molly Stutts 2.14.16

### **WEATHERFORD 21**

Mrs. Cynthia Williams 11/1/15

### **KERRVILLE 24**

Mrs. Sarah Schultz 9/16/15

Mrs. Elizabeth Brandon 9/16/15

### **SMITHVILLE 39**

Mr. Reuben Maas 11/23/15

### **ADAH 49**

Mrs. Carolyn Ward 3/19/16

### **BASTROP 64**

Mr. Jerry T. Woehl 8/8/15

### **PAMPA 65**

Mrs. Gladys Jarrard 4/18/16

Mrs. Betty Jean King 4/18/16

### **LUBBOCK 76**

Mrs. Mary F. Taylor 4/18/16

Mrs. Patricia Lyle 4/18/16

### **CORSICANA 118**

Mrs. Louise Barnett 2/18/16

Mrs. Marie Russell 2/18/16

Mrs. Frances Smith 2/18/16

Mrs. June Smith 2/18/16

Mrs. Sarah Stephens 1/18/16

Mrs. Joanne Wren 1/18/16

### **VIOLET 158**

Mrs. Jeanette Payne 11/19/15

Mr. Cecil L. Morgan 1/12/16

### **ATHENS 177**

Mr. Dewey Shaw 4/18/16

Mrs. Helen Shaw 4/18/16

### **MADISONVILLE 193**

Mrs. Jo Ann Jones 10/1/15

### **BORDER 211**

Mrs. Dolly Estelle Brock 8/17/15

Mr. Wilborn V. Peterson 4/18/16

### **VELASCO 220**

Mrs. Billie Canady 9/25/15

Mrs. Betty Darlene Capel 9/3/15

### **BRYAN 222**

Mr. Johnny Ingram 3/19/16

Mrs. Edith Ingram 3/19/16

Mrs. Joann Walker 3/19/16

### **MIDLAND 253**

Mr. Dewey E. Campbell 8/27/15

Mrs. Peggy Irene Jezek 8/27/15

Mrs. Virginia Kehoe 12/1/15

Mrs. Jean Pruden 3/22/16

Mrs. Rebecca Louise Graves 3/22/16

Mrs. Verna Elkins 3/21/16

### **DENTON 259**

Mrs. Marilyn Wood Bridges 5/24/16

### **JASPER 291**

Mr. T.W. Clark 1/12/16

Mrs. DeQuitta Coleman 1/12/16

### **KINGSVILLE 325**

Mrs. Sue Lowe 3/20/16

Mr. Wiley D. Lowe 3/20/16

### **GRAPEVINE 326**

Mrs. Lynn Kearney 5/18/16

### **LYTLE 335**

Mrs. Betty Booth 6/1/16

Mrs. Mary F. McCall 6/1/16

### **SARAH 353**

Mrs. Ladine Bolin 7/31/15

Mrs. Helosie L. Long 7/31/15

### **MARSHALL 356**

Mrs. Lucille Dameron 1/15/16

Mrs. Sandre' Goldsby 4/18/16

Mrs. Jean Mathison 4/18/16

Mrs. Louise Roe 4/18/16

### **JACKSONVILLE 377**

Mrs. Frances Hicks 3/9/16

Mrs. Belinda Still 3/9/16

Mrs. Dona Stransky 3/9/16

Mr. Billy Wayne Sessions 5/20/16

### **LUFKIN 382**

Mrs. Sharon Shearer London 11/2/15

### **TROUP 421**

Mrs. Janice C. Smith 3/19/16

Mr. Harold Loyd Smith 3/19/16

### **BURNET 425**

Mrs. Byronal Kay Wenzel 2/24/15

### **ODESSA 447**

Mrs. Joyce Houghton 5/20/16

Mrs. Willa Groomer 5/20/16

Mrs. Altha M. Sears 5/20/16

Mrs. Lois Laney 5/20/16

### **CLEVELAND 465**

Mrs. Jerry Sue Hayden 10/7/15

### **TRAVIS 472**

Mrs. Phyllis Wilson 4/18/16

Mr. Robert S. Peel 4/18/16

Mrs. Betty Walker 4/18/16

### **EDINBURG 473**

Miss Sandra McMurtray 2/1/16

### **CROCKETT 509**

Mrs. Wanda Nichols 1/30/15

### **McKINNEY 518**

Mrs. Joyce Lynn Barton 9/8/15

**EL CAMPO 535**

Mrs. Judy A. Johnson 5/18/16  
 Mrs. Lorraine Newton 5/18/16  
 Mrs. Anne Stafford 5/18/16  
 Mrs. Helen Thompson 5/18/16  
 Mrs. Juanita Larson 5/18/16

**BELTON 589**

Mrs. Joyce McCrary 6/1/15

**LOTT 594**

Mrs. Frances Westerman 6/1/16

**CREEDMOOR 607**

Mrs. Alice Powell 11/10/15  
 Mrs. Lilian Arrington 3/7/16

**BEXAR 616**

Mrs. Betty L. Clayton 9/1/15  
 Mrs. Mary Margaret Fisk 9/1/15  
 Mrs. Joy M. Heaton 9/1/15  
 Mrs. Barbara Sue Pettinos 9/1/15

**HANDLEY 617**

Mrs. Kathryn Sprinkle 3/22/16

**EVERMAN 624**

Mrs. Ruby D. Barnes 4/21/16  
 Mrs. Billie Herring 4/21/16

**McLENNAN 639**

Mrs. Martha Akins 11/10/15

**BANDERA 643**

Mrs. Joy Marie Wilson 10/1/15  
 Mr. Phillip F. Becker, Jr. 10/1/15  
 Mrs. Mary Edith Ingersoll 5/25/16

**LOYAL 648**

Mrs. Betty Cordell 11/20/15  
 Mr. Daryl B. Cordell 11/20/15  
 Mr. William J. Hale 11/20/15  
 Mrs. Natalie Hale 11/20/15  
 Mr. Charles R. Schwarz 11/20/15

**ANAHUAC 649**

Mr. Elton G. Gaskey 12/1/15  
 Mrs. Linda C. Jackson 12/1/15

**BROOKSHIRE 652**

Mrs. Faye Bradley (Shulty) 5/20/16  
 Mrs. Barbara Bartels 5/24/16

**ALVARADO 656**

Mrs. Loyce Owen 4/21/16

**CANTON 667**

Mrs. Jeanette Summer 3/19/16

**FARMERS BRANCH 687**

Mrs. Doria Jean Farr 1/20/16  
 Mrs. Martha Ann Dafft 1/20/16

**QUITMAN 695**

Mrs. Juan D. Nichols 7/15/15  
 Mrs. Geraldine Nichols 7/15/15

**NEW BOSTON 700**

Mrs. Betty Hammonds 3/24/16  
 Mrs. Jennilou Y. Morgan 3/24/16

**PLANO 703**

Mr. Richard Heath 5/12/16  
 Mrs. Sarah Adkins 5/12/16  
 Mrs. Linda Durham 5/12/16  
 Mrs. Frances Lynn 5/12/16

**FAITH 713**

Mrs. Nancy Perez 6/21/16  
 Mrs. June Gordon 6/21/16  
 Mrs. Patsy Word 6/21/16  
 Mr. Kenneth E. Martin 6/21/16

**KOUNTZE 724**

Mrs. Phyllis Eason 11/1/15

**WOODBINE 738**

Mrs. Sammye K. Baker 7/31/15  
 Mrs. Mary Sachs 7/31/15  
 Mr. James Selbe 7/31/15  
 Mrs. Billie J. Harlow 7/31/15  
 Mrs. Jonnalou Carvajal 3/8/16  
 Mrs. Judy (Greggerson) Courreges 3/8/16  
 Mrs. Sandra Reinhardt 3/8/16

**WEDGWOOD 756**

Mrs. Flossie Poff 4/18/16

**NEW BRAUNFELS 771**

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend 11/20/15  
 Mrs. Simone J. Lambodin 11/20/15  
 Mrs. Noreen Sippel 12/9/15  
 Mrs. Cathern Ann Scheel 12/9/15

**AMARILLO 787**

Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham 9/1/15

**COCKRELL-HILL-DELTA-FLORA 794**

Mr. Doyal Harvey 5/18/16  
 Mr. Leonard J. Davis 5/18/16

**WASKOM 812**

Mrs. Daisy M. Campbell 3/3/16

**WISTERIA 823**

Mrs. Janet Allred 10/31/15  
 Mrs. Katherine May 10/31/15

**BLUEBELL 856**

Mr. John G. Wood 6/22/15  
 Mrs. Ramona Nance 5/20/16

**MESQUITE 887**

Mrs. Wanda Decker 9/1/15

**BOYD 897**

Mrs. Gail Alvarado 9/6/15  
 Mrs. Sallie Perkins 12/14/15  
 Mrs. Lavell Mann 12/14/15

**DAINGERFIELD 906**

Mr. Rex Bass 11/10/15  
 Mrs. Bacco Sue Rambo 5/20/16

**SCHERTZ 911**

Mrs. Nancy Knight 12/2/15  
 Mrs. Ann E. Furlow-Nelson 5/20/16  
 Mrs. Evelyn L. Flanigan 5/20/16

**MELROSE 920**

Mr. Kenneth H. Mann 2/23/16

**ROSEWYN 927**

Mrs. Donna R. Bergland 7/30/15  
 Mrs. Jo Ann Smith 5/18/16  
 Mrs. Peggy Stewart 5/18/16

**LEWISVILLE 935**

Mrs. Miquelyn LeGalley 1/11/16

**HUNTINGTON 938**

Mrs. Ernestine Bryan 1/6/16

**FARMERSVILLE 940**

Mrs. Kay Holley 6/21/16

**GROVES PORT ARTHUR 953**

Mrs. Susan F. Lampson 11/6/15  
 Mrs. Lillian Jordan 11/6/15  
 Mrs. Martha Martin 11/6/15  
 Mrs. Kathy Sidonia Golden 3/7/16  
 Mrs. Sharon Hudson 5/18/16  
 Mrs. Hazel May 5/20/16

**EDWIN J. KIEST 959**

Mr. Edwin R. Pickett 10/12/15

**HALTOM CITY 982**

Mrs. Sheila Maynard 11/3/15

**RULE 989**

Mrs. Lia Kay Gross 5/18/16

**FRIENDSHIP 1008**

Miss Iva Helen Gross 8/26/15  
 Mrs. Jean Dalton 8/26/15  
 Mrs. Bobbie L. Bench 8/26/15  
 Mrs. Mildred E. Kidd 2/12/16  
 Mrs. Nancy Timmons 2/12/16

**NORMAN REED 1010**

Mrs. Billie J. Monk 11/3/15

**DUNCANVILLE 1014**

Mrs. Nelda Knight 1/27/16

**PILOT POINT 1025**

Mrs. Carolyn Rose Shelton 5/24/16

**PEARLAND 1065**

Mr. James E. Chitwood 5/13/16  
 Mrs. Shirley Hightower 5/13/16  
 Mrs. Carolyn Ann Moon 5/13/16  
 Mrs. Darlene Cheryl Sheehan 5/13/16  
 Mr. Robert L. Squires 5/13/16  
 Mr. John H. Williams 5/13/16  
 Mrs. Shirley Williams 5/13/16

**OAK FOREST 1080**

Mrs. Ruby Stone 3/20/16

**ALDINE 1088**

Mrs. Elizabeth Andrus 4/25/16  
 Mr. Bell H. Ash 4/25/16  
 Mrs. Frankie Ash 4/25/16  
 Mrs. Betty Lou Denison 4/25/16  
 Mrs. Laura Beth Hilbum-Ferguson 4/25/16  
 Mr. Sam Lepaglia 4/25/16  
 Mrs. Frances Smerinsky 4/25/16  
 Mrs. Dorothy Threet 4/25/16

**PINE TREE 1090**

Mrs. Delilah L. Myers 3/15/16

**ARCHIVES 1095**

Mr. Thomas G. Harvey 10/15/15  
 Mrs. Betty Samford 5/18/16  
 Mrs. Joan Hanks 5/18/16

**ZAPATA 1106**

Mrs. Hazel Chenoweth 8/4/15

**HUFFMAN 1112**

Mrs. Joan Perry 5/18/16

**GAINESVILLE 1123**

Mrs. Dorothy Slaten 9/8/15  
 Mrs. Carolyn Shaw 10/21/15  
 Mrs. Lena Fields Stanford 3/20/16  
 Mrs. Billie Ward 3/20/16

**WEBB 1140**

Mrs. JoElla Taylor 3/9/16

## MINUTES OF CORPORATE BOARD MEETING AUGUST 22, 2015

**PLACE:** Scottish Rite Cathedral, 308 Avenue E, San Antonio, Texas

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Worthy Grand Matron, Jerre Lucas; Worthy Grand Patron, Billy Clabaugh; Associate Grand Matron, Sharon Mosmeyer; Associate Grand Patron, Tom Murphy; Grand Treasurer, Lorrie Owens; Associate Grand Conductress, Carolyn Martin

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the Worthy Grand Matron welcoming everyone, especially Tom Murphy and Carolyn Martin who were new to the Corporate Board.

The Worthy Grand Patron, Billy Clabaugh, led us in prayer.

The Worthy Grand Matron announced, since this is the first Corporate Board Meeting for this Grand Chapter year, that she plans to keep us informed of any information that comes to her attention.

**TMRC:** The Worthy Grand Matron was informed that the ladies at TMRC were concerned about some comments made so she made a special trip to TMRC on Monday after Grand Chapter for a meeting on Tuesday morning. Present at the meeting were the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Gary Blair, Donna Hill Pope, residence counsel Yvonne Brownfield, and the 11 ladies residing at the TMRC. The Worthy Grand Matron assured the ladies we were not going to move the ladies during this Grand Chapter year, and since a vote of Grand Chapter to move them would take two years to pass, they would not be moved next year either. During her visit to TMRC she found out the following information:

We do have a contract with TMRC, signed by Jimmie Lee McMahon, Louis Matheson and Frances Burbank.

We pay the same for our ladies that Grand Lodge pays.

The end of the year accounting is what was specified in the original contract, and that is also what Grand Lodge has in their contract.

The billing in "fee for service" is different than the billing for our ladies in many ways. Because they are "paying" residents they pay for their rooms or apartments themselves, health insurance, etc.

Because TMRC is a 501c3 Non Profit Corporation, laws prohibit their billing to include specifics on some items, i.e. they cannot say which lady received a hearing aid, or dentures, etc. They can only bill us for the item used and not specify who it was used for, and that is why their end of the year billing is formatted the way it is.

TMRC does use Medicare, but not Medicaid.

**CANDIDATES:** The candidate forums with questions to be answered by the candidates, which have been held in previous years, will not be permitted during this Grand Chapter year. Teas, receptions, socials, etc. may still be held. Money previously deposited at the Grand Chapter office for pictures, etc. will not be allowed. A candidate may NOT change the size of the announcement by a chapter; only a picture may be added.

**GRAND TREASURER:** The Worthy Grand Matron announced that she had talked with the Grand Treasurer previously to this Grand Chapter year and informed the Grand Treasurer that she was expected to work 8 hours every week at the Grand Chapter office. The Worthy Grand Matron asked the Grand Treasurer if she was in the office 8 hours this past week. She replied that her doctor had not released her and that because of her health she had not been in the office. The Worthy Grand Matron told the Grand Treasurer that she expected her to make up that time.

**COPIER/PRINTER:** The Worthy Grand Matron has ordered a complete printing audit and the Board of Directors is now working on it. They are checking on outsourcing our printing and checking with several businesses on the cost. Also, the Board of Directors is checking on the cost of our present contract and renegotiating and/or either cancelling our contract or what our options may be.

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE:** The WGM stated that Betty Hancock has been hired for 3 days per week, and Konnie Harrell was hired to work 2 days per week. The WGM stated that she gave directions to the Grand Secretary and staff that the office personnel should NOT answer questions on our law. The answer to that type of questions is: "Honey, your Deputy Grand Matron should be asked that question." The name and phone number of the Deputy Grand Matron should be given to the person calling.

The meeting closed at 4:40 p.m. with the WGM stating to each of us that she gives us her love and appreciation. The Mizpah Benediction was recited in unison.

**ADDENDUM:** Before the banquet began, the WGM asked each of the corporate board members still present to meet her in a secluded corner. The WGM stated she forgot one item that needed attention. The legislation presented (by Terri Rozell) and passed that we have a "Long Range Plan" for our ladies needed attention. The WGM asked Sharon Mosmeyer to Chair a committee to prepare a report to be presented at Grand Chapter Session in 2016. Members of the committee are Sharon Mosmeyer, Chairman; Tom Murphy, Melissa Hudman and Carolyn Martin.

There being no further discussion we were dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Mosmeyer, Associate Grand Matron

### MINUTES OF CORPORATE BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron at in the meeting space given to us for our use at Grand Lodge, Waco, Texas. The Worthy Grand Patron led us in prayer.

Present at the meeting were:

Jerre Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron  
Billy Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron  
Sharon Mosmeyer, Associate Grand Matron  
Tom Murphy, Associate Grand Patron

Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer  
 Melissa Hudman, Grand Conductress  
 Carolyn Martin, Associate Grand Conductress  
 Board of Directors

The Worthy Grand Matron stated she called this meeting for the purpose of informing the Corporate Board that that due to the resignation of the Grand Secretary, we need to sign a new CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF POWERS OF ATTORNEY. This document was signed by the Corporate Board Members, members of the Board of Directors and notarized by Diane Davidson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron.

The Worthy Grand Matron stated that On November 27, 2015, 5:30 pm, Mrs. Marlene Scholari resigned her office as Grand Secretary. Mrs. Melissa Hudman was appointed to serve until the right time for an Interim Grand Secretary to be appointed. The Worthy Grand Matron stated that on Monday Morning, November 30, 2016 the Worthy Grand Patron and she met with Mrs. Melissa Hudman, and the Office Staff. They were, naturally, concerned. They were assured that their jobs were not in jeopardy, and they were instructed that we were only going to be grateful to Mrs. Scholari for the service she had given to Grand Chapter. We were going to go on with “business as usual” each of us realizing that none of us were indispensable. We wish Mrs. Scholari only the best. That same day, Mrs. Jane Pyle came to the office to meet with Mrs. Melissa Hudman and got all of the financial records changed over with our Bankers.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked for input on a recommendation for a temporary TMRC – Interim Legal Agent for Ladies: A resolution was passed by the Board of Directors appointing Barbara Martin as Interim Legal Agent for the Ladies at TMRC. The following items were also discussed:

- Grand Secretary’s Email Address on Grand Chapter Website: This email address has been removed from the Grand Chapter of Texas Website.
- Quick Books Access: Quick Books access for the previous Grand Secretary has been removed and granted to the Grand Conductress.
- Building Security: The temporary contact person for Building Security will be Melissa Hudman.
- Interim Grand Secretary: An Interim Grand Secretary will be appointed in accordance with the Constitution. The Worthy Grand Matron asked for prayer as she makes this difficult decision. Grand Chapter of Texas, Code of Laws, Article 80. The Corporate Board of Directors. Paragraph C: The Worthy Grand Matron shall select an Interim Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer with the concurrence of the Corporate Board, to serve until the next Grand Chapter. She/he shall receive all privileges, benefits and responsibilities of the elected officer and be awarded funds, designated for that position.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hudman, Grand Conductress



**MINUTES OF CORPORATE BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron at 3:25 p.m. on the 3rd floor meeting space at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple in Fort Worth, Texas. The Worthy Grand Patron led us in prayer.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked the Associate Grand Matron to take the minutes of the meeting.

Present at the meeting were: Jerre Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron; Billy Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron; Sharon Mosmeyer, Associate Grand Matron; Tom Murphy, Associate Grand Patron; Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer; Carolyn Martin, Associate Grand Conductress; Ellen Pickrell

The Worthy Grand Matron stated she called this meeting for the purpose of informing the Corporate Board that she had selected an Interim Grand Secretary. She introduced Ellen Pickrell. Sharon Mosmeyer made to motion to appoint Ellen Pickrell as Interim Grand Secretary, Lorrie Owens seconded the motion. The vote was taken by a show of hands to be unanimous.

The Worthy Grand Matron stated that Sister Melissa Hudman had been volunteering in the Grand Chapter Office and that everything was up to date such as payroll and all jobs were caught up. Even the supply room has been inventoried and reorganized.

It was stated that the bank needed to be contacted because the statements and passwords were not updated. Jane Pyle had been hired as a bookkeeper and will stay until the end of this Grand Chapter year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Mosmeyer, Associate Grand Matron

**MINUTES OF CORPORATE BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron at in the meeting space given to us for our use at the San Antonio, Shrine Building where the School of Instruction had just concluded. This meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. The Worthy Grand Patron led us in prayer.

Present at the meeting were:  
Jerre Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron  
Billy Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron  
Sharon Mosmeyer, Associate Grand Matron  
Tom Murphy, Associate Grand Patron  
Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer  
Melissa Hudman, Grand Conductress

Items discussed were:

Ads for the DeMolay and Rainbow programs. Melissa Hudman, Grand Conductress stated the ads had been placed and paid for and that each of the Corporate Board Members owe her \$25. The cost of the ads was \$100 each.

The Worthy Grand Matron discussed with Lorrie, Grand Treasurer, her requirement to be in the office 8 hours every week.

The Worthy Grand Matron invited all of us to join them for dinner and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Hudman, Grand Conductress

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**At the 133rd Grand Chapter Session held in Arlington, Texas, Amendment #2 found on Page 45 of the Advanced Annual Report for 2015 was presented for its FIRST reading; however, it is printed as law in the latest 2015 edition of the Constitution & Code of Laws WITHOUT a SECOND reading and vote; therefore, your 2015-2016 Jurisprudence Committee wishes to ask the membership for a simple ratification of this amendment in order to follow our law.**

**COMPILATION OF 2015-2016  
GRAND CHAPTER LEGISLATION**

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO  
CODE OF LAWS**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**CODE OF LAWS CHAPTER 5: BOARDS OF  
GRAND CHAPTER (page 71)**

If adopted will become effective at the adjournment of the  
2016 Grand Chapter Session

**Whereas**, There was Emergency Legislation adopted by Grand Chapter of Texas at the 132nd Annual Session - 2014 which states: "Therefore, we the undersigned propose the new applications for residency be suspended until the Grand Chapter Session of 2016-2017 at which time a new plan may be presented for future."

**Whereas**, At the 133rd Grand Chapter Session a "Long Range Planning Committee" was put into place to determine the economic and financial ability of adding residents to Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

**Whereas**, the ladies that now reside at TMRC are happy, content and enjoy their life at TMRC and the members of this committee desire that they remain at TMRC for the rest of their natural life.

**Whereas**, our expenses to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, for our 9 ladies residing there, is approximately \$55,000 per month currently; this does not include the annual medical audit of approximately \$34,000 totaling approximately \$694,000 annually.

**Whereas**, the time has come for Grand Chapter to evaluate our current financial situation and prepare for our long term financial future.

**Whereas**, we propose that the process in our Code of Laws of accepting and processing applications at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center be removed.

**Whereas**, Article 152-E-1Jurisprudence Committee, Duties: subsection a. (5) states: "With the assistance of the Grand Secretary, correct any inconsistencies in the wording of existing laws to correspond with any legislation passed by action of the Grand Chapter." Therefore,

the numbering of the articles remaining could be changed without further legislation.

## **WHICH NOW READS:**

### ARTICLE 82. ADDITIONAL DUTIES. (Page 72)

o. Upon acceptance and entrance of a lady into TMRC (Texas Masonic Retirement Center), the Board of Directors shall administer and/or dispose of all properties belonging to such lady, through the Grand Secretary, to include but not be limited to real estate, minerals, oil and gas interests and all other assets not specifically reserved for disposition.

### Article D. GENERAL RULES AND METHOD OF SECURING FORMS

#### 1. ELIGIBILITY

- a. A member who has been affiliated with a Subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction for at least five (5) years immediately preceding and/or ten (10) accumulative years at the time of making application for admission and provided, they also meet other requirements that are, or may be, from time to time promulgated by the Board of Directors, shall be eligible to apply.
- b. Because the Texas Masonic Retirement Center is an Independent Living Center rather than a nursing home, all applicants must be totally capable of self-care prior to admission. This includes, but is not limited to, the ability to walk without the aid of a wheelchair, walker or crutches; a cane or quad cane is permissible. Applicants must be able to bathe and dress themselves, and to take their own medication without supervision. Those who have been diagnosed with Cancer or Tuberculosis are ineligible for admission, as well as those who have severe hearing, speech or sight impairments. Alcoholics and drug addicts will not be admitted. To prevent the TMRC from becoming a mere sanitarium by crowding together the sound and the unsound, the normal and afflicted, thus destroying the essentials of a real home, NO PERSON afflicted with insanity, any contagious, infectious or malignant disease, or who has ever been under treatment for any mental or nervous disorder, will be admitted.
- c. The member is accepted on a ninety (90) day, probationary period. At the end of the ninety (90) days, both the member and the Superintendent of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center will know whether the member is psychologically suited to living in a group environment and is able to function on a semi-responsible basis.

#### 2. PROCUREMENT AND COMPLETION OF FORMS

- a. A member who desires to enter the TMRC shall write, type or have a letter written and signed by the member to the Secretary of the member's Chapter stating the member's wishes and request the Chapter to secure the Forms and make the necessary application. A Chapter may request application forms only for their own members. The letter of request from the member shall be read to the Chapter at the first Stated Meeting after receipt. At the same meeting, the Worthy Matron will appoint an investigating committee of three members to process the application. This committee continues to serve until the application is approved or rejected and the Chapter is notified by the Board of Directors.

- (1) The Secretary of the Chapter shall write the Secretary of the Board of Directors, under the Seal of the Chapter, attaching the member's letter and requesting the application form.
  - (2) The Secretary of the Board of Directors will forward the application and necessary forms, along with a copy of Code of Laws, Chapter A, Article 82, p. to the Chapter. The Secretary of the Board will also notify all members of the Board who will be available to assist in the explanation and completion
  - (3) It is the duty of the Investigating Committee to determine if the member meets the eligibility requirements. They will call on the member, explain the application and other necessary forms {i.e. physical examination, inventory, hold harmless clause, bill of sale and conveyance clause, burial assumption, etc.) and assist the member in the completion thereof. Upon completion of all papers, they will be submitted to the Chapter at a Stated Meeting and, depending on the report of the Investigating Committee, the Chapter will vote whether or not to submit the application. Regardless of an affirmative or negative vote of the Chapter, all application forms and enclosures are returned to the Secretary of the Board of Directors with a letter, under the Seal of the Chapter, stating the wishes of the Chapter.
  - (4) Application forms shall not be given to a member or mailed to a member for completion, but must be processed by the appointed Investigating Committee. When the applicant lives in another city other than the city where the Chapter is located, the Chapter may request a courtesy Investigating Committee from a Chapter located in the city where the applicant lives. When this is done, the courtesy Investigating Committee signs the application forms where indicated, but the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Secretary of the applicant's own Chapter completes the signatures and affixes the Chapter seal.
- b. Application Forms, Inventory Sheets, Burial Assumption, Bill of Sale and Conveyance and Hold Harmless Forms, Last Will and Testament, Proof of Will, Universal Power of Attorney, Other Legal Papers and Physical Exam Form must have all questions fully and carefully answered and are returned to the Secretary of the Board of Directors who will submit the original and two photocopies of all forms to the Board of Directors. In the event all questions have not been fully answered, the application will be returned incomplete. (Reference Question 21 on the Application Form: No real or personal property may be sold or disposed of in any manner within three (3) years prior to making application to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.) misrepresentation or concealment of facts may cause the member to be dismissed from the TMRC. If a member has done so knowingly, full facts should be given to the Board and decision. Should a member give cause for dismissal, the Chapter submitting the application binds itself to remove the member at the earliest possible date and without expense to the Grand Chapter.
- (1) The physical examination form sent with the application must be completed by a physician of the applicant's choice.

- (4) Notice of applicant's acceptance or rejection will be sent to the Secretary of the Chapter and not to the applicant. All official correspondence shall be through the Chapter Secretary and conveyed to the applicant by the Worthy Matron or the Committee.
- c. When the Secretary of a subordinate Chapter is notified that a member of such Chapter has been accepted in to the TMRC, it shall be the Chapter's responsibility to have in legal form all papers from the applicant and a legal description of such properties as named in paragraph 17 and agreed to under oath and seal in the application for admission. It shall be the Secretary's duty to forward the lists of these properties and papers to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. An itemized list of all household effects shall be furnished and such properties maintained by the member until authorized by the Board of Directors to dispose of same. Household items usable in the TMRC become the property of the Grand Chapter of Texas. It is permissible for jewelry and family heirlooms to be passed on to family members or personal friends with such intent noted on the application. All legal papers are to be sent to the Board of Directors for inspection prior to applicant entering the TMRC. The Chapter is responsible for seeing that this is done.
- d. All applications for admission shall be referred to the Board of Directors and action of a majority shall govern.
- e. In the event an applicant is not accepted, any legal forms such as the Will, Burial Assumption, etc., will be returned to the Chapter Secretary. All other papers remain the property of Grand Chapter.

**WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND** that ARTICLE 82. ADDITIONAL DUTIES **BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**STRIKE:** ARTCLE 82. Subsection o.

**CHANGE:** ARTICLE D. GENERAL RULES

**STRIKE:** 1. ELIGIBILITY a, b, and c.

**STRIKE:** 2. PROCUREMENT AND COMPLETION OF FORMS a, (1), (2), (3), (4), b, (1), (4), c, d, e.

Respectfully submitted:

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**AMENDMENT NO. 2  
PAGE 37: CONSTITUTION; DIVISION III, ARTICLE VII;  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS; SECTION 4  
DUTIES**

**WHEREAS** the term “Contingency Funds” is not one of the Grand Chapter Funds and,

**WHEREAS** the term “Contingency Funds” is not mentioned nor defined anywhere else in the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas and,

**WHEREAS** the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star requires that the Board of Directors make a detailed report of all funds expended, including the “Contingency Funds” to the Grand Chapter at each session and,

**WHEREAS** Article XI; Returns, Revenues, Appropriations and Expenditures; Section 3 d. allows that in case of extreme emergency and by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may make appropriation not to exceed \$10,000.00 which is different than the “Contingency Funds”. We the undersigned believe that the wording in the Constitution; Division III, Article VII; Board of Directors; Section 4 needs to be cleaned up by deleting the words “Contingency Funds” from paragraph a. and adding “Contingency Fund” to paragraph b. so it will become one of the FUNDS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER. This Fund is already included in the budget each year.

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

**WHICH NOW READS:**

a. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. Said Board shall supervise all the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter, consider all requests for appropriations and report thereon, with their recommendations, to the Grand Chapter, and shall have such other powers and prerogatives, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Constitution. A detailed report of all funds expended, **including the Contingency Funds**, shall be made to the Grand Chapter at each session.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

a. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. Said Board shall supervise all the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter, consider all requests for appropriations and report thereon, with their recommendations, to the Grand Chapter, and shall have such other powers and prerogatives, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Constitution. A detailed report of all funds expended shall be made to the Grand Chapter at each session.

b. FUNDS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

1. O.E.S. Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund – 501(C)(8) (Article 165 Code of Laws)

2. O.E.S. Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund Sub-Account (See Article 165-A Code of Laws)

- 3. The Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund – 501(C) (3) Trust Account (See Article 164 Code of Laws)
- 4. O.E.S. Endowed Membership Trust Fund – (See Article 164-A Code of Laws)
- 5. Mary C. Kennington Scholarship Trust Fund – (See Article 163-A Code of Laws)
- 6. ADD: **Contingency Fund**

Subparagraphs c., d., e., and f. remain the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT NO. 3  
 CODE OF LAWS PAGE 118  
 CHAPTER 12 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION AND MATTERS  
 RELATED THERETO  
 ARTICLE 157 PARLIAMENTARY USAGE FOR GRAND  
 CHAPTER (ALSO FOR SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS)  
 SECTION F. UNDEBATABLE MOTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, is the adopted parliamentary authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Undeatable Motion “TO CALL OFF” is not listed as a valid motion in the adopted parliamentary authority.

**THEREFORE**, we the undersigned propose the following amendment to strike out ‘TO CALL OFF’.

**WHICH NOW READS:**

Section F: Undeatable Motions. A motion to reconsider, refer to a Committee, for the order of the day, for division of the question, for the previous question, to lay on the table, to call off, and to proceed to close shall be decided without debate. A motion to reconsider must be proposed by some one who voted on the prevailing side, and on the day on which the vote was taken, or on the next succeeding day. (In Subordinate Chapter, it must be made at the same session.)

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

Section F: Undeatable Motions. A motion to reconsider, refer to a Committee, for the order



of the day, for division of the question, for the previous question, to lay on the table, and to proceed to close shall be decided without debate. A motion to reconsider must be proposed by some one who voted on the prevailing side, and on the day on which the vote was taken, or on the next succeeding day. (In Subordinate Chapter, it must be made at the same session.)

Submitted by:

Willie Mae Shaw      Janet Travers      Jane Pyle

**AMENDMENT NO. 4  
PAGE 166: CODE OF LAWS;  
DIVISION V; CHAPTER 8,  
ARTICLE 226, ELECTION**

**WHEREAS** some Subordinate Chapters currently hold two (2) Stated meetings a month and,

**WHEREAS** the law, as now written, states that the Election of Officers must take place at the meeting date closest to April 30th and,

**WHEREAS** the current wording is confusing, We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

**WHICH NOW READS:**

a. The first eight (8) officers shall be elected annually, at the Stated Meeting **next preceding the 30th day of April**, or under a special Dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron at a later Stated Meeting. This election shall be by ballot and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice; provided, that if there is but one nominee, the election may be made by acclamation. If on any ballot, no candidate has received a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and in case two or more candidates tie on the lowest number of votes, all so tied shall be dropped, provided there is more than one candidate left, and the ballot shall proceed until an election is reached. **ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING IN THE CHAPTER MAY PARTICIPATE IN A CHAPTER ELECTION (NOMINATING OR VOTING.)**

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

a. The first eight (8) officers shall be elected annually, at a Stated Meeting **during the month of April**, or under a special Dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron at a later Stated Meeting. This election shall be by ballot and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice; provided that if there is but one nominee, the election may be made by acclamation. If on any ballot, no candidate has received a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and in case two or more candidates tie on the lowest number of votes, all so tied shall be dropped, provided there is more than one candidate left, and the ballot shall proceed until an election is reached. **ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING IN THE CHAPTER MAY PARTICIPATE IN A CHAPTER ELECTION (NOMI-**

NATING OR VOTING.)

Subparagraphs: b. c. and d. will remain the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Ouellette		

**AMENDMENT NO. 5**  
**Page 171: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION V;**  
**CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 243 - MEETINGS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER**

**WHEREAS** the current wording for communications currently only allows for written notification of Special Meetings to the Chapter’s membership and,

**WHEREAS** the means of communication have changed drastically since the inception of this rule,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

**WHICH NOW READS:**

b. Unless otherwise provided by the Chapter By-Laws, notice specifying the date and purpose of such Special Meeting, **published on the date for such meeting in a newspaper published within the Jurisdiction of the Chapter, or a card or letter** specifying the date and purpose of such Special Meeting, **mailed to each resident member at least three days before the date of such meeting, shall constitute “due notice.”**

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

b. Unless otherwise provided by the Chapter By-Laws, **each** resident member shall receive notice **by either verbal, written, or electronic means of communication at least three days before the date of the meeting** specifying the date and purpose of such Special Meeting. This communication shall constitute “due notice.”

Subparagraph a. will remain the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT NO. 6  
PAGE 124: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 13;  
ARTICLE 165, DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS** some minor clean up needs to be conducted concerning the wording of Article 165 d. and,

**WHEREAS** the Grand Chapter of Texas must remain compliant with I.R.S. Code 501 (c)(3) as prescribed by the Grand Chapter Code of Laws,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

**WHICH NOW READS:**

d. In the event of dissolution of the Eastern Star Home of Texas Association, the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, shall select one or more charitable organizations, and shall convey the assets remaining, if any, after payment of debts, to such charitable organizations which qualify under I.R.S. Code Section 501 (c)(3) **first preference shall be given to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC).**

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

d. In the event of dissolution of the Eastern Star Home of Texas Association, the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, shall select one or more charitable organizations, and shall convey the assets remaining, if any, after payment of debts, to such charitable organizations which qualify under I.R.S. Code Section 501 (c)(3).

Subparagraph e. will remain the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT NO. 7  
PAGE 110-111: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 10,  
ARTICLE 152-K, REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS** the current registration fee for the Grand Chapter Session is \$10.00 person except for the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, and members residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center and,

**WHEREAS** the cost of registration materials has increased substantially over the year and,

**WHEREAS** the cost of printing election materials has increased over the years,

***“Ride For the Brand”***

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

**WHICH NOW READS:**

The Registration Committee shall register all persons attending Grand Chapter and from each person, except the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, and members residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, collect a registration fee of **ten dollars (\$10.00)**. This Committee shall meet on or before 9:00 A.M. on the day of the opening of Grand Chapter,

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

The Registration Committee shall register all persons attending Grand Chapter and from each person, except the Most Worthy Grand Matron **and/or** Most Worthy Grand Patron and members residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, collect a **preregistration fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) or an on-site** registration fee of **twenty dollars (\$20.00)**. This Committee shall meet on or before 9:00 A.M. on the day of the opening of Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ray Hargis  
Jean Hobbs  
Barbara Martin

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Robert Royall, Jr.  
David Ouellette

**AMENDMENT NO. 8  
PAGE 120: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 12,  
ARTICLE 158, ISSUANCE OF BALLOTS**

**WHEREAS** the ballots for the Grand Chapter Session currently are required to be printed only and,

**WHEREAS** there are now cost-effective and accurate electronic voting options available,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

**WHICH NOW READS:**

Each member of Grand Chapter, who is entitled to a vote or votes as prescribed in Article X, Section 10a, 10b, and 10c, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. shall be and hereby is, entitled to have issued to her or him by the Credentials Committee prior to, or during each Session of Grand Chapter, for use during said Session, one set of printed ballots, on forms prescribed by Grand Chapter, provided that each of the following prerequisite is complied with:

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

Each member of Grand Chapter, who is entitled to a vote or votes as prescribed in Article X,

Section 10a, 10b, and 10c, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. shall be and hereby is, entitled to have issued to her or him by the Credentials Committee prior to, or during each Session of Grand Chapter, for use during said Session, one set of printed ballots, on forms prescribed by Grand Chapter **or an electronic voting device pre-programmed with said ballots** provided that each of the following prerequisites is complied with:

Subparagraphs: a. b. and c. will remain the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carlotta Fairchild  
Becky Austin  
David Ouellette

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Deborah Land  
Jean Hobbs

Barbara Martin  
Debi Fincher  
Robert Royall, Jr.

**AMENDMENT NO. 9  
PAGE 69: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 4,  
ARTICLE 71, ASSISTANTS TO THE GRAND SECRETARY  
AND THEIR SALARIES**

**WHEREAS** the Grand Secretary currently is required to employ, as assistants, members of the Order of the Eastern star affiliated with Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction who are not related to her either by blood or marriage and,

**WHEREAS** clerical work performed in the Grand Secretary office does not require special handling by only members of the Order,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

**WHICH NOW READS:**

a. The Grand Secretary shall employ, as assistants, **members of the Order of the Eastern star affiliated with Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction** who are not related to her either by blood or marriage. The Board of Directors shall appropriate, each year in the budget, such sums necessary to pay their salaries.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

a. The Grand Secretary shall employ, as assistants, persons who are not related to her either by blood or marriage. The Board of Directors shall appropriate such sums necessary to pay their salaries **and include it in the budget.**

Subparagraphs: b. will remain the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ray Hargis  
David Ouellette

Barbara Martin  
Debi Fincher  
Robert Royall, Jr.

**AMENDMENT NO. 10**  
**Amendment To The Code of Laws Page 52**  
**Chapter 2, Article 5a.**

**Whereas**, at the present time it is difficult for other qualified candidates from the same district to announce their candidacy until the current candidate has been elected or decided to drop out.

**Whereas**, sometimes we simply elect the candidate just to make room for new candidates and this is certainly not a wise decision for our Grand Chapter.

**BE ADDED TO READ:**

ARTICLE 5a. LENGTH OF TIME TO RUN. Once a candidate places her name in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress, if not elected, she can place her name in nomination only twice more. If not elected by the third time of nomination, she will be disqualified to place her name in nomination ever again.

Respectfully submitted:

Lillie Williams  
Virginia Keasling  
Linda Nichols

Ray Williams  
Geraldine Sturtz  
Esther Jordan

Regina Garner  
Carol Sue Lupini  
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Benevolent Aid Budget 2016-2017

	Budget 2015-2016	Actual 09/01/2015- 04/30/2016	Projected Remainder of 2015-2016	2015-2016 TOTALS	Budget 2016-2017
	Lucas				Mosmeyer
Income					
1	\$55,000.00	\$51,578.00		\$51,578.00	\$51,000.00
2	\$15,000.00	\$8,808.75	\$1,500.00	\$10,308.75	\$15,000.00
3	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	\$40,186.75
4					
	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 90,386.75	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 91,886.75	\$ 106,186.75
Expense					
5	\$45,000.00	\$ 27,900.00	\$11,800.00	\$39,700.00	\$45,000.00
6	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
7	\$18,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 36,900.00	\$ 14,800.00	\$ 51,700.00	\$ 63,000.00
	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 53,486.75	\$ (13,300.00)	\$ 40,186.75	\$ 43,186.75

Per capita is based on current membership as of 04/05/2016

\*Note that humanitarian amounts shown are not complete because gifts and donations in the general fund will hold some amounts that will be broken out and applied into the appropriate funds.

General Fund Budget 2016-2017		Budget 2015-2016	Actual 09/01/2015 - 04/30/2016	Projected Revenue 2015-2016	2015-2016 TOTALS	Budget 2016-2017
Income Account Codes		Lucas	Lucas			Mosmeyer
1	4000.01 Interest	\$10.00	\$5,071.85	\$2.24	\$2.24	\$5.00
2	4000.15 Interest Checking (General Fund Checking)	\$6,000.00	\$183,631.15	\$1,500.00	\$6,571.85	\$6,000.00
3	4000.25 Endowment Interest	\$250,000.00	\$63,903.74	\$74,000.00	\$257,631.15	\$250,000.00
4	4000.26 Endowment Interest Sub-Acct	\$115,000.00	\$1,983.60	\$15,000.00	\$78,903.74	\$75,000.00
5	4290.01 Interest Endowed Memberships	\$1,000.00	\$1,983.60	\$15,000.00	\$1,983.60	\$1,500.00
6	Designated Revenue					
6	0590 Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Funds	\$64,000.00	\$47,279.00	\$20,000.00	\$67,279.00	\$155,000.00
7	Grand Chapter Office Income					
7	4110 General Fund Per Capita @ \$3.00 per member	\$85,000.00	\$1,016.44	\$79,000.00	\$86,016.44	\$77,000.00
8	4113 General Grand Chapter Per Capita	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$25,797.00
9	4120 Refunds/Adjustments/Retum Checks	\$1,000.00	\$229.66	\$19,500.00	\$29,666	\$1,000.00
10	4130 Registration Fees Grand Chapter	\$18,000.00	\$18,407.04	\$3,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$21,000.00
11	4135 Income Returned Funds 2016	\$18,000.00	\$24,204.87	\$3,300.00	\$24,504.87	\$22,000.00
12	4140 Grand Chapter Items	\$20,000.00	\$10,909.50	\$5,687.50	\$16,597.00	\$22,000.00
13	4141 Bulletin Subscriptions	\$20,000.00	\$15,161.00	\$2,000.00	\$17,161.00	\$22,000.00
14	4142 Bulletin Articles	\$23,000.00	\$32.42	\$11.75	\$44.17	\$23,000.00
15	4145 Supplies/Postage/Shipping	\$13,000.00		\$15,000.00	\$38,750.00	\$13,000.00
16	4150 25% Admin Fee (WGM Special Projects)	\$0.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
17	4151 GFC WGM Projects Donations	\$25,000.00	\$9,030.00	\$5,000.00	\$14,030.00	\$20,000.00
18	4152 GFC Supplies Sales Items	\$5,000.00	\$6,178.00	\$60.00	\$6,238.00	\$6,175.00
19	4155 Administrative Revenue-Endowed Memberships	\$5,000.00	\$1,192.42	\$60.00	\$1,252.42	\$5,000.00
20	4156 Fundraising Fee for Solids	\$300.00	\$238.94	\$15.00	\$253.94	\$300.00
21	4170 Misc Fees/Fee for Duplicate Documents/Spec. Dispr/Etc.					
22	Grand Chapter Donations					
22	4180 International Headquarters @ \$5.00 per new member	\$3,000.00	\$223.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$4,500.00
23	4185 Founder's Day, 100%	\$350.00		\$175.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
24	4250 Gifts and Donations Made to Grand Chapter	\$1,000.00	\$10,341.46		\$10,341.46	\$1,000.00
25	4280.01 General Fund Humanitarian Program	\$5,000.00	\$6,338.25		\$6,338.25	\$5,000.00
26	4890 Other Misc. Receipts (Example-demised chapters)	\$1,000.00	\$1,262.37	\$70.00	\$1,332.37	\$1,000.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 674,660.00</b>	<b>\$ 405,650.71</b>	<b>\$ 260,446.49</b>	<b>\$666,097.20</b>	<b>776,777.00</b>
	<b>Expense Account Codes</b>					
27	5001 Office Salaries	\$94,500.00	\$29,870.50	\$28,775.34	\$58,646.84	\$83,600.00
28	5010 Grand Secretary's Salary	\$29,000.00	\$7,807.66	\$10,038.54	\$17,846.20	\$29,000.00
29	5012 Grand Treasurer's Salary	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
	<b>Grand Officers Expense Allocation</b>					
30	5102 Worthy Grand Matron Expense	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
31	5103 Worthy Grand Patron Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
32	5105 Assoc Grand Matron Expense	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
33	5110 Assoc Grand Patron Expense	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
34	5115 Grand Treasurer Expense	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
35	5145 Grand Secretary Expense	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
36	5140 Grand Conductress Expense	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
37	5115 Assoc Grand Conductress Expense	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>Past Grand Jewels Expense</b>					
38	5155 Past Grand Matrons Jewel	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
39	5160 Past Grand Patrons Jewel	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$500.00
	<b>Grand Chapter Expenses</b>					
40	5156 GGC Officers Expense	\$600.00	\$471.45	\$500.00	\$1,071.45	\$600.00
41	5155 GGC Officers Expense	\$500.00			\$500.00	\$500.00
42	5180 International Headquarters @ \$5.00 per new member	\$5,000.00	\$4,585.00		\$4,585.00	\$4,500.00
43	5181 Official Reporter-GC	\$5,000.00	\$3,800.00		\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
44	5210 Advanced Reports	\$1,500.00	\$1,430.90	\$1,500.00	\$2,930.90	\$1,500.00
45	5212 Audit	\$20,000.00	\$25,775.00		\$25,775.00	\$20,000.00
46	5213 Interpretations	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
47	5214 Scanner Rental/Ballots & Voting Cards	\$750.00			\$750.00	\$750.00
48	5215 CPA-990 Tax Filing	\$3,000.00	\$3,400.00		\$3,400.00	\$2,500.00
49	5216 Bulletin Printing	\$2,500.00	\$2,039.44		\$2,039.44	\$2,500.00
50	5227 GC Master Expense Session	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$500.00
51	5227 GC Support Staff Housing	\$250.00	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$250.00
52	5228:5229 Installation Programs/Humanitarian	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00



		General Fund Budget 2016-2017				
	Budget 2015-2016	Actual 09/01/2015 - 04/30/2016	Projected Remainder	2015-2016 Total	Budget 2016-2017	
53	5236	\$1,000.00	\$1,430.90	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	
54	5240	\$1,000.00	\$1,430.90	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	
55	5242	\$1,000.00	\$1,430.90	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	
56	5248	\$10,000.00	\$4,915.29	\$1,441.00	\$6,360.29	
57	5249	\$10,000.00	\$4,915.29	\$1,441.00	\$6,360.29	
58	5252	\$1,500.00	\$3,451.11	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
59	5353	\$12,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,100.00	
60	5234	\$12,000.00	\$2,021,172.00	\$2,04,853.86	\$12,000.00	
61	5237	\$1,000.00	\$4,695.00	\$6,100.00	\$1,000.00	
62	5302	\$6,000.00	\$4,695.00	\$10,795.00	\$6,000.00	
63	5303	\$6,000.00	\$4,695.00	\$10,795.00	\$6,000.00	
64	5314	\$43,000.00	\$36,778.00	\$36,778.00	\$48,000.00	
65	5316	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
66	5320	\$1,000.00	\$941.64	\$950.00	\$650.00	
68	5322	\$1,000.00	\$26.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	
69	5323	\$27,500.00	\$25,789.00	\$25,789.00	\$25,797.00	
70	5324	\$200.00	\$1,128.31	\$1,222.02	\$200.00	
71	5325	\$1,000.00	\$82.50	\$330.00	\$990.00	
72	5346	\$1,000.00	\$82.50	\$330.00	\$990.00	
73	5347	\$2,000.00	\$2,174.60	\$1,378.60	\$3,554.20	
74	5355	\$250.00	\$492.00	\$76.00	\$568.00	
75	5375.25	\$35,000.00	\$18,084.31	\$13,033.86	\$31,118.17	
76	5375.26	\$14,225.00	\$7,015.66	\$12,770.87	\$27,000.00	
77	5375.27	\$25,000.00	\$8,068.65	\$35,155.21	\$27,000.00	
78	5381	\$250,000.00	\$279,298.00	\$279,298.00	\$250,000.00	
79	5382	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	
80	5410	\$9,000.00	\$1,498.19	\$10,000.00	\$9,000.00	
81	5415	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
82	5416	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
83	5417	\$200.00	\$1,498.19	\$1,498.19	\$200.00	
84	5465	\$9,000.00	\$6,499.73	\$8,920.65	\$7,000.00	
85	5466	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	
86	5470	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	
87	5475	\$3,000.00	\$564.63	\$1,411.58	\$2,000.00	
88	5480	\$7,000.00	\$4,713.52	\$4,713.52	\$6,600.00	
89	5482	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$0.00	
90	5483	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	
91	5485	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	
92	5486	\$7,000.00	\$4,889.81	\$1,450.00	\$5,000.00	
93	5511	\$15,000.00	\$30,199.86	\$7,178.70	\$20,000.00	
94	5526	\$1,500.00	\$1,030.00	\$1,030.00	\$1,350.00	
95	5548	\$500.00	\$1,007.71	\$3,755.99	\$1,166.00	
96	5549	\$200.00	\$1,430.90	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	
97	5644	\$7,000.00	\$3,142.00	\$2,020.05	\$6,000.00	
98	5645	\$7,000.00	\$3,142.00	\$2,020.05	\$6,000.00	
99	5646	\$10,000.00	\$1,430.90	\$1,465.65	\$5,500.00	
100	5647	\$700.00	\$179.27	\$304.29	\$500.00	
101	5650	\$6,000.00	\$5,272.65	\$1,989.34	\$6,500.00	
102	5672	\$2,500.00	\$2,085.02	\$1,078.29	\$3,163.31	
103	5673	\$400.00	\$10.24	\$155.64	\$400.00	
104	5676	\$400.00	\$10.24	\$155.64	\$400.00	
105	5681	\$2,000.00	\$1,155.73	\$490.93	\$1,863.00	
106	5682	\$500.00	\$2,324.27	\$2,324.27	\$500.00	
108	5686	\$36,000.00	\$25,294.00	\$12,000.00	\$36,000.00	
109	5688	\$5,000.00	\$7,249.90	\$5,176.46	\$7,736.00	
110	5910	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
111	6550	\$10,000.00	\$5,894.68	\$3,313.12	\$10,000.00	
		\$ 839,875.00	\$ 798,446.22	\$ 201,712.49	\$ 1,000,158.71	
					\$ 774,979.00	
					\$ 1,798.00	
					\$ (334,061.51)	
					\$ 58,734.00	
					\$ 1,798.00	

\*NOTE: The Actual amounts are from September 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.  
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 Line items will not be adjusted or expended without approval of the Board of Directors.

Eastern Star Ladies Budget 2016 - 2017

		LUCAS		ACTUAL	PROJECTED	2015-2016 TOTALS		MOSMEYER		
	CODE	BUDGET	2015-2016	09/01/15-04/30/16	REMAINDER	BUDGET	2016-2017	BUDGET	2016-2017	
	<b>RECEIPTS</b>									
<#>	1009.00	Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund (Non-Checking)		\$908,385.80	-\$179,500.00	\$728,885.80	\$576,611.43		\$4.75	
1	4000.10	Interest Eastern Star Ladies Checking	\$4.75	\$1.34	\$0.00	\$1.34	\$4.75		\$4.75	
2	4000.24	Interest Eastern Star Ladies Investment 501c(3)	\$235,000.00	\$279,298.00	\$0.00	\$279,298.00	\$250,000.00		\$29,298.00	
3	4000.30	Endowment Interest 501c(8)	\$5,700.00	\$4,380.90	\$0.00	\$4,380.90	\$4,000.00		\$380.90	
4	4040.30	Gain/Loss Eastern Star Home Investment	\$400.00	\$382.64	\$0.00	\$382.64	\$300.00		\$82.64	
5	4111.01	Per Capita Income @ \$5.00/Member	\$195,000.00	\$128,945.00	\$0.00	\$128,945.00	\$128,000.00		\$95.00	
6	4120.00	Refunds/Adjustments Returned Checks		\$5,847.00	\$0.00	\$5,847.00	\$0.00		\$5,847.00	
7	4200.00	Oil & Gas Royalty	\$41,500.00	\$20,140.26	\$10,070.00	\$30,210.26	\$35,000.00		\$-4,789.74	
8	4230.00	OES Retirement Receipts/Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
9	4225.00	Ladies Pensions	\$82,000.00	\$65,867.70	\$33,000.00	\$98,867.70	\$86,400.00		\$12,467.70	
10	4250.00	Gifts & Donations		\$30.00		\$30.00			\$30.00	
11	4260.00	Bequests, Wills & Grants		\$0.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$499,604.75</b>	<b>\$1,413,278.64</b>	<b>(\$136,430.00)</b>	<b>\$1,276,848.64</b>	<b>\$1,055,316.18</b>			
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>									
12	5212.10	Audit	\$6,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
13	5213.10	CPA-990 Taxes	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00		\$0.00	
14	5236.00	Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	\$600.00	\$923.17		\$923.17	\$1,000.00		\$77.83	
15	5320.00	Annual TMRC Billing		\$33,608.46		\$33,608.46	\$35,000.00		\$1,391.54	
16	5321.00	In-service/501c(3) Accounts Mgmt		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
17	5322.00	Checking Bank Fees & Error Adjustments	\$0.05	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
18	5324.00	Legal	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	
19	5504.00	Allowance to Ladies @ \$70/month	\$9,240.00	\$5,110.00	\$2,520.00	\$7,630.00	\$7,560.00		\$70.00	
20	5520.00	Funeral Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
21	5710.00	Independent Resident Expense	\$76,250.00	\$54,566.24	\$26,892.72	\$81,458.96	\$87,600.00		\$6,141.04	
22	5810.00	Clinic Resident Expense	\$896,000.00	\$437,946.48	\$172,278.60	\$610,225.08	\$520,125.00		\$90,100.08	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$902,000.00</b>	<b>\$532,154.35</b>	<b>\$201,691.32</b>	<b>\$700,237.21</b>	<b>\$654,085.00</b>			
	<b>NET TOTAL</b>		<b>(\$402,395.25)</b>	<b>\$881,124.29</b>	<b>(\$338,121.32)</b>	<b>\$576,611.43</b>	<b>\$401,231.18</b>			

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#NOTE: Account 1009 is not a Budgetable Account.  
 \$310,864.00 is Permanently Restricted from use.  
 \$115,267.18 will be all that is available for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

# Candidates for Election



## Alys Newsom

Past Matron

Richardson Chapter #921

To be nominated for the office of

**Grand Secretary**

At the 2016 Grand Chapter Session in Tyler



### Subordinate Chapter Service

Endowed Member  
 Initiated April 2006  
 2006-2007 Martha  
 2007-2008 Assoc. Conductress  
 2008-2009 Conductress  
 2009-2010 Assoc. Matron  
 2010-2011 Worthy Matron  
 2011-2012 Worthy Matron  
 2012-2013 Secretary  
 2013-2014 Secretary  
 2014-2015 Secretary  
 2015-2016 Secretary

### Dual Chapter New Caney #1093

Affiliated November 2011  
 Endowed Member  
**Plural Chapter Garland #156**  
 Affiliated March 2014  
 2014-2015 Associate Conductress  
 2015-2016 Conductress

### Fraternal Family Service

Line Officer's Club, District One, Sec. 5  
 Past Matrons/Past Patrons District 1, Sec. 5  
 2012-2013 Secretary  
 2013-2014 President  
 2015-2016 Nominating Committee  
 Texas Tophats, Inc  
 2015 - Present Mother Advisor  
 Richardson Rainbow #291

### Grand Chapter Service

2010-2011 I Can Make a Difference Committee  
 2011-2012 Grand Page to Grand Esther  
 2012-2013 Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 1, Sec. 5  
 2013-2014 ESTARL District 1 Chairman  
 2014-2015 Credentials Committee, General Chair  
 2015-2016 Credentials Committee, District One

### Employment Service

1972 Kroger Co. - Cashier and Evening Front Mgr.  
 1973 - 2006 Southwestern Bell Telephone / AT&T  
 Business Office Representative  
 Communications Technician  
 Technical Support Manager  
 Supervisor - Network Operations Center  
 1999 - 2004 Human Resources/Payroll Manager  
 Victoria Gardens Nursing & Rehab Center  
 Corporate Offices (4 locations)  
 2007 - 2009 The Waterford Retirement Community  
 Business Office Manager  
 2009 - 2012 H&R Block, Inc. (seasonal)  
 2012 - 2014 Ford & Goodman, PC  
 Assist. Bookkeeper, Tax Preparer  
 2014 - 2015 Grand Chapter of Texas OES  
 Bookkeeper  
 2013 - Present Self-employed Bookkeeping Services

### Education

MacArthur High School - Houston, TX  
 North Harris County Community College  
 San Jacinto Junior College  
 Dallas County Community College



**Teamwork is God's Plan**

## Jan Clower Walker

Past Matron & Endowed Member Rule # 989  
Plural Member Brenham # 144,  
Lexington # 996 and Somerville # 245

To be nominated for the office of  
**Grand Secretary**  
At the 2016 Grand Chapter Session in Tyler



### Subordinate Chapter Service

1995 Initiated in Pine Hill #675  
2000 Transferred to Anson # 867  
2000-01 Marshal - Anson # 867  
2001-02 Worthy Matron - Anson # 867  
2002-03 Worthy Matron - Anson # 867  
2003-04 Worthy Matron - Anson # 867  
2004-05 Secretary - Anson # 675  
2005 Dual member Rule # 989  
2005-06 Associate Conductress - Rule # 989  
2006 Dual member Cora Posey # 1072  
2006-07 Worthy Matron - Rule # 989  
2006-07 Associate Conductress - Cora Posey # 1072  
2007 Dual member Waxahachie # 599  
2009 Dual member Lancaster # 943  
2010-11 Secretary - Lancaster # 943  
2012 Dual member Brenham # 144  
2012-13 Associate Conductress - Brenham # 144  
2013-14 Conductress - Brenham # 144  
2014 Plural member Lexington # 996  
2014-15 Associate Matron - Brenham # 144  
2015 Plural member Somerville # 245  
2015-16 Worthy Matron - Brenham # 144  
2015-16 Secretary - Lexington # 996  
2015-16 Adah - Somerville #245

### Grand Chapter Service

2002-03 Guardians of the Heart  
2003-04 Deputy Grand Matron D2 S7  
2004-05 Mysteries of the Sea  
2005-06 Rob Morris Gala  
2006-07 Pediatric Services  
2009-10 Texas Pioneers  
2010-11 Historical Highlights  
2011-12 Friends Helping Friends  
2012-13 Music  
2013-14 Sentimental Journey  
2015-16 Campfire Gathering

### Fraternal Service

Line Officers Club District 2 Section 7  
District 2 Section 7 PM-PP Association  
District 1 Section 5 PM-PP Association  
Lancaster # 943 PM-PP Club, Affiliated Member

### Education

Panola College  
Tyler Junior College  
University of Texas at Tyler, B.B.A. in Accounting  
University of Texas at Tyler, M.S. in Economics/  
Accounting

### Employment

1992-95 SWC Industries, inc., Henderson, TX, Assistant Controller  
1995-98 Memorial Hospital, Center, TX, Assistant Controller and Controller  
1998-2000 Memorial Health System of East Texas, Lufkin, TX, Financial Supervisor  
2001-03 Abilene Regional Medical Center, Abilene, TX, Staff Accountant and Assistant Controller  
2003-06 Abilene Psychiatric Center, Abilene, TX, Controller  
2006-08 Hickory Trail Hospital, Desoto, TX, Controller  
2011-13 Bellville General Hospital, Bellville, TX, Controller  
2013-16 Bellville St. Joseph Health Center, Bellville, TX, Senior Accountant

### Professional Experience

Over 20 years experience preparing financial statements and budget variance reports. Prepared annual budgets using various models. Prepared 990 tax returns. Reconciled general ledger accounts and bank statements. Supervised accountants, payroll and accounts payable staff. Worked with independent auditors to ensure accurate audits. Processed payroll, accounts payable, and accounts receivable. Cross-trained staff to improve office efficiency. Strong work ethic, detail oriented, ability to multitask, team player.



**Laura Sharp**  
**Past Matron and Endowed Member**  
**of Andral Vann Chapter # 741**  
**Dual - Pasadena # 711**  
**To be nominated for the Office of**  
**Associate Grand Conductress**  
**At the 2016 Grand Chapter in Tyler**



**Subordinate Chapter Service:**

1968-69 Adah  
 1969-70 Ruth  
 1986-87 Associate Conductress  
 1987-88 Conductress  
 1988-89 Associate Matron  
 1989-90 Worthy Matron  
 1992-94 Associate Conductress  
 1994-95 Conductress  
 1995-96 Associate Matron  
 1996-97 Worthy Matron  
 2000-01 Associate Conductress  
 2001-02 Conductress  
 2002-03 Associate Matron  
 2003-04 Worthy Matron  
 2004-05 Worthy Matron  
 2005-06 Secretary  
 to the  
 present

**Fraternal Service:**

1989-90 President of WMWP Club and  
 Round-up General Chairman  
 2001 President, PM &PP Association,  
 Houston District 4, Section 5

**Grand Chapter Service:**

1991-92 Arrangements  
 1992-93 Time & Talent  
 1993-94 Fraternal Visitation  
 1994-95 Deputy Grand Matron  
 1995-96 Credentials  
 1996-97 Pursuit of Excellence  
 1997-98 Membership Committee  
 1998-99 Humanitarian Chairman, D4  
 1999-00 Time & Talent, Chairman D4  
 2000-01 Grand Marshal  
 2002-04 Grand Representative of North Carolina  
 2004-05 Arrangements  
 2005-06 General Grand Chapter Committee  
 2006-07 Stars Molding the Future  
 2007-08 By-Laws Chairman  
 2008-09 Working Miracles  
 2010 Page-General Grand Chapter in Tulsa  
 2010-11 Humanitarian General Chairman  
 2011-12 Arrangements-Stage Page  
 2012-13 Grand Examiner at Large  
 2013-14 Grand Examiner at Large  
 2014-15 Grand Examiner at Large  
 2015-16 Grand Examiner at Large



**Education:**

Sam Houston High School, Houston  
 Houston Community College

**Employment:**

Houston Community College System  
 Head Cashier for the System

**Linda R. Winn-Christenson**

Past Matron and Endowed Member  
 Waelder Chapter # 1023  
 Gonzales Chapter # 403 (Plural)  
 Lorena Chapter #924 (Plural)



To be nominated for:  
**Associate Grand Conductress**

**Subordinate Chapter Service**

**Waelder #1023**

- 2003 Initiated Waelder #1023
- 2004-05 Chaplain
- 2005-06 Conductress
- 2006-07 Worthy Matron
- 2007-08 Chaplain
- 2009-10 Conductress
- 2010-11 Conductress
- 2011-12 Worthy Matron
- 2012-13 Associate Conductress
- 2013-14 Associate Conductress
- 2014-15 Associate Matron
- 2015-16 Chaplain

**Gonzales #403**

- 2004-05 Esther
- 2005-06 Associate Conductress
- 2006-07 Conductress
- 2007-08 Associate Conductress
- 2008-09 Associate Matron
- 2009-10 Worthy Matron
- 2010-11 Esther
- 2011-12 Esther
- 2012-13 Associate Matron
- 2013-14 Worthy Matron
- 2015-16 Worthy Matron

**Lorena #924 Plural Member**

**Fraternal Service**

- Dist. 5, Section 8 PM & PP - Member
- Dist. 5, PM & PP – Member
- Texas Cardinals, Inc. - Member
- Texas Top Hats- Member

**Believe-Understand-Give-Serve**



**Grand Chapter Service**

- 2007-08 Spring Fling
- 2008-09 Deputy Grand Matron  
District 5, Section 8
- 2009-10 Grand Page to Grand Chaplain
- 2010-11 Dist. Deputy Grand Matron, D 5
- 2011 Grand Page to WGM
- 2011-12 ESTARL, General Chairman
- 2012-15 Grand Examiner, District 5
- 2015-16 Grand Historian Committee

**Education**

- San Jacinto High School- Houston
- Alvin Community College
- U. of Houston
- Shelton School of Design
- Houston Community College

**Employment**

- Retired
- Houston Community College - Instructor
- Webwood Florist & Gifts- Manager
- This Bud's For You - Mgr. & Bookkeeper
- Benson Floral Enterprises- Asst. Mgr.
- Gift Attic Florist- Designer & Office Mgr.

**Additional Experience & Qualifications:**

Extensive experience developing commercial budgets; negotiating contracts with international corporations and vendors; coordinating with charitable organizations. Facilitated corporate travel, delivery and setup for National trade shows, galas and conventions. Board Member, Vice-President and President of Barrington Place HOA serving more than 1,000 homeowners. Experience in property management and dispute resolution; successfully coordinated with City Services and other civic organizations within our diverse neighborhoods to improve quality of life issues for all residents.



# CARLA STRINGER

Past Matron & Endowed Member  
 Midland Chapter #253  
 Plural Member Big Spring Chapter #67  
 And Norman Read Chapter #1010  
 To be nominated for the office of  
**ASSOCIATE GRAND  
 CONDUCTRESS**

At the 2016 Grand Chapter Session in Tyler



**SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE**  
 Midland Chapter No. 253 (Initiated Dec. 28, 1971)

1974-75	Adah	1993-94	Ruth
1975-76	Esther	1994-95	Electa
1976-77	Electa	2005-06	Assoc. Cond.
1977-78	Chaplain	2006-07	Assoc. Matron
1984-85	Martha	2007-08	Worthy Matron
1985-86	Assoc. Cond.	2008-09	Treasurer
1986-87	Conductress	2009-10	Treasurer
1987-88	Assoc. Matron	2010-11	Treasurer
1988-89	Worthy Matron	2011-12	Assoc. Cond.
1989-90	Adah	2012-13	Cond.
1990-91	Martha	2013-14	Worthy Matron
1991-92	Esther	2014-15	Treasurer
1992-93	Martha	2015-16	Treasurer

**Big Spring Chapter No. 67 (Plural Member, 2012)**  
 2013-2014 Electa  
 2014-2015 Electa

**Norman Read Chapter No. 1010 (Plural Member, 2016)**

**GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE**

1990-91	Pot of Gold
1991-92	Festal Day
1993-94	Spring Festival
2007-08	Rhythm Movers
2008-09	Deputy Grand Matron, District 2, Section 8
2009-10	Grand Page to Grand Adah
2010-11	Grand Examiner, District 2
2011-12	Grand Examiner, District 2
2012-13	Grand Examiner, District 2
2013-14	Grand Examiner, District 2
2014-15	Bear Hugs
2015-16	Grand Historian Committee

**OTHER FRATERNAL SERVICE**

I am a Majority Rainbow Girl, having served as Worthy Advisor and a Grand Officer. I also served on Advisory Board including 10 years as Mother Advisor, during which time I oversaw the books and funds.

**THOSE WHO REACH**



**TOUCH THE STARS!**

**EDUCATION**

Graduate, Robert E. Lee High School  
 Graduate, Commercial College  
 Midland College, 32 hours

**EMPLOYMENT**

Midland National Bank, 1968-74, loan secretary  
 Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc./ Sun Oil Co., 1974-82  
 Wagner & Brown, 1982-83, Executive Secretary  
 Midland ISD, 1983-2007, School Office Manager and Bookkeeper, prepared and oversaw local, magnet school and Federal budgets  
 Retired, 2007  
 Midland ISD, 2010-2012, Hired out of retirement to assume job as School Office manager and Bookkeeper.  
 Prepared and oversaw local, magnet school and Federal budgets  
 Midland ISD, 2012-15, Consultant Trainer of Secretaries, also responsible for the input and selection process for the District's three Magnet Schools

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

National Association of Educational Office Personnel, 1985-2005  
 Texas Educational Support Staff Association, Inc., 1983-Present: Board Member, 1985-2000, including Summer Work Conference Chairman, Treasurer, President-Elect, **President**, Immediate Past President, Professional Growth Chairman). **We had approximately 5000 members in the State of Texas.** I was involved in preparation of association budgets and supervision of the state office and the secretary who worked for TESA.

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified Educational Office Employee  
 Certified Educational Office Professional

**Member, West Texas Past Matrons and Past Patrons**  
**Member, Texas Cardinals and Texas Top Hats, Inc.**

# Sandy Alford

Past Matron of A.E. Shirley #986 affiliated with Hereford Chapter #312 Endowed Member

To be nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners Grand Examiner at Large At the 2016 Grand Chapter Session in Tyler



### SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

Initiated Plano Chapter - March 29, 2004  
2004-2005 Ruth  
Transferred to A.E. Shirley #986 -April 27, 2006  
2005-2006 Electa  
2006-2007 Esther  
2007-2008 Associate Conductress  
2008-2009 Conductress  
2009-2010 Associate Matron  
2010-2011 Worthy Matron  
2011-2012 Associate Matron  
2012-2013 Worthy Matron  
2013-2014 Associate Conductress  
2014-2015 Conductress  
Consolidated with Hereford #312 - July 14, 2015  
2015-2016 Associate Conductress

### FRATERNAL SERVICE for District 2

Vice-President, West Texas Past Matrons and Past Patrons Assn., District 2  
Secretary, West Texas Past Matrons and Past Patrons Assn., District 2  
Chaplain, West Texas Past Matrons and Past Patrons Assn., District 2  
Member, West Texas Past Matrons and Past Patrons Assn., District 2

### GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

2010-2011 Calendar Committee  
2013-2014 Deputy Grand Matron, District 2, Sections 1, 2 and 3  
2014-2015 Bear Hugs Committee Chairman District 2  
2015-2016 District Deputy Grand Matron District 2

### EDUCATION

Graduated Tascosa High School, 1971  
1972 Parker Chiropractic College  
1974-1975 Amarillo College. Certification in Real Estate  
1980-1984 West Texas State University, Education

### EMPLOYMENT

1973-1976 Albracht Chiropractic Clinic  
1976-1980 Teller and Bookkeeping, Amarillo Credit Union  
1984-1997 Amarillo Independent School District, Computer Integration  
1998-2005 J & J Interior Design and Decorating, Dallas, Texas

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Texas State Teachers Association  
Texas Board of Realtors

### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Real Estate - Certification  
Certified Chiropractic Assistant



## Shelley Walker

Past Matron and Endowed Member  
Farmers Branch Chapter #687 and  
Lewisville Chapter #935

To be nominated for the office of  
**BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS**  
**Grand Examiner at Large**

At the 2016 Grand Chapter Session in Tyler



### Subordinate Chapter Service

- 1991 – Initiated into Nash Chapter #320
- Farmers Branch Chapter #687
- 2002 – Dual with Farmers Branch Chapter #687
- 2002 – 2003 Adah
- 2003 – 2004 Marshal
- 2004 – 2005 Associate Conductress
- 2005 – Dual with Lewisville Chapter #935
- 2005 – 2006 Conductress
- 2006 – 2007 Associate Matron

[Redacted]

- 2009 – 2010 Chaplain
- 2011 – 2012 Electa
- 2012 – 2013 Ruth
- 2013 – 2014 Ruth

[Redacted]

2015 – 2016 Associate Matron

[Redacted]

### Lewisville Chapter #935

- 2005 – 2006 Marshal
- 2006 – 2007 Conductress
- 2007 – 2008 Associate Matron
- 2008 – 2009 Worthy Matron

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- 2010 – 2011 Secretary
- 2011 – 2012 Secretary
- 2012 – 2013 Secretary
- 2013 – 2014 Secretary
- 2014 – 2015 Secretary
- 2015 to Present – Secretary

### Grand Chapter Service

- 2007 – 2008 Angels on Assignment
- 2008 – 2009 Deputy Grand Matron D1 S5
- 2009 – 2010 Humanitarian Chairman D1
- 2010 – 2011 District Deputy Grand Matron D1
- 2011 – 2012 Faith in our Future, District 1 Chairman
- 2012 – 2013 Time and Talent
- 2013 – 2014 Sentimental Journey General Chairman
- 2014 – 2015 Grand Representative of Washington
- 2015 – 2016 Time and Talent

### Other Fraternal Service

- President – District 1 Section 5 Line Officers
- President – District 1 Section 5 PM/PP
- Secretary – District 1 PM/PP Association

### Education

- Coppell High School
- B.A. Human Resources Development
- Our Lady of the Lake University
- Certified Payroll Professional
- Certified Benefits and Compensation Professional
- Certified Human Resources Generalist

### Employment History

- 1992 – 2002 – Snelling & Snelling, HR Manager
- 2002 – 2007 – Prime Art & Jewel, HR Director
- 2007 – 2011 – National Product, HR & Benefits Director
- 2007 – 2015 – Texas Education Agency, HR Director
- 2015 to Present – Encore Enterprises, Senior Director of HR and Compensation



## James R. Parker

Past Patron  
Gilmer Chapter No. 355

*To be nominated for:*

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DISTRICT 1**

*At the 2016 Grand Chapter Session in Tyler, Texas*



#### **Subordinate Chapter Service**

2007	Initiated, Gilmer Chapter No.355
2012-2013	Associate Patron
2013-2014	Worthy Patron
2014-2015	Worthy Patron

#### **Grand Chapter Service**

2013-2014	Guiding Star, Assistant Grand Sentinel
2014-2015	Home of the Brave, Assistant Grand Sentinel
2015-2016	Grand Page to the Associate Grand Patron

#### **Fraternal Service**

2012-Present	District 1, Section 10 Line Officers Association
2014-Present	District 1, Past Matrons & Past Patron's Association
1999-Present	Master Mason
1999-2008	Tomball Masonic Lodge No.1096
1999-Present	North Houston Chapter No.472 R.A.M. Houston Council No.387 R.&S.M. Melrose Commandery No.109 Knights Templar
2000-Present	Tranquility Lodge No. 2000 Endowed Charter Member
2008-Present	Bethesda Masonic Lodge No.142 Gilmer, Texas – Endowed Member

#### **Education**

1974	Graduate, Gilmer High School
1978	B.B.A. in Accounting East Texas State University



#### **Certifications**

1982	C.P.A. Certified Public Accountant
2012	C.G.M.A. Chartered Global Management Accountant
2012	Bettie VFD, Certified Firefighter I

#### **Employment History**

1978	City of Greenville, Texas – Accountant
1979	BB Watkins CPA's – Accountant
1980-1982	Robert R. Sims, CPA – C.P.A.
1983-1985	Bentley and Associates, P.C. – C.P.A.
1985-2005	Bentley and Associates, P.C. – Partner
1985-Present	Bentley and Associates, P.C. – Director
2005-2013	INROCK – Chief Financial Officer*
2005-Present	INROCK – Director*

\*INROCK Drilling Systems, Inc.,  
INROCK Acquisitions, Inc.,  
INROCK LTD, Canada,  
INROCK LTD, United Kingdom

#### **Professional Associations**

1983-Present	TSCPA, Texas State Board of Public Accountancy
1993-1997	TSCPA Treasury Committee Chair
1993-1999	TSCPA Member Various Committees
1997-1998	TSCPA Finance Committee Chair
1998-2005	TSCPA Investments Committee Chair
1983-Present	AICPA, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
1990-1993	AICPA, Employee Benefits Taxation Committee
1994-1996	American Heart Association, NW Harris County Division, Board of Directors & Treasurer
2010-Present	Union Hill ISD – Board Trustee
2010-2012	Union Hill ISD – Board Vice-President
2012-Present	Union Hill ISD – Board President

## Phyllis Wilson

Past Matron and Endowed Member  
Travis Chapter No. 472

To be nominated for:  
**Board of Directors, District 5**



### Subordinate Chapter Service

May 1966	Initiated into Travis Chapter No. 472
1975-1976	Adah
1983-1984	Chaplain
1984-1985	Associate Conductress
1985-1986	Conductress
1986-1987	Association Matron
1987-1988	Worthy Matron
2005-2006	Adah
2006-2007	Chaplain
2007-2008	Martha
2008-2009	Ruth
2009-2010	Martha
2013-2014	Associate Conductress
2014-2015	Conductress
2015-2016	Associate Matron
2016-2017	Worthy Matron

### Grand Chapter Service

1989	Assistant Grand Warder
1989-1990	Spring Fling
1993-1994	Music
1997-1998	Visitation
1999-2000	Chairman, Registration Committee
2001-2002	OES Home Endowment Chairman
2003-2004	Karing for Kids
2004-2005	Proficiency
2005-2006	Wreath of Thorns – Caring for the Elderly
2007-2008	Trust & Obey – Endowed Membership Stamp
2008-2009	Grand Page to Grand Adah
2012-2013	Deputy Grand Matron, District 5, Section 6
2013-2014	Credentials
2015-2016	Executive Committee, Co-Chairman

### General Grand Chapter

1995-1996	Cancer Committee
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### Education

Lanier High School, Austin  
Austin Community College  
Governor's Management Development Program

### Employment

27 years State of Texas

- Texas Highway Department
  - Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
  - Texas Department of State Health Services
  - Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- Investors Diversified Services  
Texas Society of Architects  
Texas Association of Broadcasters

### Fraternal Service

Travis Chapter's Friendship TSG Club -  
Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President, and President  
District 5, Section 6 PM & PP - Member  
Past Worthy Advisor, Austin Assembly No. 5,  
Order of the Rainbow for Girls

### Qualifications

I have twenty-seven years of experience with the State of Texas working with Executive Directors, Deputy Executive Commissioners, and Chief Counsel on budgeting, human resources, legal documents and contracts. Also have experience in planning and executing board meetings and conventions. I am self-motivated with attention to detail.



## Candidates for Re-Election to the Board of Grand Examiners, 2016-2017



**Phyllis Macon  
District One**



**Susan Dormady  
District Two**



**Donna Noe  
District Three**



**Terri Rozell  
District Four**



**Joan Miller  
District Five**

***WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S  
SPECIAL COMMITTEES***

***AND***

***GRAND CHAPTER  
APPOINTMENTS  
2015 - 2016***

***Appointments***

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2015-2016

**American Heroes (Patriotic):** The Patriotic committee will support the ROEVER FOUNDATION OPERATION WARRIOR RECONNECT. It is located in the Texas Hill Country in close proximity to Fort Hood, Fort Sam Houston, Brooke Army Medical Center, and the Center for the Intrepid. Eagles Summit Ranch Texas was opened in September of 2011. It is their goal to help these heroes find a new life purpose after enduring hardship through their service to our great country. Programs, Educational Efforts, and Facilities are under various Divisions of The Roever Foundation, but are all united to a single focus cause, and that is to RECONNECT WARRIORS and THEIR FAMILIES to a whole and productive life. This committee will have available an "I Support Veterans" Pin for a donation of \$5.00. Also available for \$10.00 will be a Patriotic scarf.

**Campfire Gathering (Heritage Celebration):** Campfire Gathering is a Heritage Celebration that will honor our Founder at Grand Chapter. The Committee will handle Silent Auctions at each Eastern Star School and be in charge of the Campfire Gathering at Grand Chapter. The Committee is asked to request donations for auctions at the Eastern Star Schools. These may be from businesses and individuals. However if donated, all items must sell. Garage Sale items are to be used for another committee. Profits will be used to defray costs for food functions at Grand Chapter. At the event at Grand Chapter, we will have a food function and a band. There will be no head table, and no introductions. Be sure not to miss this fun filled event! The Committee will have available a Texas Necklace in gold or silver for \$ 10.00 and also the two tone Pashmina Horse Design Scarves for \$10.00.

**Campfire Stories:** This Committee will assist in selling a special book of original Cowboy Poetry and Stories written by Frank Knight, our Poet Laureate. Also included are a few selections by our Worthy Grand Patron, Billy Clabaugh. This booklet has taken several years to compile and will be useful to every Chapter. It has many things that can be used as greetings as well as programs.

The Books will available for \$10.00.

**Critter Care (Children's Committee):** The members of this committee will coordinate efforts to collect various Stuffed Animals for local groups such as the Scottish Rite Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, children's wards of Local Hospital and family abuse centers. Many children throughout the state and their siblings are in need a special hug that a children's stuffed animal can bring. The Section members can purchase the horses to take to a local charity. This will be an excellent way to publicize Eastern Star's good works. Enjoy the animals everywhere. If they are purchased and not taken to local charities, they will be donated to the Scottish Rite Hospital. There will be available a brown/tan stuffed western horse for \$10.00. The profit from the Committee will be divided between Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Boys of Texas.

**"Hit the Trail" (Chapter Visitation):** This committee will actively promote visitation between Chapters in their Section. The Visitation Award will serve as an incentive for traveling in their sections. The "Hit the Trail" Horseshoe Chapter Visitation Award has been prepared by the Worthy Grand Patron featuring horseshoes. It will begin traveling with the Deputy Grand Matron and will be taken to each of her Official Visits. At each visit, a count will be taken of the members of other Chapters who are in attendance and recorded. A member cannot count if



in a Chapter in which they can vote. Plural members can count for both Chapters, but again, not in a Chapter in which they can vote. At the last deputy visit, the visitation award will be given to the chapter with the most members present that evening. In case of a tie, it will be awarded to the chapter that traveled the farthest and in case of another tie, then the chapter with the next stated meeting. To be awarded, it must be at a meeting opened in ritualistic form. The Hit the Trail Traveling Award will stop on July 15, 2016 and the chapter with the most recorded number of visits will retain the Award. The Deputy Grand Matron and the Hit the Trail Visitation Member will take the Award to the Chapter and award it. Travel Books will be available at \$6.00 each.

**Improving the Herd (Membership):** This committee will work on increasing and improving our membership. This committee will encourage our members to return as well as inviting potential members. We have members who have fallen through the cracks. Possibly we have lost a member due to hurt feelings. Maybe this member did not feel needed. It is up to each of us to alleviate these feelings and bring our members back to Chapter. Hopefully, the committee will work with the chapters in their section to encourage greater contact with the members who are not coming to chapter as well as praising those who are active members. This Committee will have available a two tone Pashmina Horse Design Scarves for \$10.00.

**Marking Time (Calendar Committee):** The Calendar Committee will have pocket calendars available covering the 2015-2016 Grand Chapter year and encourage members to “Hitch their Wagon to A Star” and travel. The Calendar which can be carried in a pocket or a purse will provide the members with information including dates for the Eastern Star Schools, Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron, Roundups, Chapter Anniversaries and other pertinent dates of the activities of Grand Chapter. The calendars will be available for a donation of \$5.00.

**Donation Pins:** This year, as in years past, when the Grand Chapter appointments are mailed out they will include an opportunity for the members to donate to our Grand Chapter. They may donate in lieu of a dress or just make a donation. This year there will be a three different color Texas pins with horseshoes available for \$75. \$50 and \$25 donations.

**Proficiency Committee:** The Committee will encourage the formation of study classes to help prepare for the Proficiency Examinations at each Eastern Star School. These Committee Members will also assist the Grand Examiner during the Eastern Star Schools and assist in distributing the proficiency stickers to those who earn their proficiency certificates.

**Lighting the Trail (Dementia/Alzheimer’s Disease):** Alzheimer’s disease is the single largest unaddressed public health threat facing our nation. More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s today, with someone developing the disease every 68 seconds. In Texas alone, 340,000 individuals who are age 65 or older have the disease which ravages brilliant minds. This Committee is very personal to your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Many of our members and their families have suffered from Dementia issues. Funds are badly needed for research in these fields. Mrs. Frances Key Herrin, Worthy Grand Matron 1970-1971 suffered from Dementia. Your Worthy Grand Matron was a “Key Charm” serving Schertz Chapter 1970-1971. Your Worthy Grand Matrons Husband and Mother suffered from these dreaded diseases. Grandparents of both the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron experienced dementia issues. The Chairman of this Committee, Mrs. Susie Broughton’s Mother also lived with this disease for many years. The committee will raise funds through

the sale of LED Candles which symbols the light in one's mind that can go out. The Candles will be available at \$10.00 each.

**Serenading the Herd (Music Committee):** The Serenading the Herd Committee will have the sheet music written for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron March available. 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 817. The Worthy Grand Patron's March "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. Music will be available at \$5.00 per copy.

**Time and Talent Committee:** This committee will use their time and talents to plan and present parties for all those residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The Committee members will ask chapters and members in their area to assist in the parties with planning and preparing of the decorations, refreshments, program and any gifts needed for the parties. In addition to these parties, they will encourage the membership of the chapters to do for the chapter shut – INS and local care facilities in their home areas. Hopefully, every section will have a party for the residents of their area during this Grand Chapter year. What a wonderful way to share our love with others! The Committee will encourage Chapters to participate in the TMRC Family Day event. Chapters are allowed to get a booth to sell their homemade items, or food or drink items as approved and coordinated through TMRC.

**Endowed Membership Stamp Committee:** The Committee will inform the membership of the benefits of an Endowed Membership and to recognize those who already have endowed memberships. The Committee Members will explain the purpose of the Endowed Membership program and how the membership can obtain the stamps and books. They should encourage the members to purchase the stamps for themselves, as gifts to members, as gifts for visitors who present programs, or a membership in memory of a deceased member. Chapter Secretaries can obtain stamps and stamp booklets for members and have on hand. The stamps can be acquired for a donation of \$10.00 each and placed in an Endowed Membership booklet. After fifty (50) stamps have been collected the member may redeem the book for an Endowed Membership Certificate. After the Endowed Membership Certificate has been issued, the member' Chapter will receive the interest income forever. An Endowed Membership Pin is available through the Grand Secretary's office.

**Gatekeepers: (Assistant Grand Warders & Assistant Grand Sentinels):** The Trailblazers and Mavericks (Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2015-2016) will be serving on this Committee. They will be serving as Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels for the Grand Chapter Session to be held in 2016 in Tyler, Texas. During the year the Gatekeepers will serve as a Publicity committee announcing their chapter's good works, meetings, installations and fund raisers in the Official Bulletin and in their local advertising media.

**Grand Historian Committee:** The Grand Historian Committee will help to remind us of the dedication, love and hard work that went into building this Grand Jurisdiction as well as the Subordinate Chapters in Texas. This committee will encourage the membership to purchase the Historical Highlights, a loose leaf notebook with a page of information in chronological order concerning the History of our Order in the State of Texas.

**Hummingbird Wranglers: (General Grand Chapter Projects):** In November of 2014 at the 47th Session of General Grand Chapter in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania Mrs. Helen Westmoreland, Past Grand Matron of Florida and Mr. Robert C. Penoyer, Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania will be installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter. This Committee will work with the General Grand Chapter Appointees in selling items or assist in performing tasks assigned to the General Grand Chapter Committee Member. At the request of the General Grand Chapter Officer or Committee Member, tables may be set up at the Eastern Star Schools to share their programs and items with the membership. This committee will also support our elected General Grand Chapter Officer, Brother Henry Martin as he will serve in the 2015-2018 Triennial as Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

**Pioneers:** Pioneers Committee - We have many members who have blazed the trail before us, who worked many years during difficult times. These fine members deserve recognition for their many years of dedicated service. This Committee honors their Service. We would hope that our Trailblazers and Mavericks would choose to honor these members in some special way and perhaps ask them to share their memories at the chapter meetings.

**Pony Express (Bulletin Committee):** The Bulletin Committee will encourage renewal of subscriptions as well as new subscriptions to the Official Grand Chapter Bulletin. The Bulletin is the most detailed source of information available to our membership. It is our only official written publication. Committee members should bring copies of the bulletin as they visit chapters. They should announce that they have subscription forms for those who are not current subscribers or their subscriptions have expired. Our Office Staff is striving to mail our Bulletins in a timely manner. We want to grow our Bulletin and to do this, we must make the Bulletin something our members look forward to receiving each month. Each Chapter is encouraged to submit articles for the Bulletin. They will appear in a special column called "Chapter Roundup". They should be no longer than two paragraphs. Your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron feel very strongly that our heritage must be preserved. You cannot plan the future without a good understanding of the past! It is important that our Grand Chapter Office have a complete set of bulletins. The date of the First Bulletin we have in the office was published in 1949. However, bulletins were published as early as 1940 or possibly before as your Worthy Grand Matron has several copies published in 1940. We are asking that each member inquire of our members about copies of old bulletins. Please note, we do not need any copies after 1949. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have had printed, small stickers stating "I Subscribe" which is a gift.

**Ritualistic Excellence:** This Committee will operate the Ritualistic Excellence at the Eastern Star Schools. Each member is encouraged to compete, not against any other member, but to strive for perfection in our Ritualistic work within ourselves.

Stars will be given to those members who participate in reciting part of our Ritual work such as:

- Two Prayers – Opening, Closing, Initiation, Installation or Funeral
- A Star Point Lecture
- Associate Patron's Initiatory Lecture – Long form
- Worthy Matron's Funeral Lectures
- Installing Officer Closing Remarks

**Roping in the Masons (Masonic Relations Committee):** The members of this committee

are some of our beloved brothers who have given service to our Order and the Masonic Fraternity. Since they understand the joys of both fraternal organizations, they will be encouraged to carry Eastern Star Petitions with them at all times and make them available to all Masons and their families. They should encourage their Masonic Brothers and the families to become members. The Committee will encourage activities between the two bodies.

**Tending the Herd:** The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are requesting that a member of this committee attend each Chapter in Texas, and inform them that the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are asking each Chapter to have an event that should not cost the Chapter any money! Have a Garage Sale, and clean out your un-used items. If the Chapters will cooperate and have a good sale, possibly Grand Chapter will not be forced to raise the PerCapita. Many of our Chapters are on the very edge of closing. The more Chapters who demise or consolidate, the less base Grand Chapter has to work with. Yet, expenses in Grand Chapter continue to rise. Let's work together as a team on this special project!

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**THURSDAY MID-MORNING, INFORMAL OPENING**  
**Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star**  
**134th Grand Chapter of Texas**  
**Harvey Convention Center, Tyler, Texas**  
**“Ride for the Brand -All Trails Lead to Tyler”**  
**September 1, 2016**

**10:45 AM Musical Prelude**

**Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry, Past Grand Matron  
and Mrs. Carolyn Black, Humanitarian, Dist. 4**

**Master Ceremonies**

**Mr. Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron**

**Assisting Grand Marshal**

**Mrs. Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron**

**11:00 AM**

**MC Lee Stallings:** Good Morning Sisters and Brothers and guests of the Order of the Eastern Star. Haven't you enjoyed the beautiful music that we have heard this morning? (Applause) It was provided by our own District Four Humanitarian Chairman, Carolyn Black. Her music added to the beauty and this western theme today in the Grand Chapter room. Again thank you Sister Carolyn for the beautiful music. There is a saying that "All Roads Lead to Rome" but this week "All Trails Lead to Tyler". And we welcome to the "Ride for the Brand" 134th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you for being with us as we come together for our annual Grand Chapter Session. Thank you also Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron along with the Trailblazers and Mavericks for your dedicated service this past year as you "Rode for the Brand of Eastern Star." As you lead this Grand Chapter Session this week, may God guide and direct your actions as He has guided you on all the trails over Texas this year. Thank you. (Applause)

At this time, it is my pleasure to introduce our Assisting Grand Marshal for today, a lovely Trailmaster from Amarillo, Past Grand Matron, Sister Betty Benham. Please show her how much we appreciate her. (Applause) We are delighted to have those who have traveled the Star Trail around the country to Tyler today. We will now have the Processional of Distinguished Members and Guests. Would you give your attention as they are presented;

Sisters and Brothers, at this time I do need to ask a question, is Sister Rennie Ofton or Brother John Groebler in the room? Alright and again I want to apologize a little bit for the late start because we were waiting for them because they are first in the processional.

Since they are not here, Assisting Grand Marshal will you will present the Elected and Appointed Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East. Sisters and Brothers, we're going to back up at this minute. Assisting Grand Marshal will you escort the Past Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Elected and Appointed Floor Officers to the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal you will present the General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members. (Applause)

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

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

**PGM Betty Benham:** Thank you and Past Grand Patron we have the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Wyoming that just got here and we also have the Most Worthy Grand Matron of New Jersey that we'd like to present at this time.

**MC Lee Stallings:** Alright, you will present them. (Applause)

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

Assisting Grand Marshal you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas in the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal you will present the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas in the East along with the Past Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge Officers (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal you will present the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and other Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in the East. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal you will present the Adult Leaders of the Fraternal Youth Groups to the East. (Applause) Thank you Assisting Grand Marshal, Sister Betty, for a beautiful job. Now I heard your applause but I don't think that's worthy of the job that she did. Let's let her know how much we appreciate her. (Applause)

**PGP Lee Stallings:** At this time, we will have the introductions of the Board Members and the Installed Grand Officers. Sisters and Brothers, over the past year there are those who have traveled the trails of service in our Grand Chapter. It is my pleasure to introduce to you the Board of Grand Examiners. These Elected members strive to serve the membership as you study the Ritual work of our Order.

- Mrs. Phyllis Macon, District 1 .....Escorted by Mr. Carroll Macon
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- Mrs. Donna Noe, District 3 .....Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith
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- Mrs. Joan Miller, District 5 .....Escorted by Mr. Terry Miller
- Mrs. Laura Sharp, Grand Examiner At-Large .....Escorted by Mr. Richard Sharp

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Sisters and Brothers, now it is my pleasure to present Texas own Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent:

Taking us to far-away places through her reports of the Grand Chapter and other Grand Jurisdictions is our:

Fraternal Correspondent — Mrs. Iris Lowe, escorted by Mr. Paul Lowe

Our Grand Officers of 2015-2016 have travelled the Trails of Service observing the signs of integrity, dignity, compassion, wisdom, faith, loyalty and love along the way. We are delighted that their trails have led them safely to Tyler today.

Your Installed Grand Officers:

We depend upon this gentleman for our protection and security against interruption, Grand Sentinel, Mr. Paul C. Zappe, III, escorted by Mrs. Doris “Dee” Davis

Laboring always for peace and harmony of our Chapters is our Grand Warder, Mrs. Gail Fuller escorted by Mr. Clarence Thomason

Through her fervency and zeal, this lady is a witness of truth and love, our Grand Electa, Dr. Linda J. Puckett escorted by Mr. John Puckett

Portraying her Christian convictions and a hope of immortal life is our Grand Martha, Mrs. Pat Turner escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock

Through her queenly virtue and devotion and loyalty to family and friends, she has found much favor among her people, Grand Esther, Mrs. Jane Clabaugh escorted by Mr. Charles Foster

Reflecting the responsibility of obedience, we have reaped the harvest of her labor and her constant friendship our Grand Ruth, Mrs. Jean Harrison escorted by Mr. Dallas Alford

Always faithful to the demands of right and duty, she too has displayed heroic conduct in devotion to our Order our Grand Adah, Mrs. Cathy Eidson escorted by Mr. Boyd Kramer

This lady has left lasting impression with melodies to remember, our Grand Organist, Mrs. Jackie Stogner escorted by Mr. Terry Stogner

Marching forth with courtesy and purpose, she brings honor to her station our Grand Marshal, Mrs. Linda Roy escorted by Mr. Trey Smith

Through faith in the divine creator, he is a doer of His word, our Grand Chaplain, Mr. Burley Jones escorted by Mrs. Doris Jones

Looking happily toward a delightful journey and blossoming with service is the apple of our eye our Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Carolyn Martin escorted by Mr. Henry Martin

With beauty and grace inspiring her journey, the clock is ticking on our Grand Conductress, Mrs. Melissa Hudman escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman

One who is always faithful to her trust in the financial interest of our Order is our Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Lorrie Owens escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens

Much is entrusted to the duties of the office as she steps forward to serve as our Interim Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell escorted by Mr. David Dibrell

Preparing to meet the challenges of tomorrow and make them a reality our Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Tom Murphy.

Planning her year ahead inspired by the Heavenly Father our Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer escorted by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer

Serving with love and respect of our membership our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Billy Clabaugh escorted by Mrs. Tonya Foster

Sisters and Brothers I want to back up for just one minute. Our program was wrong. The escort for Mr. Tom Murphy, he was escorted by Mrs. Nancy Reynolds. My apologies.

Now, living the Code of the West always as she served the membership with an open mind and a loving heart she has brought much to our Order this year. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jerre Lucas escorted by Mr. Raul Garcia

My hope for each of you is that this "Ride for the Brand" Session will be a memory commemorating the love and devotion you have given to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Let us greet all of them with a big Texas Welcome.

Sisters and Brothers we're going to do one of those backups again. We are now pleased that our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton has now arrived. They are going to bring her to the East and as they do please stand and let's give her a Texas welcome. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, did you see that Redbird fly up that ramp?

**MC Lee Stallings:** Our Special Guests have been welcomed and presented to the East. In order that our Grand Chapter Room may be complete, we will have the presentations of those

items, which are very dear to each of us in our daily lives. All of these items will be brought to our Altar by special friends of the Worthy Grand Matron. The Altar is the center of our Grand Chapter room and plays an important part in our Order. It represents the place that we took the solemn vows that unite us as Sisters and Brothers in the Order of the Eastern Star and a place that we gain wisdom and strength.

Central to our lives and to this Grand Chapter Room is the Altar on which the Holy Bible through which we receive inspiration from His word. The Bible being used this week was a gift to our Worthy Grand Matron from Sisters Patricia Falteseck and Iris Lowe and it is presented by the Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, Ms. Diane Davidson, escorted by Brother Tommy Griffin, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas. (Three raps) (One rap)

After reading our Bible, we may pause to reflect on the word of God. Many times our tasks direct our attention elsewhere; therefore, we use a marker to assist us to return to the passages of the word of God who directs that we follow His Star in the East. This Bible Marker was lovingly made by and is being presented by dear friend, Mrs. Georgia Faye Jennings - Grand Representative of Colorado in Texas who is escorted by Brother David Dibrell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The Square and Compasses being used were a gift to the Worthy Grand Matron from Sister Jean Harrison and Brownfield Chapter No. 785. To honor the ties that bind our two Fraternities together, the Square and Compasses are presented by Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Brother Donny Broughton who is escorted by the Worthy Grand Matron's dear friend, Mrs. Georgia Campbell.

**MC Lee Stallings:** Our flags embody the symbols of heartaches, joys, triumphs as every flag has it meaning and is a symbol of love, religion, family, dedication, patriotism and freedom — all of which are the foundation on which our fraternal families are based. (Three Raps)

Sisters and Brothers, please remain standing through the flag presentation and the opening prayer.

Presenting Old Glory with its Stars and Stripes, our United States Flag is Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron.

Presenting Our Northern Neighbor's Flag, the Canadian Flag is Mr. Terry Littlepage.

Presenting the emblem of the bright Lone Star State, the Texas flag is Mr. Jerry Trees Ambassador to Mexico, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Presenting the Wyoming flag in honor of our two states joining together in service is Mr. David Dibrell, member of the Youth Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas who is also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Presenting our Christian flag, the constant reminder of the guiding force in our lives is Mr. Jack Guy, a member of the Service Dogs Committee, of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Presenting our Masonic Flag in honor of our brother fraternity is Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas who is also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Presenting our Eastern Star Flag symbolizing the Star we follow is Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Chairman of the First Responders of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Gentleman, please post your Flags in the East.

**PGP Lee Stallings:** At this time I ask that Sister Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron of Texas to bring our Invocation.

**PGM Nancy Brown:** Sisters and Brothers please pray with me. Our heavenly Father we come today thanking you so much for the many blessings that you bestow upon us daily. We thank you, Father, for this wonderful Organization that you've given us. One that is based upon your word. One that also teaches us Patriotism. Father we come now asking your blessings to be upon the leaders of our Organization as they guide us through this Session. Father, we just humbly pray that every decision that is made will be one with which our Order will benefit. We ask Your special blessings upon our Nation at this time, Father. Such a critical time in our Nation's history. We just pray that Your will will be done in everything that takes place. Father lead us and guide us. Thank you again for your watchful care. In Your holy name we pray. Amen (Amen)

**MC Lee Stallings:** (One Rap) Today, marks the beginning of the 134th Session of the Grand Chapter and the conclusion of this year of service. Brother Nelson Campbell will bring a special dedication of the Session from our Worthy Grand Matron.

**PGP Nelson Campbell:** From our WGM ... This Ride for the Brand 134th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas is dedicated to the membership of Texas who throughout her many years in Eastern Star who has given her unconditional love and support. Many friends across the State have enriched her life in so many ways. Jerre says "The happiness in my heart is due in no small measure to these bright stars in my life. May each of you continue to be a bright star for others. Along Life's Trails my friends have traveled with me. I've carried your smiles, your hearts of gold to fill my heart and make the trail lighter." Thank you. (Applause)

**PGP Lee Stallings:** There are two ladies among us, who I am sure, are breathing a big sigh of relief that today has finally arrived. I am pleased to present Sister Jane Hudson and Sister Phyllis Wilson, Executive Committee Co-Chairmen for 2015-2016 of the Grand Chapter of Texas who will bring the Welcome to this, the 134th Session.

**Mrs. Jane Hudson:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, our Sisters and Brothers. Welcome to Tyler and the 134th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Phyllis and I started down this trail over two years ago and we cannot tell you how excited we are that this day has finally arrived and that you are here to share it with us. The Executive and Arrangements Committees have worked hard to prepare for your arrival and we certainly hope that you enjoy all that has been planned. Borrowing a page from Past Grand Patron David Dibrell, we know that this will be the best Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas this year. (Laughter)



**Sister Phyllis Wilson:** I too would like to say welcome on behalf of the Executive and Arrangements Committees. For many months now our Committees have planned and prepared for this Grand Chapter. It was a work of love for our membership and we hope that you will be pleased with its outcome. Tyler is a beautiful city and we sincerely hope that you will be able to take time from your busy schedules to see some of the wonderful sites that they have to offer. At this time, Jane and I would like to ask the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to join us.

**Sister Jane Hudson:** Worthy Grand Matron

**Sister Phyllis Wilson:** and Worthy Grand Patron

**Sister Jane Hudson:** On behalf of the Executive Committee it is our privilege to present each of you with a Texas flag that was flown over our State Capitol in your honor. (Applause)

**PGP Lee Stallings:** At this time, it is my pleasure to present The Honorable Mr. Martin Heines, Mayor of Tyler for his welcome to Tyler.

**Mr. Martin Heines:** Good afternoon and welcome to Tyler, Texas. Thank you very much for being here. It is an honor for us to host you in our community. I'll tell you a little bit about our town. Not too much history but really about the future and where we are today. We have a population of about 110,000 people now. When you're driving around Tyler, you're going to feel a much larger area and I'll tell you why. We have 25,000 jobs in the medical industry in our town. We now have 20,000 college students. The University of Texas at Tyler, probably 5, 6, 7, 8 years ago had like 2,500 kids there. We now have 9,500 kids enrolled at UT Tyler and they have plans to be 15,000 and they will reach that goal within the next 5-7 years. And they have recently purchased 150 acres next to their campus which will double the size of UT Tyler. And of course we have Tyler Jr. College that has 10,000 students and traditionally has been one of the largest Jr. College's in the country and we have Texas College as well. Our treed area is about 700,000 people. We have seen a lot of growth and many of you may have noticed you are located in south Tyler, your hotel rooms. We have the largest retail center being developed in the state of Texas right now. It's a 700,000 square foot center called the Cumberland Village. I must tell you that when they told me that they were going to come to Tyler and build it, I did not believe it would happen. But they have done it and it is very occupied right now. So our treed area is around that 700,000 people because of all the counties around us that are coming daily to take care of their health needs, their educational needs, their shopping needs. And then I want to brag about my town and then I want to ask you why you don't live here. (Laughter) But let me brag about something else. We have the lowest tax rate of any city above 15,000 in population in this state of Texas. We currently are at .22 cent rate. We're going to be at .23 cents. Most cities in Texas above 15,000 are in the .50 to .75 cent range and we do that because we pay for all our infrastructure, all our infrastructure in cash. We have something we call a ½ cent sales tax fund where we take about 14-15 million dollars a year and that's how we do our streets and our parks. So we have no General Obligation debt. So we are a very well run city. We are very proud of how we do our Municipal Government and how we really try to be different than the Federal Government. That's really our goal. By the way, when they lost the AAA tax rating, we got the AAA tax rating in the city of Tyler. Just saying. And also, if you have not been, I know you probably have a list of things to do in the community but as many of y'all know because you're from Texas, Tyler is really

different than the rest of the country in the state during the depression in the 30's. Where we had an East Texas oil field that was founded in Kilgore. A lot of the finance in the oil and gas Executives were really located here in Tyler. So if you like older houses, go down to our Azalea District. We have about a hundred houses and buildings that are listed as Landmark status in our community because during that depression there was money from the oil industry so there was a lot of nice old houses that were built during those years. And you're welcome to check our website for the City of Tyler. It will have the different Landmark areas if you want to enjoy that. Then also, please come back during our Azalea Trail which is in the spring and then the Rose Festival. The Rose Festival really we turned it into a three-week event series in the fall. And you are welcome in our town anytime. It's so beautiful. We have trees. If you're from West Texas, we have trees here. (Laughter) And it's really beautiful and you really want to move here I'll even give you my cell phone number. You can call me and we'll get that arranged for you. But anyway, welcome very much to our community. We are also working on a new Convention Center, Hotel project in the south part of town. We have a yearlong study that we are doing for this center and the property we own around it. And we look forward to doing some great things as we move forward to the future of Tyler, Texas. Again, thank you so much for selecting Tyler and again I hope your stay is pleasant. Here I'll give you my cell phone. If it's not pleasant, you call me and we'll make it pleasant. Thank you very much for being here. (Applause)

**MC Lee Stallings:** I'm also pleased to present Mrs. Susan Travis, Vice-President of Tourism and Service for the Tyler Convention and Visitors Bureau. We are ready for your remarks.

**Ms. Susan Travis:** Thank you so much. Hi, I'm Susan Travis with "Visit Tyler". We've now changed our name to "Visit Tyler" instead of Tyler Convention and Visitors Bureau. I want to say welcome to Tyler, Texas. We are so happy to have y'all here. This is such a huge group of people and we love hosting big groups in Tyler. So thank y'all so much for coming and for choosing our city. And we are the Rose Capitol of the nation. I don't know if Mayor Heines mentioned that. I may say some things that he said too. I hope I don't duplicate what he said too much but we are the Rose Capitol of the nation. We have the largest municipal Rose Garden in the nation. And it's just across the street so I hope while you're here, if you have some free time, it doesn't sound like y'all are going to have much free time, but if you do, I hope you'll take the opportunity to check out the Rose Garden. Unfortunately, the roses don't really bloom this time of year. You know they don't like the extreme heat and they will start cutting them back about this time. So that by the middle of October when we have our Rose Festival they will be in full bloom. I invite you to come back during the Rose Festival. That's an awesome time to be here. As Mayor Heines said actually the entire month of October is what we call rose season and we have a lot of great events that happen during that time of the year. We also have a lot of wonderful attractions and museums that I invite you to go to if you have time. One of my favorites is our 1859 Goodman-LaGrand home and museum. This home was built in 1859 as it says and it sits on the north end of town, just north of downtown Tyler, the downtown square and it's a beautiful home and has been turned into a museum. It was bequeathed to the city by the last Goodman heir. And she asked that it be left open as a museum. Almost everything in there is original to the home and it's just a beautiful place to go and hear the history, some of the history of the home in Tyler and how that home came to be. But also, across the street at the Rose Garden Center, where the Rose Garden is, we also have the Rose Garden Museum and gift shop. So if you want to buy some little Tyler rose, things that have Tyler roses on them, trinkets, souvenirs from Tyler, the gift shop over there is a

great place to do that. The museum tells the whole history of the rose industry and the Rose Festival in Tyler, Texas. And you know this has been going on now for 83 years so it's been a long time. Lot of history there so I hope you get a chance to go see that. And it's a very nominal fee to get in. The Rose Garden of course is free and is open from dawn to dusk every day. If you love to shop, which you ladies I'm sure, love to shop, right? We have a lot of great shopping in Tyler. Mayor Heines mentioned the Village at Cumberland Park our newest retail shopping center just south of town. There's a lot of great stores there, lot of shops so you don't need to go...if you live in Tyler or visit Tyler very often, we have a lot of stores that you can only find in the larger cities so we are very happy to have that now. We have a lot of unique boutique stores as well all over Tyler. So if you are looking for something special, we've got it. I promise you. So I hope you get a chance to go do some shopping in our city. And I know you all love to eat. I'm not saying that...but I know I love to eat, okay. And when I visit a new city I love to try out their local restaurants. We have a lot of great local restaurants and one of my favorites and one of many, many peoples' favorites is Stanley's BBQ. And it's right across from the Mother Francis Hospital so it's not very far from here. Their food is amazing. They've won many awards. They've been featured in Texas Monthly magazine many times. And their ribs are the best. So I hope you get a chance to go and one of my favorite sandwiches that they have there, and I know y'all are going to laugh when I tell you but it's called "The Mother Clucker". It's a very good sandwich. I have to eat it with a fork and a knife because it's just impossible to pick up it's so big. Anyway, I hope you get a chance to try that out. They do have live music every night so it's a great, fun place to go. Definitely very local. Has been in Tyler for many, many, many years and it's one of our staples here that we are very proud of. The information about all of these things that I've mentioned is available at our information table here that we've set up. Our activity guide, our Tyler activity guide has all of our attractions, museums and just fun things to do. If you like to zip-line, I know that sounds crazy but we have several zip-line places here close to Tyler. There are a lot of fun things to do. A lot of things to keep you busy. So if you don't get a chance to check those things out while you are here, I hope you come back. I know most of you are from Texas so I hope you'll come back. Just come visit us for a weekend or bring your Convention back to Tyler. We would love to host you again in Tyler. By the time y'all come back the next time, hopefully we'll have bigger and better accommodations for you. So thank you again so much for being here. If you have any questions or problems or issues, I invite you to call us at "Visit Tyler". I'm sure Shari has left her number and I forgot to mention that I'm standing in for Shari Lee. Shari has worked very closely with your Committee in helping to bring your group here, unfortunately she had a death in her family and she was unable to be here today so she asked me to stand in for her. But we would love for y'all to call us and please let us know if you have any good or bad feedback. We want to hear all of it because we can't fix it if we don't know it's broken. Thank you again so much. We're happy to have y'all here in Tyler, Texas. (Applause)

**MC Lee Stallings:** We honor our youth, our future for a brighter tomorrow. Through the ritual work, charity projects, and fun activities, these youth groups give their members the ability to build self-confidence, discover and enhance their talents and develop leadership skills. Sisters and Brothers we must unite in promoting the best interest for our youth as they will join our ranks one day. I invite Larry Tucker, State Dad of Texas DeMolay to bring greetings at this time.

**Mr. Larry Tucker:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters

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and Brothers. It is my privilege to represent Brother Michael L. Sampson, Executive Officer in Texas DeMolay. Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for your support and your presence at our State Conclave in July in Waco. We recognize that the success of our youth rest with the adult leadership provided by the Masons and Eastern Stars of Texas. We ask that you please consider offering your services as an Advisor to a Texas DeMolay Chapter or Rainbow Assembly. Our State Master Councilor is unable to be present as he is attending class this morning and will be here later this afternoon. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron we offer you our best wishes for a successful business Session. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Lee Stallings:** I invite Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and a Member of the House of Gold, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls to address this assembly.

**Mrs. Marlene Dibrell:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. On behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, I appreciate this opportunity to thank you our Eastern Star members, our Masons, our active members of Rainbow, every member of the Adult Leadership Teams, every supportive parent and grandparent, our majority members who are friends of Rainbow, for Rainbow to succeed, everyone must take an active role in making Rainbow a great place to be. A place where our Girls, today's Girls, become tomorrow's leaders. You are the support team for Rainbow in Texas and I appreciate this opportunity to express gratitude. This year through the leadership of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we have been "Riding for the Brand". It has been emphasized to us the "Code of the West". Particularly, noting that this is our guide book for everyday lives. We've been shown that we should live each day with courage, take pride in our work, do what needs to be done, be responsible, that honesty is absolute and many other high values and attributes of right living. I believe that our Rainbow Girls brought "Pride for the Brand" every day because in Rainbow, our goals include helping each girl become the very best person she can be and we do teach what matters most. The lessons of our teachings combined with leadership, confidence, citizenship, this is "Riding for the Brand". This is "Riding for the Values" held within Eastern Star and Masonic influence and teachings. As we in Eastern Star "Ride for the Brand" we become role models in our influence helps guide the steps of our Girls to ensure a bright future for each of them. And subsequently in the process we are providing for the future growth of our Fraternal family. Our Girls upon reaching the age of eighteen aspire to the next step and that is becoming members of the Order of the Eastern Star. We often say in Rainbow that we are helping our Girls become the very best persons they can be. I believe that with the support of our Fraternal family that their best can be growing even better. Dale Carnegie once said that "no person becomes rich unless he enriches the lives of others". And it is the sponsorship and support of our Eastern Star family that enables our beautiful Organization to enrich the lives of Girls all over Texas. So thank you, each member for being a model to our young ladies. For "Riding for the Brand". For supporting our members individually and our Assemblies. Thank you for the power of your love and for your teachings, our teachings as we continue to "Ride for the Eastern Star Brand" of Fraternal values and influence. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we wish for you a very successful and loving days and opportunities of friendship and fellowship as you conduct the business of this "134th Grand Chapter Session" and thank you for this opportunity to bring sincere appreciation of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Lee Stallings:** At this time, I invite Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls to address this assembly.

**Mrs. JoAnn Weaver:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East and my Sisters and Brothers. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the honor of bringing greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for girls and all the young ladies in the Assembly in this great state of Texas. Your presence and the attendance of many of your Grand Officers at our 2016 Grand Assembly Session in Waco was especially noted and appreciated by our Grand Officers, members and our Adult Sponsors. Knowing of your demanding schedule it was an honor to have you with us. Thank you for your support and encouragement that has been shown to the girls of this Grand Assembly during your Grand Chapter year. To all members of this Grand Chapter we thank you for your friendship, your service to our Order. Many of you work with our Assemblies as diligently as you work with your Chapters. Your love for our Girls are shown in many ways and I know that you have confidence in these young ladies and believe what they will bring to our future of this Organization. Our young ladies are blessed to be a part of this Fraternal Organization and to have you as an extended family. As you begin your "134th Session of Grand Chapter", our wish is that it will be most successful and fruitful for years to come. May the "Ride for the Brand" Session be an opportunity to strengthen all friendships so that we will be strong and dedicated to our Organization. Thank you for honoring Rainbow by your invitation to be here today and to bring our Fraternal greetings. It is my honor and pleasure that I invite the Grand Worthy Advisor of the 2016-2017 Rainbow year to bring greetings on behalf of the Texas Rainbow Girls. (Applause)

**Ms. Becky Simon:** Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Billy Clabaugh, Distinguished East and friends. Good morning! My name is Becky Simon and I have the pleasure of serving as Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Texas for the 2016-2017 Rainbow year. On behalf of Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, I am pleased to bring greetings to this Grand Chapter Session. I applaud all of you for "Riding for the Brand" this year of the Order of the Eastern Star. The members of Rainbow this year are going out into the world and showing everyone "the Greatest Sisterhood on Earth." Rainbow is the best youth Organization for Girls between the ages of eleven and twenty. This wonderful Organization has given me confidence and understanding that service to others is one of the most important things that we need in our lives. I have made friendships that will last a lifetime and memories that I will never forget. One of our main goals this year is to increase our membership by 200 new girls. I encourage all of you to stop by our Rainbow booth and pick up more information about Rainbow for your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors and friends. At our Rainbow booth, our Rainbow booth is located in the Vendors area. You will also find some cute and cuddly Circus animals. If you purchase or donate money, it will go towards my two charity projects; the Shriner Burn Hospital for Children and the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Both of these hospitals treat children no matter their ability to pay. These two hospitals give these children with unfortunate circumstances the opportunity to a more normal childhood. Also at the booth you will find some of my Circus pins for sale as well. I would like to invite all of you to the "Greatest Sisterhood on Earth; Big Top Grand Assembly" Session in Waco, Texas. I know all the Girls in Texas would be excited to see all the members of our Masonic family at our Grand Assembly Session. Best wishes for Mrs. Mosmeyer and Mr. Murphy on your journeys this next year. Thank you once again for giving me the opportunity to greet this Grand Chapter Session.

Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Lee Stallings:** Worthy Grand Matron I invite you to make your remarks.

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**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Thank you Lee Stallings our Master of Ceremonies. The Worthy Grand Patron and I were pleased to be attend Grand Assembly Session in Rainbow in Waco as Emily Cumming completed her term and Becky Simon started hers. How thankful we are for these talented young ladies and their leadership in Rainbow. Together with the adult leaders they have given much to others while enriching the lives of our Rainbow Girls. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. What an honor and a privilege to attend your Grand Assembly and I am very impressed by the young ladies as well as their adult leadership. Thank you for your work in enriching the lives of others.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Ms. Becky Simon, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, I am so pleased to present you a check to the Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Thank you all for being here and for your sweet words. Thank you. (Applause) Mr. Larry Tucker, our State Dad. What you didn't know is that I've been intimately involved with both of these Organizations for many, many years. On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, I'm so pleased to present a check to DeMolay from the Grand Chapter of Texas and thank you for being here and thank you for all that you are doing to assist our young men. Thank you. (Applause)

**PGP Lee Stallings:** It is indeed my privilege to present the Honorable Wendell P. Miller, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. Most Worshipful, we await your greetings.

**MWGM Wendell Miller:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers – Current and Past, Grand Lodge Officers Current and Past, and my Brothers and Sisters all. I indeed thank you for having the pleasure of stepping up here and saying a few things to you. They talked about “Riding for the Brand” today and I think we all need to “Ride for the Brand” of the Organizations that we belong to. Whether it's the Rainbow, whether it's DeMolay, whether it's Eastern Star or whether it's the Masonic Lodge. One of the things that I normally do when I'm given the opportunity to say a few things to someone is to honor a group of people that we don't honor enough. Would all the veterans in here please stand? (Applause) While they are still standing would the First Responders please join them. (Applause) Have a seat Brothers. I always like to do that because we don't give credit to the Brothers and Sisters that have defended our country and give us the freedom to meet such as we are today without fear and oppression. For that we are deeply in debt to you and I don't know that we can ever pay you back. So thank you. We have several unique Organizations in this family. We talked a little bit about them. They have all come up and said a few words. The most important thing that I think we need to keep in mind is that we try to teach moral values to everyone and we are living in a society today that we certainly need to do that every chance we get. One of the things that I've said about the Masonic Fraternity, we've stayed hidden in plain sight for too long. The Eastern Star may be the same way. Do we have secrets? nah, probably not. Do we have things that we don't talk to the general public about? We do. As any Fraternity or Sorority does. But I encourage you to sell your product and just do as the Grand Matron has suggested

that you do is Ride and promote your Brand and you will see us grow and prosper. Thank you for allowing us to be here and we certainly thank the ladies for allowing us to do the things that we do in the Masonic Lodges. Because if you didn't let us, we couldn't do it. (Laughter) Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Lee Stallings:** Worthy Grand Matron, I know that you want to respond to the Worthy Grand Master.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. It is a pleasure Brother Wendell to bid you a most cordial and friendly welcome. The members of the Order of the Eastern Star consider it a privilege to hold membership in an Order which has the same ideals and practices, the same principles as ours. We hold our Masonic Brothers in high esteem and we pray that our Fraternal good will continue for many years to come. I thank you for your counsel during the year and look forward to attending your Session of Grand Lodge in Waco in January.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Thank you Brother Wendell, it was an honor to be at your Installation in December and I look forward to the coming to Grand Lodge in January. (Applause)

**MC Lee Stallings:** On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Associate Grand Conductress, excuse me, our Associate Grand Matron, she wouldn't want to do that again I don't think, will express our appreciation to the City of Tyler for their gracious welcome and to the Fraternal Organizations for their participation.

**AGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Good morning and thank you Brother Lee. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers all. On behalf of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in the great state of Texas, and in response to the warm Welcomes previously given, I would like to express our appreciation for all the hard work, planning and dedication that has been done to Welcome us and to make our Grand Chapter Session comfortable and convenient. Your planning and execution of the plan is now enjoyed by us all and we do so much appreciate everything that you have done. The continued support we receive on behalf of the Masons of Texas, Rainbow and DeMolay is always appreciated and those groups are held in the highest esteem by the all of the members of Texas Eastern Star and we look forward to being with you and working with you this week. We are looking forward to a successful and productive 134th Session as we "Ride for the Brand" this week. Again, thank you for your welcomes. (Applause)

**MC Lee Stallings:** Sisters, Brothers and Friends, please know that we appreciate your presence with us here today at our informal opening. We thank you so for sharing this time with us. As we are about to prepare for the business of this Grand Chapter, we would request that all those who are not members of the Order of Eastern Star will retire. At this time the Arrangements Committee will prepare the room for the Grand Officers "Texas Brand Drill":

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, may I have your attention please. We have three of our members who have lost their credentials. Due to our law, I am so sorry we cannot re-issue credentials. Please look around and see if you have William Gross, Fred Quenzer, Jr., or Janie Quenzer's credentials. And please turn them in to the credentials people outside. We cannot and will not re-issue credentials. I am so sorry but we do have to follow our law. But I think our Sisters and Brothers will look around and see if they have picked them up some-

where. So please check all of your belongings and if you have these credentials, let the Credentials Department know. Thank you so much. I'm sorry for the interruption.

**(End of the Informal Opening)**



**THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FORMAL OPENING**  
**Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star**  
**134th Grand Chapter of Texas**  
**Harvey Convention Center, Tyler, Texas**  
**“Ride for the Brand -All Trails Lead to Tyler”**  
**September 1, 2016**

**MC Lee Stallings:** Sisters and Brothers, if you will take your seat we are about to begin. Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to present Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron to call this Thursday afternoon “All Trails Lead to Tyler” Session to Order. (Applause)

**PMWGM Rennie Ofton:** Thank you, Brother Lee Stallings. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patrons and Dedicated Membership all. Hi y’all! Welcome to the “134th Grand Chapter of Texas” with a great big “Ride for the Brand” Session, Yahoo! It is a special privilege to preside at this time with our distinguished General Grand Chapter Leader in Texas, Brother Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. This time just 5 years ago, he was my life-line in General Grand Chapter and I will be forever grateful for every effort he put forth for Texas and me. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your records in the annual of our Grand Chapter are almost finished and we thank you for the efforts each of you has put in the 2015-2016 Historical pages. Brother Henry, will you bring your message at this time?

**RWAGP Henry Martin:** Thank you Sister Rennie and thank you Brother Lee Stallings, our Master of Ceremonies. It is certainly my pleasure to be asked to call this “Ride for the Brand, All Trails Lead to Tyler” Grand Chapter Session to order and it is a special honor to join with our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton. Sister Rennie, we have had many special moments working together in the past and this will certainly be remembered with the best of those. I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jerre Lucas and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Billy Clabaugh, for allowing me this special privilege. The two of you have led our Grand Chapter of Texas through a successful and a productive year and I know that each member appreciates the two of you for your dedication and commitment.

**PMWGM Rennie Ofton:** Thank you Brother Henry. We are very proud of you and we pledge our support in your future service in General Grand Chapter with our Special Friend, Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Wyoming.

It is my pleasure at this time to introduce Sister Vi Griffin who will bring a special “Code of West” thought. Sister Vi.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you Sister Rennie. The best laid plans of “mice and men.” Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this special privilege to present this “Code of the West” Thought for the Day. Before the American West was settled and barbed wire closed off the range, the influences were simple. The Cowboy represented the best of America with courage, optimism and plain hard work — simple basic values that lie at the heart of the cowboy way. The unwritten rules for the Cowboy way of life are known as the “Code of

the West” and today we reflect on the first two ..... Live Each Day with Courage and Take pride in your work. These are mottos for our Grand Officers and for us today and every day. As we come together to celebrate the work of the past year, and to honor the accomplishments of the past year with pride, we continue to live by the “Code of the West”. So, saddle up and let’s “Ride for the Brand”. Thank you.

**PMWGM Rennie Ofton:** Thank you Sister Vi for reminding us of the “Code of the West” and its importance in the Cowboy’s and our Eastern Star lives. Now, we’re gonna have a little special entertainment. I invite the Grand Officers and their Pages to present the “Texas Brand Drill” under the direction of Sister Linda Roy, Grand Marshal, with the assistance of Sister Rosie Berry so Sister Jackie Stogner could be in the drill.

**(THE TEXAS BRAND DRILL)**

(Applause)

**RWGP Henry Martin:** Sisters and Brothers, they just made a Branding Iron. Sisters and Brothers, let’s thank Sister Rosemary Berry our Past Grand Matron of Texas for this beautiful music. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, Texas, for several years, has enjoyed and taken pride in a Precision Drill that was created by and has been under the direction of our Past Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt. Brother Bill when you are ready, will you and your men enter?

**(PRECISION DRILL)**

(Applause)

**RWGP Henry Martin:** Now wasn’t that special? You know why we take pride in that drill in Texas. Thank you Brother Bill and all the men that participated.

**PMWGM Rennie Ofton:** I now invite the Installed Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

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

**PMWGM Rennie Ofton:** It is my pleasure to introduce you to Sister Jerre S. Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron And Brother Billy Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron. Please join with me in according them Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

**PMWGM Rennie Ofton:** Worthy Grand Matron thank you for the honor of representing our District Five and I extend all of the best wishes from our members as I call this “134th Session of our Grand Chapter” open. I present you with your gavel. Go kid! (Laughter)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I had no doubts in selecting you to open this “Ride for the Brand – All Trails Lead to Tyler” Session; I appreciate the great service you have given and are giving to Eastern Star worldwide and every courtesy you have extended to me personally throughout the years.

Henry, I thank you and Opal for your special friendship. We have shared many happy events through the years.

Brother Lee, thank you for the capable job you have done in getting us on the right trail by overseeing the preliminaries of this session. And to those assisting with music today, Sister Rosemary and Sister Carolyn, you both have added so much with your music today and given us that western feeling. Sister Vi, your Code of the West thought surely set the tone for our session. So, I guess it time to start the ride! Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I don't have that in my book. Sorry.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** The Installed Grand Officers, you will take your respective stations and prepare for the duties of this Grand Chapter. (One rap)

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Okay, to those opening our Session I say thank you for your willingness to help and your dedication to our Order. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Our law requires that we fill our vacancies. I understand that Karen Gregory of the By-Laws Committee is not able to attend Grand Chapter due to the illness of her mother. I appoint Mrs. Anita Durden to the By-Laws Committee. They used to call it the Telegraph Committee, I don't think we've had a Telegraph for many years, but to the Telephone and Email Committee I appoint Mrs. Alma Lynn Bain and Dr. Effie Mae Davis to let those Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who are not with us, to let them know that we missed them. Also, Mrs. Nancy Story is unable to be at Grand Chapter. I'm appointing Linda Rowland to serve in her place on Credentials. I call on Sister Mary Calvert, Chairman of the Credentials Committee for a partial report so that we may determine that we have a quorum to open this Grand Chapter as per our law. Mary.

**Mrs. Mary Calvert:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Chapter Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas and other Jurisdictions, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Installed Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of Texas. My Sisters and Brothers I'd like to submit the following partial report. The Grand Chapter of Texas currently has 309 Chapters. There are 254 Chapter Representatives registered at this time of which 211 have picked up their Credentials. In order to have a quorum, we needed 78 Chapter Representatives. Worthy Grand Matron we have a quorum with 211 Credentials picked up.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you, Mary for this partial report. At this time, we will hold our Ritualistic Opening of our Session.

### (Ritualist Opening)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Please join us in singing our Opening Ode, Our Grand Choir Director will lead us in Texas Our Texas.

### TEXAS, OUR TEXAS

Texas, our Texas! All hail the mighty state.  
 Texas, our Texas! So wonderful so great.  
 Boldest and grandest,  
 Withstanding ev'ry test.  
 O Empire wide and glorious,  
 You stand supremely blest.  
 God Bless you, Texas.  
 And keep you brave and strong.  
 That you may grow in power and worth,  
 Thro'out the ages long.

I now declare this "Ride for the Brand, All Trails Lead to Tyler" 134th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas duly open for the transaction of business. (One rap) Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Grand Marshal, you will present the flag of our country in the East.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** You will join the Worthy Grand Matron and me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

#### (Pledge of Allegiance)

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** You will join Sister Susie Rogers, Grand Soloist who will lead us in the National Anthem.

### 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.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Brother Paul Lowe, our Grand Soloist will now lead us in the singing of "O'Canada"

### 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.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. (One rap) Well we got through that one. I invite our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron to please stand. I'll give each of you a big guess on what's fixing to happen. (Laughter) Introductions. (Laughter)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron in the East and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron at the altar.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas and Brother John E. Groebler, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Washington, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. Sister Rennie is already here. (Three raps)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie, and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John, we are so pleased you are here. Sister Rennie, you and I have known each other for many years, and the membership of Texas knows of your lifetime dedication to our Order. Brother John, you have visited our Session many times and we truly consider you a Texan and a friend. I am humbled to be consider both of you friends and honored to have you at this Session, and look forward to sharing the experience of our Grand Chapter session with you. Thank you each for being here. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Groebler, I am honored to welcome you to our Grand Chapter of Texas. I hope you both reached all the goals you set. Thank you for your presence today.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past 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)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure to introduce these Elected General Grand Chapter Officers. Marianne Shenefeld, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming and Brother Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** To the Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter, I wish you a hearty welcome to Texas. Your dedication to our Order can only be surpassed by the friendships you have built along the way. We appreciate your efforts to ensure a strong and vibrant Order, and we wish for you an enjoyable and memorable visit to Texas. Brother Henry, we extend to you a special welcome, and would remind you that we feel you have brought honor to Texas

Grand Chapter.

*Bluebonnets and Paintbrushes and scissor-tailed birds,  
Sunsets and newborn calves runnin' in herds.  
These are some things bringing joy every day,  
For folks livin' down Texas way.  
Your visit is like that - bringing joy and good cheer.  
We thank you for coming - we're glad you are here.*

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** To the Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter, welcome to Tyler, Texas and our Grand Chapter. Thank you for all you do for our Order. Brother Henry, I hope you know what you mean to us here in Texas. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East. (Three raps of Gavel) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, the Elective Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter will be seated in the East. (One rap)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Appointive Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar. (None)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Ambassadors and General Grand Chapter Committee Members, and Deputies who are Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons at the Altar. Our Grand Choir Director is going to lead us in a song while they are getting lined up.

**Grand Choir Director:** Why don't you turn over to page 57. I think that one is "Deep in the Heart of Texas" and I think we know that one, don't we? Better get your hands ready because we need to clap some on this one too.

**("Deep in the Heart of Texas")**

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Wow! Worthy Grand Matron, I have the high honor to introduce these Ambassadors and General Grand Chapter Committee Members:

Sister Jayne Yenger, Ambassador to Germany and a PGM of Texas

Brother Jerry F. Trees, Ambassador to Mexico and a PGP of Texas

Dr. Charles Wm. Bane, Ambassador to Romania, PGP of DC and  
Grand Representative of Sao Paulo in DC

Patricia Harwood, 1st Vice President, Int'l Grand Representative Association and a  
PGM of WY

Alma Lynn Bane, By-Laws Chairman, PGM of Texas and  
Grand Representative of Italy in DC

John "Wayne" Harrist, Credentials, and a PGP of LA

Bonnie Varnell, Credentials, and a PGM of NM

Bess Caldwell, Eastern Star Journal and a PGM of Texas

Trey Smith, excuse me, Walter E. "Trey" Smith, ESTARL and a PGP of Texas

Linn McNary, Heart Committee, Chairman, and PGM of LA

Lee Stallings, Jurisprudence, Chairman, and a PGP of Texas

Mavis Payne, Membership and a PGM of AR

Joyce Gilbert, Necrology, and a PGM of Texas

Vicki Wood, Public Relations and a PGM of WY

Mary Ruth White, Regenerative Medicine, and a PGM of Texas

David Wilcox, Scottish Rite Charites, and a PGP of CO

Ira Payne, Service Dogs, and a PGP of AR

Jack Guy, Service Dogs, and a PGP of Texas

K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Support for 1st Responders, Chairman, and a PGP of Texas

Joy Beth Williams, Support for 1st Responders, and a PGM of LA

David Dibrell, Youth Committee and a PGP of TX, Order of the Eastern Star and  
Past Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers Welcome to Texas, and thank you for all you have done for our Order. We hope you enjoy this Grand Chapter Session, and that you also enjoy your stay in our beautiful state. May you go home with fond memories and new friendships. Thank you for coming to share your time with us.

*We love to see your grand smile,  
And spend time with you for a while.  
We're honored to be in your company,  
So we welcome you in grand style!*

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members I Welcome you to our Grand Chapter. Thank you for all that you do.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Ambassadors General Grand Chapter Committee Members to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is my pleasure to present the General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I believe they're going to be seated in the Grand Chapter room. (Laughter) (One rap)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will

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present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters:

Diane Capel, Most Worthy Grand Matron of NJ  
Hazel Robinson, OK  
Alice Willey, WY

Brothers:

Gerald Houston, LA  
Mike Christie, OK  
Harry W. C. Oberg, III, WY  
Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. I am truly honored to have a number of my coworkers here today. You know best what your support means to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for sharing your experiences with me. I cherish your friendship. The Code of the West is about transparency, humility, honesty, courage, loyalty and hard work. It's about being on the outside what we are on the inside. It's about admitting to our mistakes and shortcomings. I see these traits in each of you. Welcome to Texas! Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** We are honored with your presence. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to be here with us in Tyler, Texas. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters 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, it is my pleasure to present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors (Grand Honors given). Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions will be seated in the Grand Chapter room. (One rap)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions at the Altar.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters:

Sherie Gustafson, CA  
Genie Wilcox, CO and Supreme Deputy in CO, International Order of Rainbow for Girls  
Barbara L. Harrington, CO  
Janet Shook, LA  
Terrie Castay, Grand Secretary Emeritus, LA



Pamela Gill, Grand Secretary, LA  
Delores Waldo, MI  
Bettie Bywater, NV  
Betty Robertson, NM  
Pamela Paterson, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory and Grand  
Representative of Texas in Australia  
Margaret Hull, OK  
Margie McConnell, OK  
Paula Merryman, WY  
Julie Birrer, WY  
Janel Couture, WY

And these Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions:

Bill Rhyan, AZ  
Donald Hull, CA  
Willis G. Grundvig, CO  
Carl Larson, CT  
Oscar Abshire, LA  
Denzel "Denny" Perry, MT  
Alan Paterson, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory  
William "Bill" Barnes, OK  
Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers I wish to thank you for sharing this time with us today and during our Session.

Together we make a team,  
Working the Cowboy Code theme.  
We'll ride for the Brand  
And welcome our Grands  
You're living the Eastern Star dream.

Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to greet the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Sisters and Brothers, thank you for being here with us in Tyler, Texas. Thank you for all you do for OES.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions will be seated in the cool Chapter room. (One rap)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas at the Altar.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas.

Sisters:

Betty Benham  
 Rosemary S. Berry  
 Yvonne Brownfield  
 Betty Y. Friend  
 Naomi Wolfe  
 Jimmie Lee McMahon  
 Doris Hester  
 Karen Morgenthaler  
 Nancy Brown  
 Joyce Nicklas  
 Vi Griffin  
 Cheryl Albrecht

And Brothers:

Duane L. "Buddy" Baker  
 Ed Warner  
 Jerry Martin, Jerry Martin is also Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of TX, AF & AM  
 Nelson Campbell  
 John Creel  
 Ray Hertenberger  
 Bill Wyatt  
 Bill Crews  
 And George Gwaltney,  
 Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** It is with a sense of deep gratitude that I welcome you, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to your own Grand Chapter Session. The Code of the West is not just for Cowboys. It's about being true to our word and keeping our promises. It's about keeping on keeping on! Each of you have exemplified the traits of the true Western Cowboy. Many of you have taught me Cowboy Ethics without even knowing it. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas.

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers thank you for being here. You have been so kind and encouraging to me this year. I look forward to becoming a rookie in your ranks, also in the Wonderful World of Was.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Past Grand Matrons and the Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present our own 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, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas will be seated in the Grand Chapter room. (One rap)

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the

Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Texas, AF and AM at the Altar.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, AF and AM: Right Worshipful Wendell P. Miller.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** It is with a sense of deep gratitude that I welcome you, Grand Master Wendell Miller. I thank you for being so very gracious each time I have requested help. The Code of the West is about knowing where to draw the line and knowing that some things are not for sale. Thank you for being a Mason's Mason. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Grand Master of Texas

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** We are honored with your presence, welcome to our Grand Chapter Session. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Master to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, AF and AM. Join me in according our Grand Master with a hearty Texas welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, the Grand Master will be seated in the Grand Chapter room. (One rap)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Texas in back of Esther's Station.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Right Worshipful Donny Broughton and a Grand Representative of Grand Lodge of Texas and Thomas Griffin, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Brothers, welcome to the "Ride for the Brand" Session. We are honored by your presence today. Most of all my male relatives were all Masons, of which I am very proud. The Code of the West is far from a Fairy Tale. It defines our heritage. It's all about being loyal to ourselves and to our families. I thank each of you for your special friendship. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Past Grand Masters of Texas.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Right Worshipful Sirs, we are honored with your presence and we welcome you here today.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Past Grand Masters in the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Texas, AF and AM. Please join me in giving these fine gentlemen a hearty welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, our Past Grand Masters will be seated in the Grand Chapter room.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Texas in back of Esther's Station.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Installed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Texas:

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Brothers, welcome to the “Ride for the Brand” Session. The Code of the West never has been, and never will be, followed by everyone. In the same way, that there could be no good if there were no bad. If all people conducted themselves in an ethical, honest, and moral manner, there would be no need for a formal Code of Ethics. Thank you for following your own personal Code of Ethics. Welcome. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Right Worshipful Sirs, thank you for being here. We are honored with you being here. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Lodge Officers to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Texas, AF and AM. Please join me in giving them a hearty welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther’s Station.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters:

Rayna Yarberry, Grand Ruth of AR  
 Sara Quinby, Associate Grand Matron of DE  
 Virginia Crockett, Grand Conductress of DE  
 Doris Kammerer, Grand Marshal of KS  
 Marilyn Abshire, Grand Conductress of LA  
 Donna Harrist, Associate Grand Conductress of LA  
 Janice Daniel, Grand Electa of LA  
 Brother Reed Holmes, Grand Sentinel of LA  
 Sister Lynette McVey, Grand Organist of MS  
 Brother William “Bill” Most, Associate Grand Patron of OK  
 Sister Lana Jameson, Grand Conductress of OK  
 Pamala Chesser, Grand Lecturer of OK  
 Debbie Kitchell, Grand Marshal of OK  
 Donna Champion, Grand Ruth of UT  
 And Brother Clark Christensen, Grand Sentinel of OK  
 Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, welcome to Texas. The Code of the West is alive within each of us. It’s about doing what needs to be done even though we may be scared to do it. It’s about embracing hard work and taking pride in everything that we do. Thank you for all you are doing in your Grand Jurisdiction. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Sisters and Brothers, I hope you enjoy your visit to our Texas Grand Chapter. Thank you for spending time with us. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Installed Grand Officers to the East. Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in giving them a hearty Texas welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in back of Esther's Station.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce this Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the MWGM in Mexico and Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters Phyllis Macon, Hummingbirds, Chairman; Delores Woods, Hummingbirds, LA; and Robert "Bob" Royall, Jr, Eagle. Also Brother Bob is a member of the Board of Directors, District 4. Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, your service to our Order and the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron are greatly appreciated. Thank you for being with us today. The "Code of the West" defines our heritage. As we uphold our country's traditions and honor the ethical code established by our families who risked everything to settle the American West. Thank you for all you are doing for our General Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Sisters and Brothers, welcome to our Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you for coming. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and the Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter. Please join me in giving them a hearty welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in Grand Chapter room.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** One of the greater joys befalling a Worthy Grand Matron is that of making recommendations to another Grand Jurisdiction for a Grand Representative Commission. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Brother Terry Littlepage and Sister Diane Davidson in back of Esther's Station. (Applause)

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, as requested it is my pleasure to present Brother Terry Littlepage and Sister Diane Davidson.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Brother Terry Littlepage, a special, special friend that I have known Terry and his family for many, many years. Sister Diane Davidson, I think I'll have to write you a letter. The brains of this Worthy Grand Matron, I can tell you her brain is just like a computer

and she remembers it and she can find it. I would never have wanted to walk this way without Diane Davidson. Diane, I'm so very pleased to present you with a Grand Representative Commission to Manitoba in Texas. Brother Terry Littlepage, I hope you will invite me. I'm presenting you with a Grand Representative Commission to Italy. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these two special ones in the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, what a joy it is to read the Commissions.

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of Italy, Order of the Eastern Star of 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, confirms by the appointment, reception of the Grand Representative from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapter to the other. Therefore, be known that as evidence of trust and confidence we hereby present, constitute and appoint Mr. Terry Littlepage, Grand Representative of Italy in Texas.

Sister Monette, where are you? I already gave her the pin. And a like Commission to Manitoba to Diane Davidson who will be pinned by Ann Kelly. Now y'all can line up and be introduced. Do y'all want to talk. (Diane did not)

**Brother Terry Littlepage:** This is unbelievable and I thank you so very much and I'll do my best to represent Texas in a Texas fashion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Good, you always do. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, now these two will be lined up with the others. Thank you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions at the altar.

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

Sisters, Jerry Broaker, Texas in CA  
 Valerie Grundvig, Texas in CO  
 Donna M. Larson, Texas in CT  
 Prestina Crockett, Texas in DE  
 Brother Lawrence "Larry" King, Texas in FL  
 Dr. Gary H. Leazer, Texas in GA  
 Brother Terry Shearer, Texas in IL  
 Sister Patricia Pracht, Texas in Indiana  
 Brother Ron Kammerer, Texas in KS  
 Sister Marilyn Brown, Texas in MA  
 Brother Roger Waldo, Texas in MI  
 Sister Donna Perry, Texas in MT  
 Sister Patricia Ledger, Texas in NJ  
 Brother Chester Pierce, Texas in NY  
 Sister Jennifer Marshall, Texas in Ontario  
 Brother David Keyt, Texas in Utah  
 Sister Hazel E. Smoyer, Texas in VA

Sister Judy Savage, Texas in WA  
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**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, your service to our Order and your Grand Jurisdiction is recognized by your appointment as the representative of your Jurisdiction to Texas. We are very pleased to welcome you to the Lone Star State and extend a fraternal welcome to each of you.

A Grand Representative is a special breed.  
New places and friends are guaranteed.  
We extend to you warm greetings from the Lone Star State,  
We hope your year will be truly great!

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Sister and Brothers welcome to Texas and to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Your smiles are infectious, keep smiling. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Members to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in extending our Grand Represents of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions with the Grand Honors (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** 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 Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions:

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, Your Sisters and Brothers in Texas welcome you to our Session and we want your visit with us to be a memorable one. On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, I bid you welcome. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, may I tell you who they are?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I'm sorry. Please do.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Sisters:  
Phyllis Roby, VT in DE  
Joy Carter, SC in LA  
Danneda Perkins, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island in LA  
Linda Frazier, PA in LA  
Barbara Turner, VA in LA

Wanda Hosmer, Saskatchewan in NM  
 Bev Marshall, NV in Ontario  
 Mary Dill, AR in TN  
 Linda Hulme, CA in WY  
 Shannon Horton, OR in WY  
 Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Now Worthy Grand Patron. I invite you to greet the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Sisters, Howdy! Welcome to Texas and our Grand Chapter. Thank you for coming.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representatives to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions. (Three raps) Please join me in extending them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room. Thank y'all so much for being here. (One rap)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas at the Altar.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas and I'm praying they are still in order, Worthy Grand Matron. (Laughter)

Sisters Ann George, AL  
 Annette Clark, Alberta  
 Christel Fisher, AZ and MS in NM  
 Donna Cate, AR  
 Cathy Sammons, British Columbia  
 Sandra Perdue, CA  
 Georgia Fae Jennings, CO  
 Brother Frank Knight, DE  
 Sister Lou Carmichael, DC  
 Brother John Berry, GA  
 Sisters Tava Smith, ID  
 Gerry Sturtz, IN  
 Brothers William "Bill" Prague, IA  
 Terry Littlepage, Italy  
 Sisters Maxine Nance, KS  
 Marceline Crenshaw, KY  
 Sylvia Garcia, LA  
 Debora Boldin, ME  
 Diane Davidson, Manitoba  
 Jane Pyle, MA  
 Barbara Reynolds, MN



Terisa Heinzman, MD  
 Brother Darrell Albrecht, MO  
 Sisters Elaine Batchelor, NV  
 Patricia Edwards, New Brunswick  
 Doris Jones, NJ  
 Tanya Meadows, NM  
 Jeanne Green, NC  
 Patricia Alexander, ND  
 Brothers Herman Flanagan, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
 Terry Miller, OH  
 Sisters Jane Mohon, OK  
 Marsha Talton, Ontario  
 Patti Littlepage-Strey, PA  
 Cheryl Royall, Puerto Rico  
 Regina Garner, Quebec  
 Loretta Booth, Saskatchewan  
 Ann Kelley, Scotland  
 Charlotte Soape, TN  
 Marita Adamson Lewis, UT  
 Brother Charles "Chuck" Ross, VA  
 Sister Marsha Putnam, WA  
 Brother Butch Hanna, WV  
 Sister Ruby Langley, WI  
 Brother William "Bill" Markins, WY  
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**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Good job. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, each of You were chosen to represent us in other Jurisdictions and carry with you in your travels our fraternal greetings to our Sisters and Brothers across our Nation and around the world. Rejoice in your service for life holds much for you.

As you travel all over this marvelous land,  
 Sharing Lone Star pride with each shake of a hand,  
 We know you represent our Grand Chapter well.  
 We look forward to hearing the stories you'll tell!

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Sisters and Brothers, your smiling faces have carry a message everywhere you go. Keep smiling! Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** (Three raps) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representatives to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room. (One rap)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Committee Members and Grand Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther's Station.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Connie Miller, Deputy Grand Lecturer, District 5, AR  
 Doris Kammerer, Special Page to the Grand Marshal, KS  
 Brother Larry McVey, Aide to Grand Organist, MS  
 Sisters Theia Catherine Bailey, Arrangements, OK  
 Christie, Escort to the WGP, OK  
 Mary Jane Dehozier, Escort to the AGP, OK  
 Brother Marvin Kitchell, Escort to Grand Marshal, OK  
 Sisters Mary Ann Phillips, Escort to the Grand Lecturer, OK  
 Sandra Hall Manning, Education and Membership, TN  
 Rynd Barnes, Chairman, Vanatta Trust, OK  
 Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, welcome to Texas. The most important element of a Grand Family are those in to whose hands we entrust the important tasks and projects. It is your hands, your hearts, your efforts, which will accomplish the goals of your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. It is your labor that will complete the projects of your Jurisdiction at the year's end. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Grand Committee Members and Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Sisters and Brothers welcome to Tyler, Texas and thank you for your service. Enjoy your stay. Hot is a way of life here in Texas this time of year. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Committee Members and Grand Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in extending them a Texas welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, our out-of-state guests will be seated in the Grand Chapter room.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations in back of Esther's Station.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations.

Sisters JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas  
 Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and Member of the House of Gold  
 And Brother Larry Tucker, DeMolay Dad of Texas

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brother, each of you are very special to me and to your Organizations in Texas. We welcome you to our 134th Session and we hope that your visit with us will be a beautiful memory.

*Greetings, and Welcomes, and poems galore!  
Are you sure you want to hear just one more?  
Well, this one's for you who'll stay true to the end,  
We thank you for coming, and thanks for being our friend!*

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Youth and Adult Leaders of our Fraternal Youth Organizations.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Welcome, thank you for all that you do for the Youth and we are glad to have you here in Tyler, Texas. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Adult Leaders of our Youth Organizations to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations. Please join me in extending them a cowboy welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these Leaders of our Youth Organizations will be seated in the Grand Chapter room.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Presiding Officers of Other Appendant Bodies in back of Esther's Station.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members of our Appendant Bodies.

Mrs. Richard B. Cotton, Past Supreme Worthy President of the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of Beauceants of the United States and  
John C. Ellington, Grand Commander, Grand Commandary Knights Templar of Texas.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sister and Brother, welcome to this Session of Grand Chapter.

You'll never meet a stranger within the Eastern Star  
You'll always feel at home, no matter where you are.  
Dropping by Grand Chapter was mighty nice of you,  
We sure enjoy your company, and your friendship too!

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Presiding Officers and Past Presiding Officer of All Appendant Bodies.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Welcome! We are honored with your presence. Thank you for coming.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Past Presiding Officer and Current Presiding Officer of All Appendant Bodies. Please join me in extending them a hearty welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these special ones will be seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Ladies, I believe you've completed your hard work. Let's thank these two. (Applause)

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, we welcome each of you to our 134th "Ride for the

Brand Session” of Grand Chapter. You have come to make our Session more special. To our new friends, thank you for taking the time to follow the Trail to Tyler this week, the Executive and Arrangements Committee has worked hard for your coming and we hope you enjoy your stay. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** To all who have worked so hard to make the Session in Tyler this week successful, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my pleasure to present Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron who will bring the Response on behalf of all those who have been introduced today. Sister Marianne, you can have it and I’m going to rest.

**RWAGM Marianne Shenefelt:** Protocol having been established, thank you Worthy Grand Matron Jerre and Worthy Grand Patron Billy for your cordial and gracious words of welcome this afternoon. I do bring you greetings from our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob Penoyer and the General Grand Chapter Family. Best Wishes are extended to you for a truly memorable and enjoyable 134th Annual Session, “Ride for the Brand.” How proud you must be of this wonderful attendance. Congratulations. I would like to thank you for the outstanding hospitality that you have extended to the group of Sisters and Brothers from Wyoming. This is our first group visit and we are enjoying every minute. It’s wonderful to be at your house and we thank the group of Texas members who were at our house in August. We look forward with pleasure to the continued exchange of these wonderful family visits. I want to thank you again for being willing helpers to Wyoming and for sharing my chosen helper, Brother Henry Martin. Brother Henry and I will be installed in Orlando, November 1, 2018 and I am personally inviting all of you to come and help us kick off the 2018-2021 Triennium. We would love to see you there. Worthy Grand Matron Jerre, and Worthy Grand Patron Billy, know that I am quite fond of their Western theme, words and ideas. It makes me think of a story about a teenage ranch hand and his father, neither of whom had had the chance to visit the big city due to living in a remote area of their big ranch. They were amazed by almost everything they saw especially two shiny silver walls that could move apart, then slide back together again. The boy asked, “What is this, Father?” The father, never having seen an elevator responded “Son, I’ve never seen anything like this before in my life. I don’t know what it is.” While the boy and his father were watching with amazement a very large older lady in a wheelchair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled in between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the wall light up in sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number. And then the light and the numbers began to move down in reverse order. Finally, the walls opened again and a gorgeous twenty-four-year old blonde stepped out. The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son “Go get your mother”. (Laughter) My Sisters and Brothers we are not amazed by your wonderful hospitality simple because we know you are masters at making everyone feel very welcome. We plan to share to share this experience with our friends and get them so we can bring them all back to Texas so they can enjoy a great time too. Thank you again for the privilege of bringing the response to your warm welcome to all of your Distinguished guests and all of your members. You have honored the Grand Jurisdiction of Wyoming and me, thank you. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a Lost and Found. Car keys with the great

seal of the United States. So check with Lost and Found on that. And another thing that has just been brought to our attention, that the tickets for the Rob Morris Celebration say that we will start at 7:00. That printing was wrong. It will begin at 6:00 o'clock. Now the good thing about it, we've introduced all afternoon. We will not be introducing nor will we be having speeches this evening. We're going to have good food, good fellowship, at a good time. So we hope to see you there at 6:00 p.m., not 7:00. If you are there at 7:00 you'll probably miss your food.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have a list of things. Peggy Lynn Porta-McGee and a dolphin earring, and Francis Williams dues card, Donna Powell's dues card, Tonya Meadows dues card at Lost and Found.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you, Sister Marianne, we are indeed delighted to have you and all our guests present. You have a long road ahead of you, but we are thrilled that you chose to come to Texas. We are always happy to welcome you to Texas as several of us were so warmly greeted in Wyoming. Thank you so much. If you will bear with us we need to close the Bible and clear the Labyrinth. Sisters and Brothers stay with us so we can have the report from Fraternal Correspondent. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this "Ride for the Brand" — All Trails Lead to Tyler" Session from LABOR to REST and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**Grand Warder:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this "Ride for the Brand – All Trails Lead to Tyler" Session from LABOR to REST, and you will permit no one to enter or leave the Grand Chapter Room.

**Grand Sentinel:** There will be no interruption, Sister Grand Warder

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secure.

**WGM:** It is well, Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. (Three raps)

**(Grand Conductress attends at the Altar)**

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to have a Past Grand Matron from my home District to bring our Benediction. Please bow in prayer as Sister Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron offers our Benediction.

**PGM Doris Hester:** Let us join our Heavenly Father in prayer with bowed heads. Please hold the hands of the Sister and Brother with you. Heavenly Father we praise you with thanksgiving for the safe arrival of our members, visitors and Distinguished Guests. That we may renew friendships and enjoy the fellowship with them. Be with us and bless us in the days ahead as we conduct the business of this Grand Chapter. We are thankful that we have some veterans with us today. Thank you dear Lord for protecting them. Protect our men and women who are still serving to protect this great nation. Be with the present leaders of our nation and those who will be elected to serve. Be with each member that our actions will strengthen our Order. That we may grow to do the work that Dr. Rob Morris had in mind. We pray for the safe arrival of those yet to come and that all have safe travels as they return home. In Jesus

Holy name we pray. Amen (Amen)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, I would ask that you be seated for the report of our Fraternal Correspondent

**Sister Iris Lowe:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. I am very pleased to bring this report to you this afternoon. I have always been intrigued by the Grand Representatives Reports in the Bulletin. I was fascinated by how different Jurisdictions performed the ritualistic work yet we are all united by our modes of recognition. When I started this job last August I knew it would be a very busy year but a very informative one. The 2015-2016 year has been a good year for Texas Grand Representatives. In their travels to their Grand Jurisdictions there were no accidents or problems reported. All of the reports spoke of the warm welcomes they received from their counterparts as well as the membership of the Jurisdictions they represented. This did not surprise me because no matter where we live, we all share the same fraternal bond. I want to thank first, Sister Jerre Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bill Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron for the honor and privilege of this position. I would like to thank Sister Diane Davidson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron for all her most valuable assistance and support and last all those who stepped in at the last minute to help fill in where needed for our drill. Also, as the Fraternal Correspondent, she has the pleasure of sending out letters to the newly commissioned Grand Representatives congratulating them on their appointment. Over the last several months, there were 23 such letters mailed. Not all of the Grand Representatives and counterparts could be with us, however all the flags will be honored. And now our beautiful Grand Marshal, Sister Linda Roy will present the Grand Representatives and their counterparts in the "Riding the OES Trail Around the World" Drill. During the drill you will hear the beautiful music of our Grand Organist, Sister Jackie Stogner.

The flag of Alabama is presented by Mrs. Ann George

The flag of Alberta is presented Mrs. Annette Clark

The flag of Arizona is presented by Ms. Christel Fisher

The flag of Arkansas is presented by Mrs. Donna Cate

The flag of Australia is presented by Ms. Jerre Miller

The flag of Bolivia, South America is presented by Mrs. Shirley Melton

The flag of Sao Paulo, Brazil is presented by Mrs. Pattie Lane, Worthy Matron of Wallace Hughston Chapter #1100

The flag of British Columbia & Yukon, Mrs. Cathy Rose Sammons

The flag of California is presented by Mrs. Sandra Perdue, accompanied by her counterpart, Mr. Jerry Broaker, Grand Representative of Texas in California

The flag of Colorado is presented by Mrs. Georgia Faye Jennings and she is accompanied by Ms. Valerie Grundvig, Grand Representative of Texas in Colorado

The flag of Connecticut is presented by Mrs. Donna Larson, Grand Representative of Texas in Connecticut and Worthy Matron of Spring Chapter #1105

The flag of Delaware is presented by Mr. Frank Knight and he is accompanied by Ms. Prestina Crockett, Grand Representative of Texas in Delaware

The flag of District of Columbia is presented by Mrs. Sherra Cate, DGM, Dist. 2, Sec. 4

The flag of Florida is presented by Mrs. Norma J. Blalack

The flag of Georgia is presented by Mr. John Berry, accompanied by his counterpart, Mr. Gary Lezear, Grand Representative of Texas in Georgia

The flag of Idaho is presented by Mrs. Tava Smith  
 The flag of Illinois is presented by Mr. Terry Shearer, Grand Representative of Texas in Illinois  
 Mrs. Gerry Sturtz is accompanied by Ms. Patty Pracht, Grand Representative of Texas in Indiana who is presenting the flag of Indiana.  
 The flag of Italy is presented by Mr. Terry Littlepage  
 The flag of Iowa is presented by Mr. William Prague  
 Mrs. Maxine Nance is accompanied by Mr. Ron Kammerer, Grand Representative of Texas in Kansas who is presenting the flag of Kansas  
 The flag of Kentucky is presented by Mrs. Marceline Crenshaw  
 The flag of Louisiana is presented by Mrs. Sylvia Garcia  
 The flag of Maine is presented by Mrs. Debora Boldin  
 The flag of Manitoba, Canada is presented by Ms. Diane Davidson  
 The flag of Maryland is presented by Mrs. Terisa Heinzman. She is accompanied by Barbara Clark, Grand Representative of Texas in Maryland  
 Mrs. Jane Pyle is accompanied by Mrs. Marilyn Brown, Grand Representative of Texas in Massachusetts, and Mr. Henry Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron who is presenting the flag of Massachusetts.  
 The flag of Michigan is presented by Mr. Ray Lewis, accompanied by, Mr. Roger Waldo, Grand Representative of Texas in Michigan  
 The flag of Minnesota is presented by Mrs. Barbara L. Reynolds  
 Mrs. Margie Curry is accompanied by Mr. Boyd Kramer, Grand Page to the Grand Sentinel who is presenting the flag of Mississippi  
 The flag of Missouri is presented by Mr. Darrell Albrecht  
 The flag of Montana is presented by Mrs. Jettie Ferrin accompanied by Mrs. Donna Perry Grand Representative of Texas in Montana  
 The flag of Nebraska is presented by Ms. Ande Shoults, DGM, Dist. 1, Section 4  
 The flag of Nevada is presented by Mrs. Elaine Batchelor, Grand Representative of Nevada in Texas  
 The flag of New Brunswick, Canada is presented by Mrs. Pat Edwards  
 The flag of New Hampshire is presented by Mrs. Jean Holland  
 The flag of New Jersey is presented by Mrs. Doris Jones accompanied by Mrs. Patricia Ledger, Grand Representative of Texas in New Jersey  
 The flag of New Mexico is presented by Mrs. Tanya Meadows  
 The flag of New York is presented by Mrs. Lesa Smith, Grand Escort to the PGP of Texas  
 The flag of North Carolina is presented by Mrs. Jeanne Green  
 The flag of North Dakota is presented by Mrs. Pat S. Alexander  
 The flag of Nova Scotia, Canada is presented by Mr. Herman Flanagan  
 The flag of Ohio is presented by Mr. Terry E. Miller  
 The flag of Oklahoma is presented by Mrs. Jane Mohan  
 The flag of Ontario, Canada is presented by Mrs. Jennifer Marshall, Grand Representative of Texas in Ontario and also by our own Representative Marsha Talton who is carrying the flag  
 The flag of Oregon is presented by Mr. Tom Brisco  
 The flag of Pennsylvania is presented by Mrs. Patti Littlepage-Strey  
 The flag of Puerto Rico is presented by Mrs. Cheryl Royall  
 The flag of Quebec is presented by Mrs. Regina Garner  
 The flag of Rhode Island is presented by Mrs. Patricia Faltesek, DGM, Dist. 4, Sec. 10  
 The flag of Saskatchewan is presented by Mrs. Loretta Booth  
 The flag of Scotland is presented by Mrs. Ann Kelly

The flag of South Carolina is presented by Mrs. Jean Hobbs, BOD, District 3  
The flag of South Dakota is presented by Mr. Mike Hall, WP Belton Chapter #589  
The flag of Tennessee is presented by Mrs. Charlotte Soape  
The flag of Utah is presented by Mrs. Marita Lewis and she is accompanied Mr. David Keyts,  
Grand Representative of Texas in Utah  
The flag of Vermont is presented by Mrs. Lillian Arlington, DGM, Dist. 5, Section 6  
The flag of Virginia is presented by Mr. Chuck Ross, accompanied by Mrs. Hazel Smoyer,  
Grand Representative of Texas in Virginia  
The flag of Washington is presented by Mrs. Marsha Putnam, accompanied by Mrs. Judy  
Savage, Grand Representative of Texas in Washington  
The flag of West Virginia is presented by Mr. Butch Hanna  
The flag of Wisconsin is presented by Mrs. Ruby Langley  
The flag of Wyoming is presented by Mr. Bill Markins  
Thank you Grand Representatives. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Good job Iris Lowe, Fraternal Correspondent. We will move for the adoption of the Fraternal Correspondent tomorrow. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers please remember 6:00, Green Acres Baptist Church for our Rob Morris Celebration. Sisters and Brothers, you are dismissed and I hope each of you will join us for our Celebration. Thank you.

**(End of Thursday Session)**



**Friday Morning Session**  
**Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star**  
**134th Grand Chapter of Texas**  
**Harvey Convention Center, Tyler, Texas**  
***"Ride for the Brand - Blazing Trails" Session***  
**September 2, 2016**

**7:30 AM - 8:00 AM Musical Prelude**

**Mrs. Jamie Quenzer,**  
**Arrangements, Membership Assistance**

**8:00 A.M.**

**Assisting Grand Organist, Mrs. Marlene Dibrell,**  
**General Chairman, Serenading the Herd**

**8:00 AM Call to Order**

**Mrs. Jayne Yenger,**  
**Ambassador to Germany, General Grand Chapter**  
**Mr. Trey Smith,**  
**ESTARL, General Grand Chapter**

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** Good Morning everyone. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished members all. It is my happy privilege and high honor along with my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Trey Smith, to welcome you and call this "Blazing Trails" Session of the 134th Grand Chapter to order. Brother Trey, we're together again. I know we have certainly enjoyed the Musical Prelude by Mrs. Jamie Quenzer and our Assisting Grand Organist, Mrs. Marlene Dibrell. Join us in thanking them. (Applause) I want to extend each of you "Howdy y'all" and let you know we are very happy to have you here with us this morning. And I want to especially thank our Worthy Grand Matron for giving this high honor to Brother Trey and myself. Thank you Brother Trey for joining me. This Assembly waits your remarks.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Thank you Sister Jayne, my Worthy Grand Matron. Wow it seems like only yesterday that we were in Waco on the Brazos River for Grand Chapter and here we are together again. I happily join Sister Jayne Yenger in also sharing a "Howdy Do" to each of you and share my sincere hope that your "Ride for the Brand" Session of Grand Chapter will be enjoyed by all of you. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jerre Lucas for allowing me this honor of assisting in opening this Session with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jayne. This Grand Chapter year has been a time of reflection of days gone by, where your handshake was your bond and your word truly meant something. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, your service is greatly appreciated. And my prayer for you both is that you have many "Happy Trails" and many beautiful sunsets. May the final days of your year of service be as rewarding to you as it has been to this Grand Chapter. Thank you both.

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** Thank you Brother Trey. It is with great pleasure that I call this morning Session "Blazing Trails" to order. Led by our wonderful Grand Marshal, the Grand Officers and their Pages will present the Texas Brand Drill. Let's show them how much we look forward to this. (Applause)

**(The Texas Brand Drill, directed by Mrs. Linda Roy, Grand Marshal)**  
**(Applause)**

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**PGM Jayne Yenger:** Sisters and Brothers let's show them one more time how much we enjoyed this presentation. (Applause) We will now have the Precision Drill Directed by Brother Bill Wyatt and accompanied by Sister Marlene Dibrell.

**(Precision Drill Directed by Bill Wyatt)**

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** (Applause) Thank you for that beautiful presentation.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Sisters and Brother let's give them one more round of applause. (Applause) That was just amazing. Thank you so much for that.

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** The Grand Officers will enter the Grand Chapter Room.

**(Entrance of Installed Grand Officers)**

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is with honor that I present Sister Jerre Lucas, our Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Billy Clabaugh, our Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Worthy Grand Matron, I present you your gavel.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the opening of this Grand Chapter. (One rap) Sister Jayne and Brother Trey, our friendship goes back many, many years and what a great joy it was to serve as Grand Conductress during your Golden Links of Love term. I cherish your deep and lasting support and I am grateful for your loyalty this year. Thank you for the continued service you are giving to our Grand Chapter and to General Grand Chapter. Sister Jamie and Sister Marlene, thank you for the beautiful music to start our day. And thank you Sister Marlene for assisting our Grand Organist this morning. Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to greet our friends.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you Sister Jayne Yenger and Brother Trey Smith for opening our session this morning. Thank you to all of the friendships and encouragement that you have given me. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sister Grand Warder.

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** You will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from REST to LABOR and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**Grand Warder:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from REST to LABOR, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**Grand Sentinel:** There will be no interruption, Sister Grand Warder.

**Worthy Grand Matron:** Please close the doors. We're trying to open. Thank you.

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secure and there will be no interruption, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** It is well, Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of our Order and are entitled to be seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

**(Proving the Chapter)**

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. (Three raps)

**(Opening of the Bible)**

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Prayer is the Trail that leads to God, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron will bring us our Invocation.

**PGM Yvonne Brownfield:** Shall we pray? Our Heavenly Father, with humble hearts we come to you asking your guidance and blessings upon all our business of this day as we begin the business of this Grand Chapter. Bestow upon our leaders and membership wisdom and blessings as they go through this day. In Jesus name we pray. Amen (Amen)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I now declare the “Ride for the Brand — Blazing Trails” Session called from REST to LABOR. Sister Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel. (One rap) Sister Yvonne thank you for your love and devotion to our Order and for your special friendship through the years. Thank you for such an uplifting prayer this morning.

To begin our day, our Code of the West thought for the day will be presented by Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, By-Laws Chairman. General Grand Chapter.

**PGM Alma Lynn Bane:** Good morning Sisters and Brothers. Sister Jerre, thank you for this honor and privilege of bringing this “Code of the West” thought for today. The “Code of the West” were inspiring unwritten rules the cowboy lived by. Today they inspire us to do better and to be better people. Always Finish what your start. Do what has to be done, be tough, be fair. As we begin the business of Grand Chapter today may we reflect on these rules and may they continue to inspire us to be who we are inside as we are on the outside as we live the “Code of the West.” So, sit tall in the saddle, hold your head up high and let’s enjoy the ride today. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Sister Alma, I appreciate your kindness and service to our Order and thank you for presenting our “Code of the West” Thought for the morning. Sisters and Brothers, we have much business and many reports for today. I ask that the Chairman of each Committee of Grand Chapter be seated near the East with your Committee ready to give their reports. As a reminder, would all those presenting reports to this Grand Chapter Session please be sure the Interim Grand Secretary or her pages have two copies of your report. Now, I have tried to talk this year about common sense a little bit. In addition to that, I have gone to General Grand Chapter a number of times and many Grand Chapters out of state. How many of you in this room showed your dues card to get your registration? Thank you. So did I. I would like to instruct the Warders and Sentinels, those who are assisting, that if we’ve

got this hanging stuff, we are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Let 'em in. Thank you. (Applause) Thank you very much for your cooperation in that regard. In a few minutes, or in a little while, I will be giving you a timeline for the day. I am going to let you in on a big secret. We have an Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron who want to be installed tomorrow evening. I want them installed tomorrow evening. (Laughter) I would love for us to get out tomorrow in time that our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, if they so choose, would have time to walk through the shower, maybe eat a meal, possibly rest. So we are going to streamline everything that we possibly can so that I might accomplish that goal. (Applause) Okay, you seem to be happy with that. If you're not let me know in private. (Laughter) Alright.

We will proceed with the business of this Grand Chapter and if at any time you do not understand what you are voting on, please let us know and we will do our dead level best to explain it more clearly so that you may understand the issues. I'm going to request that because we are trying to streamline this Session to get out early, please cooperate by doing your visiting outside so we can get through. I love to visit my neighbors and I'll meet you outside and we'll do so, but if you can be a little bit quiet so we can get through. Just as a reminder, the turquoise cards are for voting by the members of Grand Chapter. The hot pink cards are for the Chapter Representatives to vote and to determine if a Quorum is present. Let's have a dry run. OK now that everyone has found their card, all present please raise your turquoise card. All those with a hot pink card raise that card. I am proud of y'all. Nobody in here seems to be color blind except me. I think we are ready for the business of the day. We had a beautiful Fraternal Correspondent Drill last evening. We need to adopt her report right now. I recognize Sister Iris Lowe, Fraternal Correspondent.

**Mrs. Iris Lowe:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'd like to move that we adopt the Fraternal Correspondent's report.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of the Fraternal Correspondent. Do I hear a second?

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Is there any discussion? Didn't think so. All in Favor, raise your turquoise card. All opposed, raise the same card. Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you Sister Iris. I recognize Sister Ellen Pickrell, Interim Grand Secretary.

**IGS Ellen Pickrell:** Worthy Grand Matron, we have one Chapter – Rosenberg # 429 which failed to make their report on time. However, we have now received this report. I move that the members of this Chapter be allowed at this time to pick up their credentials.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Do I have a second?

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Second

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to allow Rosenberg #429 members to pick up their credentials. Do I hear a second? I did. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your turquoise card. All opposed, raise the same card. (One rap) Motion carried. Now I have a question for you. Did y'all have a good time last evening? (Yes!) Alright, now I have an announcement that you need to hear. Due to the overwhelming response for the luncheons today, and for the General Banquet this evening, we have moved the luncheon for the Associate Grand Matron luncheon to the Holiday Inn South. That's over on Broadway, 5701 Broadway, I believe it is. So please remember Sister Sharon and Brother Tom's luncheon will be held at the Holiday Inn South. Now, for the General Banquet and for the reception. Those have been moved to the Green Acres Church where we had our Rob Morris Event last evening. With these changes we will be adjusting Session times today in order to give the membership adequate time to travel to these events. The other Grand Line Officers events are still in the Rose Room, out the door and across the street. But we are going to close a little early so that Sharon and those who have tickets to Sharon and Tom's luncheon to have time to get to the Holiday Inn by noon today. We will be letting out for lunch around 11:15. We will be starting the afternoon Session at 1:30. I know it doesn't say that in the Session book. Diane Davidson and I wrote it. So we know what it says. We will be out of the afternoon Session no later than 4 o'clock. I will ask that you please stay with us as we conduct business and I promise you, you will have time to make it to each event.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Now, before we proceed with our Reports and Jurisprudence, I recognize Sister Doris Davis, our Parliamentarian, who will present her report.

**Ms. Doris Davis:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter family, most beautiful Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers all of this fabulous Fraternal family, many of you have this book in your possession. You might have it in a tote bag. You might have it in your back pocket. But even though this isn't Sunday School, if you would, please turn to page 68. '68 was a very good year for me so it's easy for me to remember this page. I'm not going to read the entire Code of Laws due to our goal of being short and sweet. I'm sure each of you are impressed with number 22, the last one, that our Worthy Grand Matron has allowed us to have is our water and snacks so our bodies and our minds can stay active and enjoy these Amendments and these Reports that we are going to hear. In accordance with our Code of Laws, "In Order to obtain the floor", number 6 is prominent in my mind. You may not call out from the sidelines. You must Proceed to the nearest microphone; Address the Presiding Officer; Wait and listen for recognition; State your name, your title, your chapter name and number; then proceed to participate in the debate, the question or make an Amendment. Again the affirmative and the negative votes are taken on all questions, number 16. The results will be announced by our Presiding Officer here in the East. The best job that you can do for me as a beginner and I would like to mention Willie Mae Shaw, if you're still in the room and you have the opportunity to hear her speak later, you'll hear a real professional, certified Parliamentarian. I'm just a substitute this year and am filled with joy at this honor Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. If you have any questions, most of you have my email. I have my phone in my hand. If you want your question to be accurately put, please email me. [Vitamins.d@gmail.com](mailto:Vitamins.d@gmail.com) And also, please know that any question will be answered if you will wait and listen. And that is what I need you to do today. That's your job. Listen and help me do my job. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you sweet friend, Doris Davis. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of the Parliamentarian Committee. Is there a second?

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your turquoise card. all opposed, same sign. Motion carried. Sisters and Brothers, we have a few people who did not get introduced yesterday. So we're going to do a little more of that. Sister Effie Mae Davis, where are you? There she is, thank you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Sister Effie Mae Davis at the altar.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron may we introduce her from here?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Absolutely, you may.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron of Texas, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, please join me in saluting Dr. Effie Mae Davis with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Thank you. (One rap) Now I'm going to tell you Dr. Effie Mae Davis is one of my most favorite people in the whole wide world. Each of you can thank Dr. Effie Mae Davis for my selecting the Western Theme. Effie Mae knew my parents. She knew me even though we did not meet in Eastern Star. I knew Effie Mae Davis before I was that active. We met in DeMolay Mother's Club. And have been special friends ever since. When I became a candidate for the Board of Trustees, that's what it was called back in the dark ages, I asked Effie Mae if she had any ideas for an emblem, because you know all the candidates have to have some identifying object. Immediately she said "How about a horseshoe? I know your background." I thank you Effie Mae for all you have meant to me these many, many years and I'm looking forward to using your gavel tomorrow. Thank you. (Applause) We have two Jerry's in the room who I want to recognize this morning. Would Jerry Martin, our Past Grand Master and Jerry Kirby, Deputy Grand Master please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these two special ones in back of Esther's Station.

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing Right Worshipful Jerry Kirby, Deputy Grand Master and Jerry Martin, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** We wish to thank you for sharing your time with us today and being with us during our Session. Jerry Kirby, our Deputy Grand Master I look forward to your service in the Grand Lodge of Texas. I thank you for being here and I know how much our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron appreciate you being here. Jerry Martin, special one, until Jerry and Betty moved to Woodway, we attended the same church when each of us had time to be there, we sat together.

We love to see your grand smile  
And spend time with you for a while.  
We're honored to be in your company  
So we welcome you in grand style.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet these special ones.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Right Worshipful Sirs, we are honored to have you in our presence today. The Order of the Eastern Star has great respect for our Masonic Brothers. And we thank you for being here today.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I'm going to take a special privilege and say we appreciate you being here. We are not going to bring you to the East. Let's just streamline it a little bit more. But thank you gentlemen. Know how much I love each of you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Grand Chapter Room. (Applause) Thank you. (Applause) How much I appreciate the great job the two of you did in your performance yesterday. This membership appreciates how your feet hurt today. I know, but thank you. Let's thank these two special ones. (Applause)

Now y'all have already heard me all year, I've preached about let's follow the law. According to our Law the first report we will have is Chapters Under Dispensation. I therefore recognize Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Chairman Chapters Under Dispensation, who will present her report.

**PGM Yvonne Brownfield:** I believe protocol has been well established so I will proceed. The Chapters Under Dispensation Committee consisting of Dr. Effie Mae Davis and Mr. Jerry Trees and myself have nothing to report. So therefore, I move the adoption of this report, Worthy Grand Matron. (Laughter)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, this motion comes from a Committee and needs no second. You have heard the motion to adopt the report of the Chapters UD Committee. Is there any discussion? I didn't think so. All in Favor, raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same card. Motion carried.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Sisters and Brother on a job well done. Next what the law says is the Report of the Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside while I give my report. Each of you have received a copy of my report which is in the hot pink book. It's in your packet. I have determined that most of us are capable of reading, I encourage you to read the report in its entirety. I will, however, touch on a few items.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, to each of you I thank you for the positive influence you have made on my life. I am highly grateful. Thank you for the tremendous records of service you have given and for the personal sacrifice each of you has made. I shall be grateful always for your wise counselling advice you have given me through the years. Many of you have been close friends of mine for years. Thank you for your friendships and your dedication to the great principles for which this Order stands. Installed Grand Officers, each of you holds a special place in my heart. Some of you were elected and I thank God for that. To the Appointed Grand Officers, I had the privilege of appointing each of you. You were (phone ringing)...okay...I'm going to stop right here. Cell phones. Would everybody get them out. Turn it off. Y'all want to know whose phone that was? It was mine. (Laughter) Would y'all please put your cell phones on silent or whatever you put it on. Better try to find mine in a few minutes. (Laughter) It really wasn't mine but you know Grand Chapter of Texas needs money so if I hear another cell phone, somebody is going to owe \$25.00. (Applause) Board of Director's is that okay with y'all? Thought so. To the Appointed Grand Officers, I had the privilege of appointing you. You were selected very carefully after much, much prayer. You

are definitely the cream of the crop and I thank each of you for accepting this special place of service. Corporate Board, thank you so very much for your cooperation, help and support and for your prayers. Grand Chapter elected each of you for a particular place of service and this Worthy Grand Matron is so very thankful to the membership for electing each of you. You have been by my side both in good times and in trying times. You have always shown your love and support. Thank you for all you are doing for the great state of Texas. Schertz Chapter #911, you have been there every step of the way. You have loved me and supported me for over fifty years. For every act of kindness, just know that each of you holds a special place in my heart. I can only say thank you and please know that you are loved. The Fraternal Visit held August 22nd at the beautiful Scottish Rite Temple was wonderful. I am so very proud of my Chapter and grateful for each act of kindness extended. Carthage Chapter #747, I have been privileged to attend this Chapter in Carthage many times in past years. Each time, the members have been so very warm and loving. I thank you for every courtesy. To the Deputy Grand Matrons and the District Deputy Grand Matrons, each Worthy Grand Matron probably thinks she has the best. The difference is, I know I do. To the District Deputy Grand Matrons, I told each of you when I appointed you that I knew how to teach a school but I could not teach you how to be kind to our members. That's all that I asked and each of you has done your job so very well. I am very proud of you. To the Deputy Grand Matrons, you have served your Sections so very well. You have represented this Worthy Grand Matron beautifully. I will always be grateful for the great job you have done. I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart. To the immediate Past Matrons, the "Trailblazers", I have been so honored to have had each of you walk by my side. Your Chapters are proud of you as am I. Your kindness, generosity, your friendship and love have been very evident. To the Worthy Grand Patron, my sincere thanks to Billy and Jane to walk this way. There has never been a time when I requested assistance from the Worthy Grand Patron that he did not willingly comply. Several times, I called on Billy for assistance in problems. I am grateful to this special family for their friendships we have shared through the years.

Now you don't have my Supplemental Report. So I'll read most of it. I'm not going to read you the law because all of you know your Constitution and Code of Laws.

#### Supplemental Report:

There have been a few occasions come to me whereby the Worthy Matron resigned. I quoted our law. Sisters and Brothers we must remember that this is still a volunteer Organization. We cannot force an Officer to do the job they are obligated to do. My obligation is to enforce the law to the best of my ability. According to our law, a Worthy Matron cannot resign after having been installed. She will remain as Worthy Matron until her successor has been elected and installed. If the Worthy Matron fails to do her job, the Associate Matron will perform her duties. This does not, however, cause the Associate Matron to be a Past Matron.

One problem I tried to address in Eastern Star Schools is that of Pro-Tem Officers. According to our law, our own Chapter members should always be invited to attend as Pro-Tem Officers before inviting members of other Chapters to serve.

There have been a few instances where members have gotten cross-ways with the Masonic Lodge members. This should never happen. We are guests or tenants in their temples and should always conduct ourselves accordingly. We need always to show the utmost respect



for our Masons and for their temples. Even for those who meet elsewhere we joined Eastern Star using a Masonic relationship therefore we should always show the most utmost respect.

We have had numerous questions regarding firearms. As the Worthy Grand Matron, my answer is this, we have no law regarding any member carrying a weapon. I do understand that there is a law in Masonry, however, I am not qualified to quote Masonic law. We will not ask about a concealed handgun license. We will not ask the member to leave their guns at home and I think that was a Western song. We will not ask the member to leave their guns in the dining area or anything whatsoever. It is none of our business and we are not getting involved. We will not be asking Grand Officers in the Lodge, Masonic Lodge members or anyone else whether or not they are carrying or not.

I am pleased to have been invited to the 2015 Assembly Session in Waco, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. To Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and member of House of Gold, Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy, Ms. Emily Cumming, Past Grand Worthy Advisor, what a beautiful well planned and well executed Session. Each of you are so very gracious. Thank you for every courtesy. I was able to attend each Session to witness the beautiful performance from our members. Even though I earned my Grand Cross of Color many years ago, I did so enjoy renewing those vows. Great job ladies.

The 86th Texas State DeMolay Conclave in Waco was a delightful event. I was pleased to bring greetings at the Opening Ceremony on Thursday, joining the heads of many of Masonic Affiliated Bodies. I appreciate every courtesy given to the Worthy Grand Matron.

A courtesy initiation was requested by the Worthy Grand Matron of Alabama in the case of Ms. Amanda Weeks who after having been elected to receive the degrees in Huntsville, Alabama moved to Quinlan, Texas. I requested Quinlan Chapter to perform this courtesy and to notify me when this has been completed. As of the date of this report, Quinlan Chapter has been unable to complete this initiation as they have been unable to contact Ms. Weeks. This is still pending. I have written a letter to Mrs. Baldwin concerning the same.

We have had several instances regarding out of state waivers. The Code of Laws, page 142, Article 202 Subsection e., states this goes through the office of the Worthy Grand Matron.

A courtesy investigation was requested to the Worthy Grand Matron of Florida. Received and forwarded to Bexar Chapter for action by that Chapter. Ms. DeRosa will be notified by Bexar Chapter #616 in San Antonio.

Grand Chapter of Missouri requested a courtesy investigation in the case of Ms. Wendy Miller-Neland. Lake Worth Chapter appointed an investigation committee and has sent the record to our Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Louisiana has requested a waiver of Jurisdiction and courtesy investigation in the case of Mr. Merlin Carter. This has been completed and a report sent to Ms. Cathy Womack, Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana.

Rockport Chapter #479 has received a petition in the case of a lady who is living in Kansas but claims to move to the Rockport area soon. Because of the timing of this petition, I have referred this matter to Sharon Mosmeyer for handling during the Grand Chapter year 2016-

2017 and have informed Rockport Chapter of said action.

A Masonic Lodge requested assistance from an Eastern Star Chapter to sell tickets for a raffle. Raffles are very stringent on the laws in the state of Texas. My suggestion was to have another fundraiser all together then donate the money wherever they prefer and stay out of whatever could be an area for criticism. The money was to have gone to an Endowment Fund for the lodge. I am not qualified to make a ruling as to whether or not an Endowment Fund for the Masonic Lodge would be classified as a charity under state law.

A question arose regarding Grand Honors particularly to some who are to receive fifty year pins. In our Ritual, Grand Honors are not secret. They are performed at each installation twice. Many times at Open Installation. Therefore, if one of our recipients wants to have non-members present with them being taken to the altar, that is perfectly acceptable. Possibly, if handled properly, favorable impressions could be made to the non-members.

A question has arisen regarding over-ruling the result of a ballot. The Worthy Grand Matron does not have that authority.

Questions continue to plague our Order regarding Consolidation. Page 183 of our Code of Laws, has the procedure for Consolidation and I have quoted that many times. As quoting the law on several occasions this should answer any questions concerning Consolidation particularly in regards to disposition of funds. One meeting is to consider the Consolidation. Another is to do the actual voting. Once that first vote has passed your funds are frozen.

On August 1-6, 2016 several of our members attended the Grand Chapter of Wyoming. The Associate Grand Matron was also out of state. I appointed the Worthy Grand Patron to be the Chief Executive Officer as per our law. The Worthy Grand Patron reported no incidents requiring attention. Once again I am grateful to the Worthy Grand Patron for his persistence.

I move that the report of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Supplemental Report of the Worthy Grand Matron be referred to the proper Committees.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and do we have a second?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Second.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** You have heard the motion and the second to refer the report of the Worthy Grand Matron to the proper Committees. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor, raise your turquoise cards. All opposed, turquoise card again. Motion carried. (One rap) Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you at this time.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. I recognize Brother Billy Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron, who will present his report.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** The majority of my report is printed in the Advanced Proceedings and you have each gotten a copy of that when you got your packet. So in the matter of time, I'm going to pass right over that and go directly to the Supplemental Report.

Supplemental Report:

The advanced report had to be submitted early to meet the printing deadline. I would now like to add the following addition.

I attended four more Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron. They were as follows: Joint Fraternal Visit of Burke and Huntington Chapters at Huntington Lodge, Fraternal Visit to Pearland Chapter, Fraternal Visit to Port Neches Chapter, Joint Fraternal Visit of seven Chapter of District 4, Section 3 at Livingston Masonic Lodge.

At the Huntington Fraternal Visit the Maverick Club presented me with a monetary gift. It is very hard for me to express how much these special people mean to me. Their generosity has blown me away. I love you all and thank you.

I was happy to attend installations in Tenaha Chapter, Carthage Chapter, Bowie Chapter, and Bullard Chapter where I served as Assisting Installing Officer for our good friends, Past Grand Patron Jack and Linda Guy.

I was privileged to attend Athens Chapter when they honored the District One Deputies.

The Board of Directors retirement party was held in Fort Worth honoring retirees Mrs. Becky Austin, District One and Mr. David Ouellette, District Five which I attended.

I also attended as many Board of Directors meetings as I possible could which was very few because of the School Schedules.

It was a privilege to be able to attend the "No Host" dinner at El Fenix Restaurant in Dallas honoring the School Officers of District One and I was a special guest.

It was a special honor to be the guest at the "No Host" dinner at the Cotton Patch Restaurant in Longview honoring the Distinguished members of District One, Section Eight for this year.

I was not able to attend all of the Round-ups because of family commitments, installations in my Lodges, as I was installed in two of them, and a funeral for one of my good friends. I did attend the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's Round-up in Beaumont and had a lot of fun.

The Worthy Grand Matron notified me that while she and the Associate Grand Matron were out of state for the Wyoming Grand Chapter that I would be the one in charge if any problems should come before the Grand Chapter of Texas.

I am saddened to have attended the funeral services of three Past Grand Matrons of Texas. They were Sisters Sharon Fentress, Patricia Neinst and Alma Carter.

Finally let me say thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for choosing me to make this "Ride for the Brand". Thank you to the membership for making these past two years' memories that I will never forget. Your love, kindness and generosity will never be forgotten. Love to all of you. Thank you. William H. "Billy" Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron.

I move this report be referred to proper Committee.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second (Did not hear a second) to refer the report of the Worthy Grand Patron to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? Y'all are easy today. All in Favor, raise your turquoise card. Thank you. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One Rap) I recognize Sister Ellen Pickrell who will present her report.

**IGS Ellen Pickrell:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. It has been a pleasure serving as your Interim Grand Secretary this year. There are just a few additions to my Advanced Report.

We had 162 Special Dispensations this year. I will not read them.

I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this appointment. It has been a pleasure to serve the membership. I also want to thank Melissa Hudman for her guidance and support during this transition.

The Grand Secretary's office has worked as a team to meet all deadlines. A special thank you to Jane Pyle, Betty Hancock, Tava Smith, and Konnie Harrell. I love and appreciate all of you.

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

Supplemental Report of the Interim Grand Secretary:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. It has been a pleasure serving as your Interim Grand Secretary this year.

There are a few additions to my Advance Report. There were numerous special Dispensations issued. I will give the totals for each category, but will not read the list of chapters.

#### LATE INSTALLATION - 19

Humble #415	Klein #1411	Springtown #498
Richardson #921	Balch Springs #1132	Kurten #1146
Newbern #1135	Normangee #87	Pleasanton #133
Cleveland #465	LaPorte #683	CHDF #794
Mart #109	Grapevine #326	El Campo #535
Brock #274	Belle Moon #90	Princeton #1126
Arlington #249		

#### LATE ELECTIONS FOR ALL OFFICERS - 14

Seminole #855	Jacksonville #377	Brock #274
Spring #1105	Andral Vann #741	Archives #1095
Sweeny #873	Lipan #127	Boyd #897
Handley #617	Blum #931	Yoakum #282
Eustace #1062	El Campo #535	

## LATE ELECTION FOR WORTHY MATRON - 3

John L. DeGrazier #881	West Columbia #705	Mary Martha #981
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## LATE ELECTION FOR WORTHY PATRON - 3

Lipan #127	Prospect Hill #817	Sarah #353
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## LATE ELECTION FOR ASSOC. MATRON - 5

Webb #1140	Mike Thomas Oak Cliff #951	Richland Hills #1040
Boerne #200	Kurten #1146	

## LATE ELECTION FOR ASSOC. PATRON - 6

Medina #988	Eastland #280	Blum #931
Amistad #1115	Grapevine #326	Ridglea #999

## LATE ELECTION FOR SECRETARY - 7

Eustace #1062	Kingsland #1118	Bastrop #64
Huntington #938	Whitewright #939	Huntington #938
Bastrop #64		

## LATE ELECTION FOR TREASURER - 9

Boyd #897	Poteet #913	Bastrop #64
Huntington #938	Huntington #938	Livingston #139
Loyal #648 - Installation		Montgomery #228

## LATE ELECTION FOR CONDUCTRESS - 12

Lipan #127	Boyd #897	Medina #988
Newbern #1135	Grapevine #326	Goose Creek #798
Lancaster #943	Alice #61	Willis #1017
Springtown #498	Vashti #32	Montgomery #228

## LATE ELECTION FOR ASSOC. CONDUCTRESS - 16

Montgomery #228	Liberty Dayton #634	Jasper #291
Iola/North Zulch #458	Quitman #695	Friendship #1008
Evadale #1111	Haltom City #982	Round Rock #316
West Columbia #705	Goose Creek #798	TMRC Daylight #1145
Willis #1017	Denton #259	Ferris #508
Montgomery #228		

## WAIVE DISABILITY - 4

Troup #421	Big Spring #67	Jacksboro #390
Blanco #934		

## MOVE MEETING PLACE - 4

Santo #270	Austin #304	Mary Martha #981
Madisonville #193		

## DATE CHANGE - 8

Travis #472	Cypress #1102	Schertz #911
Cypress #1102	Cypress #1102	Freedom #898

Texas #35

Mary Martha #981

## FRATERNAL VISIT - 12

Schertz #911

Roy Stanley #1086

Jasper #291

New Caney #1093

Dallas #1

Austin #304

Cleveland #465

Huntington #938

Templar #374

Houston-Ransford #135

Huffman #1112

Burke #1098

## LOST SECRET WORK - 39

Saint Jo #17 - 03

Mike Thomas Oak Cliff #951 - all 4

Cleveland #465 - 2 AP, 3 C, 4AC

Schertz #911 - 4AC

El Campo #535 - 1WP, 2 AP

Madisonville #193 - 1WP

Marble Falls #435 - 1WP

Big Spring #67 - 2AP

Gatesville #1005 - all 4

Wallace Hughston #1100 - AP, 4AC

Luling #155 - 3C

Adah #40 - 1WP

Groves/Port Arthur #953 - 3C

Lubbock #76 - 1WP, 3C

Rockport #479 -1WP

Nederland #1079 - 3C

Medina #988 - all 4

Decatur #543 - all 4

Haltom City #982 - 2AP

Jasper #291 - 3C

Wolf City #1129 - 3C

Vashti #32 - 2AP

N. Fort Worth #684 - 1WP, 3C, 4AC

Bryan #222 - 2AP

Silsbee #298 - 1WP

Richland Hills #1040 - 3C

Kingsland #1118 - 2AP

Beaumont #71 - all 4

Humble #415 - 4AC

LaPorte #683 - 3C

Normangee #87 - 2AP

League City #621 - 1WP

Rio Vista #343 - all 4

Boyd #897 - 1WP

Whitney #930 - 2AP, 3C, 4AC

Childress #101 - 3C

Brenham #144 - 2AP

## TRAVELING CHARTER - 1

Again, I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this appointment. It has been a pleasure to serve the membership. I also want to thank Melissa Hudman for her guidance and support during this transition.

The Grand Secretary's office has worked as a team to meet all deadlines. A special thank you to Jane Pyle, Betty Hancock, Tava Smith and Konnie Harrell. I love and appreciate all of you.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the report of the Interim Grand Secretary as printed in the Advance Report and this supplemental report presented to Grand Chapter be referred to the proper committee.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I Second

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second to refer the report of the Interim Grand Secretary to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? Well I have some. Ellen Pickrell has been such a blessing to my life personally but she has been such a blessing to the Grand Chapter of Texas. (Three raps) Let's thank Dr. Ellen Pickrell. (One rap) Now, all in favor, raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

I recognize Sister Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer who will present her annual report.

**GT Lorrie Owens:** In keeping with the KISS Principle, I assume that you can read documents

also so I am not going to read what's in there but all these reports give you a report on what all the Officers are doing. So please try to read it. I know it's small print and if you can't see it, get a magnifying glass or have a friend do it for you. One thing was inadvertently left out and usually you get the Endowed Membership Report. And if you are in question as to who might be on there, the list that goes to Grand Chapter. These are demised Chapters and unless a member joins another Chapter the income from that Chapter goes to our Grand Chapter. I do have a list of that if you'd like to inquire about your Chapter in particular. We did have 6,340 Endowed Memberships through May 31st of 2015. And they did receive \$11.40 for each one.

The figures that you get in my report that is printed in the Advanced Report show April 30, 2016. If you have any questions about one that has been since then I do have some numbers for July 31, 2016. As you know, our Grand Chapter year is not closed out until August 31st of this current year and the whole report for the entire year appears in the proceedings. If you ordered or if you picked them up, then that will be Cheryl Albrecht and her year. So you would have the continued report for that. Ours will not be ready until next year at Grand Chapter. But if you want to know, please contact me after the meeting so that we don't take up any more time.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report and the Supplemental Comments be forwarded to the proper Committee.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion and the second to refer the Report and the Supplement Report of the Grand Treasurer to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Again in keeping with our law, our next report will be the Board of Directors.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I recognize Sister Audri Rowell, Chairman of the Board of Directors, who will present their report.

**Sister Audri Rowell:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I present a summary of the Report of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter. You can find the complete report on page 35 of your Advanced Proceedings. First let me introduce those of the Board Members. Our Vice-Chair Becky Austin, our Secretary Carlotta Fairchild, from District One, Ray Hargis, from District Two Deborah Land, from District Three Jean Hobbs, District Three Barbara Martin, from District Four, Bob Royall and from District Five, David Ouellette. These are your Board of Directors. Please show them our appreciation. (Applause) Thank you guys.

It is impossible for me to express my thanks and appreciation for the dedication and hard work that these Board members have given to Grand Chapter this year. Each member brings a special talent and gift to the Board of Directors along with sharing their time and talents for the membership of Texas. Together these members have worked as a team to create a Board with unlimited possibilities. The members will be bringing further reports. I would also like to recognize Sister Janet Travers. She's right here at the Grand Secretary's desk. Sister Janet was appointed as the Secretary to the Board of Directors. Sister Janet has sat quietly taking notes at the monthly meetings while translating our discussion into minutes. Please help me

show her how much we appreciate her helping us. (Applause)

The first Order of Business to elect new Officers and welcoming new Board Members Barbara Martin and Bob Royall. The Grand Chapter year has brought a wide variety of topics and issues, which were both challenging and rewarding. The Board has supported the Education Committee on their Scholarship Program and our Associate Grand Matron with her special projects for the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter year.

The Board of Directors with the assistance of the Purposes and Policies Committee has established a Key Control and Accountability Management Plan along with a Computer Management Security Plan for the protection of this Grand Chapter.

A major undertaking which began several years ago was to see that it would no longer be necessary to make payments on the U-Haul storage units. This year many items were taken from the storage unit over to the Grand Chapter Office while other items were offered to the membership with sealed bids.

Our Bankers, JP Morgan Chase are working for the betterment of our Order and present quarterly reports. The Financial Investment Committee has worked with the Board on several occasions along with supporting the Board with their attendance throughout the year at meetings.

While providing assistance for those in need, the Board carefully watches over the funds of the Grand Chapter.

We appreciate the attendance of the Grand Secretary, the Interim Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer at our monthly Board meetings. Thank you for the wealth of knowledge and the information you have provided while answering numerous questions. Please know that your hard work and service did not go unnoticed.

To the sweet membership of Texas, the goal of your Board of Directors is to be good stewards of the funds of this Grand Chapter, ensuing that there will be many more prosperous years to come. We thank you for trusting this Board of Directors with such an enormous task.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jerre Lucas and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Billy Clabaugh, thank you for your guidance, assistance and support this year. It was a pleasure when your schedule allows you to be in attendance at our Board meetings.

To the other nine Board members, thank you for the gracious ways in which each of you have served and supported not only this Grand Chapter but to me personally. Each of you has become a unique part of my life and it was with God's grace who allowed us to be together at this specific time in our lives.

As this year of service for the Board of Directors come to an end, please know that some of the decisions we have made, have not been easy.

Through the love and support of others, and as always keeping you, the sweet membership, in mind, this has been a rewarding year. We will cherish the moments of service and hope



that we have not failed this Grand Chapter.

At this time, I would like to recognize Sister Becky Austin.

**Sister Becky Austin:** Thank you Sister Audri.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished membership, Sisters and Brothers, and friends one and all. Report No. 2 is the Proposed Budget of the General Fund for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, which is presented for your approval. The proposed budget was printed in the July 2016 Bulletin, and is also located on pages 65-67 of the Advance Report found in your Registration packets. It should be noted that the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year actually began yesterday, September 1, 2016, as this 134th Grand Chapter Session was officially opened. Which places this membership in an intriguing quandary. Our Fiscal Year and our Operational year are overlapping in a reverse position. Somewhat like the planets rotating backwards around the Sun. No Grand Chapter Session in the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year and two sessions in the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. Ironically, it usually works that we have the Grand Chapter session before the Fiscal Year is actually ended.

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, and track the line items against the budgeted amounts as prudently as feasible. At the beginning of December 2015, a sudden and major change of personnel within the Grand Secretary's office presented the Board of Directors with a unique situation in regards to the flow of pertinent information necessary for the performance of our duties for a couple of months. However, through teamwork and cooperation between the Corporate Board, the Board of Directors and the Grand Secretary's staff, the information pipeline was soon flowing smoothly again. On April 23, 2016, the Board of Directors met to hear the presentation by the Associate Grand Matron of her proposed budget for the upcoming, which was adopted along with the Eastern Star Home of Texas (Ladies') and Benevolent Aid budgets at the May 21, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. Please note that this year's budget is not a deficit budget, there is no red ink at the bottom of the page. This is due in part to the plans and projects that Sister Sharon Mosmeyer has for this Fiscal year. However, planning and preparation only go so far. It takes implementation and participation to achieve the goals and objectives. This is where you the membership come in.

This next part is going to sound very familiar. If you were at Grand Chapter in Arlington, Texas, last year; same station, same announcer. However, the weather advisories bear repeating. Hurricane season is upon us, and winter with all the snow and ice, is not far in the future.

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. 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. Bottom line, the members of this Board cannot - no matter how hard

we wish we could - pull money out of thin air. We ARE NOT in the counterfeiting business, nor do we want to be. We do not want to be constantly coming before this membership asking to take money from our Endowment Trust Funds just to pay the bills. The less money in the Endowment Funds, the less investment revenue we have for use on a monthly basis. Soon, there would be no more funds available.

How many in this room go to McDonald's, Sonic, Starbuck's or a similar establishment at least twice a week if not more? Go on, hold up your pink Advance Reports. How many ladies in here go have a manicure or pedicure at least once a month? Gentlemen, you're not left out of this poll. How many gentlemen go play golf at least once a month? Or how about going fishing or hunting at least twice a season? How many just think your week isn't complete without some sporting event? Let's don't forget those other guilty pleasures that we won't mention here. The point I'm trying to get across is we all prioritize our money to meet our necessities, and have some left over for those little indulgences we think we can't live without. It wouldn't hurt anyone of us to put the cost of a Dairy Queen Blizzard, a Starbuck's coffee, a pedicure, a couple of football tickets, a couple of lures or a box of shells aside each month for the continued future of this Grand Chapter. We can all afford the price of one of our guilty pleasures each month for the care of our precious ladies at TMRC. Sisters and Brothers, this membership has many decisions to make this session. Please think about whether or not you really want to continue "nickel and diming" this Grand Chapter to its inevitable financial death. Yes, we have a solvent budget this year. But it can only become a reality if you participate. It cannot be maintained or sustained, without you doing your part. This includes adopting policies and passing legislation aimed at putting accessible money in our coffers. The choice is yours and yours alone. Please help this Board of Directors to do the job you elected them to perform. Be proactive, not reactive.

I would like to take the liberty here of thanking this membership for your support and kindness over the last five years. This will be my last report to this wonderful assembly as member of this Board of Directors. I have enjoyed serving you, and I know you will continue to support my colleagues as this Grand Chapter moves forward to the future.

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

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Worthy Grand Matron... (Laughter) Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt... is that including your budget?

**Sister Becky Austin:** Yes ma'am. That does include the budget.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** And that we approve the budget for 2016-2017. Is there any discussion? All in favor, vote with the turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

**Sister Becky Austin:** Thank you and it is now my pleasure to present Sister Barbara Martin who will give the Board of Directors Report #3.

**Sister Barbara Martin:** Thank you Sister Becky.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My sisters and Brothers all.

The Board of Directors presents to you Report No. 3 which consists of two parts:

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

The Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund (often referred to as the ladies Retirement Fund) is a 501c3 fund, which is a designated fund and can only be used for the care of the Ladies.

The INCOME is received from several sources, which are detailed in the proposed budget on Pate 67 of your Advance Annual Report. The four main sources of income are:

1. A portion of the per capita (which is \$5.00 per member)
2. Interest from the OES Grand Chapter Endowment Fund
3. Interest from the 501c3
4. Ladies Pensions

The care of our Ladies continues to be the main objective of the Board of Directors.

Per Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens:

Beginning Balance as of September 15, 2015	\$ 939,149.10
Balance as of July 31, 2016	\$ 780,594.14
Difference of	\$ 158,554.94

A breakdown of the Revenues and Disbursements from 9/1/2015 to 4/30/2016 can be found on page 67 of the Advance Annual Report. As you can see on your Advance Annual Report, the Budgeted amounts for 2015-2106 shows income of \$499,604.75 while Expenses of \$700,237.21, creating a shortfall of \$200,632.46.

#### Texas Masonic Retirement Center Report

This report is on our Ladies residing at TMRC from August 16,2015 to August 31, 2016. I have the PRIVILEGE of being the Liaison for Eastern Star and TMRC. I would like to thank our Board Chairman for placing me in this position for this Grand Chapter year.

We began the year with 11 Ladies residing in TMRC. We now have 9 Ladies, ranging in age from 79 to 98. We currently have 4 Ladies in Independent Living and 5 Ladies in the Clinics. The Clinics consist of a green and a blue wing. The nursing care is the same on both wings; the clinic residents need more assistance with medications and activities of thier daily living.

On January 16, 2016, Leona Rascoe, Arlington #249 passed away after residing at TMRC for 18 years. She was 96 years old at the time of her death. On March 3, 2016 Pearl Woody, Farris #508, passed away after residing at TMRC for 13 years. She was 99 at the time of her death. I had the privilege to attend both of these distinguished ladies' services.

The following residents are in the Independent Living Area:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Entered</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
LoRee Griffin	3-20-1980	8 years	Harlandale #750
Delores Runningbear	11-21-2006	9 years	North Ft. Worth #684
Nell Russell	1-31-2003	13 years	Arlington #249
Suzanne Walters	7-9-2013	3 years	San Saba #191

The following residents are in the blue and green wing:

Wanda Brown	8-28-2006	10 years	Polytechnic #420/ Now South Ft. Worth #835
Laurah Cummings	9-6-2011	4 years	North Ft. Worth #684
Mary Finley	8-29-2005	11 years	Kerrville #24
Florence Lowry	12-29-1997	18 years	Arlington #249
Lois Pate	12-18-2000	15 years	Waxahachie #599/ Now Lancaster #943

The INDEPENDENT LIVING daily rate is \$54.66 per day or \$19,950.90 for 365 days. The CLINIC RESIDENT daily rate is \$279.64 per day or \$102,068.60 for 365 days. Additionally, Grand Chapter gives each Lady \$70 per month or \$940 per year for personal expenses, like beauty shop appointments or Wal-Mart shopping!

I am giving you this information because I think it is important you realize the care and compassion OUR LADIES receive. I was called to Arlington Memorial Hospital recently and engaged in a conversation with the Emergency Room Nurse. She was complimentary on the skin condition and care this patient was receiving. She stated usually a person coming in from a nursing facility has numerous skin care breakdowns. She said it did her heart good to know there was a facility actually taking care of their patients. So yes, we do pay an enormous amount for the care of our Ladies, but we know they are being taken care of, as WE made that promise to them.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the membership for the continued support of our Ladies, and ask that you visit them as often as possible. They love to get cards and information about their Chapter happenings. They are the Pioneers of Our Order.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to give this report on our Wonderful Ladies.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report #3

Eastern Star Ladies Budget 2016 - 2017

	CODE	RECEIPTS	LUCAS BUDGET 2015-2016	ACTUAL 09/01/15-04/30/16	PROJECTED REMAINDER	2015-2016 TOTALS	MOSMEYER BUDGET	2016-2017
<#>	1009.00	Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund (Non-Checking)		\$908,385.80	-\$179,500.00	\$728,885.80		\$576,611.43
1	4000.10	Interest Eastern Star Ladies Checking	\$4.75	\$1.34	\$0.00	\$1.34		\$4.75
2	4000.24	Endowment Interest 501c(8)	\$235,000.00	\$279,298.00		\$279,298.00		\$250,000.00
3	4000.30	Interest Eastern Star Ladies Investment 501c(3)	\$5,700.00	\$4,380.90	\$0.00	\$4,380.90		\$4,000.00
4	4040.30	Gain/Loss Eastern Star Home Investment	\$4,000.00	\$382.64	\$0.00	\$382.64		\$300.00
5	4111.01	Per Capita Income @ \$5.00/Member	\$135,000.00	\$128,945.00		\$128,945.00		\$128,000.00
6	4120.00	Refunds/Adjustments: Returned Checks		\$5,847.00	\$0.00	\$5,847.00		
7	4200.00	Oil & Gas Royalty	\$41,500.00	\$20,140.26	\$10,070.00	\$30,210.26		\$35,000.00
8	4230.00	OES Retirement Receipts/Expenses		\$0.00		\$0.00		
9	4225.00	Ladies Pensions	\$82,000.00	\$65,867.70	\$33,000.00	\$98,867.70		\$86,400.00
10	4250.00	Gifts & Donations		\$30.00		\$30.00		
11	4260.00	Bequests, Wills & Grants		\$0.00		\$0.00		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			<b>\$499,604.75</b>	<b>\$1,413,278.64</b>	<b>(\$136,430.00)</b>	<b>\$1,276,848.64</b>		<b>\$1,055,316.18</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
12	5212.10	Audit	\$6,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
13	5213.10	CPA-990 Taxes	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$1,800.00
14	5235.00	Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	\$600.00	\$923.17		\$923.17		\$1,000.00
15	5320.00	Annual TMRC Billing		\$33,608.46		\$33,608.46		\$35,000.00
16	5321.00	In-service/ 501c(3) Accounts Mgmt		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
17	5322.00	Checking Bank Fees & Error Adjustments	\$0.05	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
18	5324.00	Legal	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$1,000.00
19	5504.00	Allowance to Ladies @ \$70/month	\$9,240.00	\$5,110.00	\$2,520.00	\$7,630.00		\$7,560.00
20	5520.00	Funeral Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
21	5710.00	Independent Resident Expense	\$76,250.00	\$54,566.24	\$26,892.72	\$81,458.96		\$87,600.00
22	5810.00	Clinic Resident Expense	\$896,000.00	\$437,946.48	\$172,278.60	\$610,225.08		\$520,125.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$902,000.00</b>	<b>\$532,154.35</b>	<b>\$201,691.32</b>	<b>\$700,237.21</b>		<b>\$654,085.00</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>			<b>(\$402,395.25)</b>	<b>\$881,124.29</b>	<b>(\$338,121.32)</b>	<b>\$576,611.43</b>		<b>\$401,231.18</b>

\*Note the Actual amounts for 2015-2016 are from September 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.  
 The Budget is based on the first eight months of the year actual and the projected remainder of the year.  
 Line items will not be adjusted or exceeded without approval by the Board of Directors.

#NOTE: Account 1009 is not a Budgetable Account.  
 \$310,964.00 is Permanently Restricted from use.  
 \$115,267.18 will be all that is available for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

**Sister Barbara Martin:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for allowing me to give this report on our Wonderful Ladies and I move the adoption of the Report #3.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Eastern Star Ladies Budget which is Report #3. The motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried

**Sister Barbara Martin:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Jean Hobbs, who is our Benevolent Aid Chairman and she will present Report #4.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Barbara before you leave, I think it's very appropriate that Barbara be the one to report on the Eastern Star Ladies Fund. Barbara has been the liaison between our ladies that we sponsor and our ladies and the Board. What a good job Barbara you have done. I couldn't begin to tell you the many, many comments that I have had from our Ladies on the good job Barbara has done and how much they love Barbara. Barbara, thank you for a job well done. (Applause)

**Sister Jean Hobbs:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

In compliance with Chapter 5, Section A., Article 82, Paragraph P., Sub-Article F, page 79 of Code of Laws, we your Board of Directors wish to present this report on the Benevolent Aid Fund for the period of September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. 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, 2016.

Beginning Balance for September 1, 2015

**Income Received:**

Benevolent Aid Per Capita	\$51,578.00
Humanitarian Donations	9,845.00
Prior Year Fund Balance	30,000.00
Donations	0.00

**Total Income Received**

**\$91,423.00**

**Expenditures:**

Long Term Benevolent Aid	\$37,900.00
Temporary Benevolent Aid	500.00
Emergency Benevolent Aid	9,000.00
<b>Returned Benevolent Aid</b>	<b><u>-1,000.00</u></b>

**Total Expenditures**

**-46,400.00**

**\$45,023.00**

The Benevolent Aid Fund currently extends Long Term Aid to five (5) members of our Order representing (5) subordinate chapters. The current fiscal year began with six (6) chapters and seven (7) members for Long Term Aid. Two (2) chapters reported a deceased member receiving Long Term Aid. Through the past 12 months, Temporary Benevolent Aid was extended to one (1) member, and Emergency Aid was extended to six (6) members at (6) subordinate chapters.

The Benevolent Aid Budget for the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter Fiscal Year is projected as:

Income Received:		
Benevolent Aid Per Capita	\$ 51,578.00	
Humanitarian Donations	15,000.00	
Prior Year Fund Balance	40,186.00	
Donations	<u>0.00</u>	
 Total Income Received		 \$106,186.75
Expenditures:		
Long Term Benevolent Aid	\$ 45,000.00	
Temporary Benevolent Aid	6,000.00	
Emergency Benevolent Aid	<u>12,000.00</u>	
Total Benevolent Aid Expended		<u>-\$63,000.00</u>
 Net Income for 2016 - 2017		 \$43,186.75

Long Term Aid:

September 2015 through February, 2016

Kerrville #24	\$ 500.00	
Wimodausis #141	\$ 300.00	
Midlothian #234	\$ 500.00	
Springtown #498	\$ 500.00	
Everman #624	\$ 500.00	
Alamo Heights #734	\$ 500.00	
South Fort Worth #835	\$ 250.00	
South Fort Worth #835	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 20,800.00</b>

**March 2016 through April 2016**

Kerrville #24	\$ 500.00	
Wimodausis #141	\$ 300.00	
Midlothian #234	\$ 500.00	
Springtown #498	\$ 500.00	
Everman #624	\$ 500.00	
Alamo Heights #734	\$ 500.00	
South Fort Worth #835	\$ 250.00	
Richland Hills #1040	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 7,100.00</b>

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**May 2016 through May 2016**

Kerrville #24	\$ 500.00
Midlothian #234	\$ 500.00
Springtown #498	\$ 500.00
Everman #624	\$ 500.00
Alamo Heights #734	\$ 500.00
South Fort Worth #835	\$ 250.00
Richland Hills #1040	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

**TOTAL**

**\$ 3,250.00**

**June 2016 through June 2016**

Kerrville #24	\$ 500.00
Midlothian #234	\$ 500.00
Springtown #498	\$ 500.00
Everman #624	\$ 500.00
Alamo Heights #734	\$ 500.00
South Fort Worth #835	<u>\$ 250.00</u>

**TOTAL**

**\$ 2,750.00**

**July 2016 through July 2016**

Kerrville #24	\$ 500.00
Springtown #498	\$ 500.00
Everman #624	\$ 500.00
Alamo Heights #734	\$ 500.00
South Fort Worth #835	<u>\$ 250.00</u>

**TOTAL**

**\$ 2,250.00**

**August 2016 through August 2016**

Kerrville #24	\$ 500.00
Springtown #498	\$ 500.00
Everman #624	\$ 500.00
Alamo Heights #734	\$ 500.00
South Fort Worth #835	<u>\$ 250.00</u>

**TOTAL**

**\$ 2,250.00**

**TOTAL BENEVOLENT AID EXPENDED**

**\$37,900.00**

*Returned Benevolent Aid*

**~~-\$ 1,000.00~~**

**TOTAL LONG TERM AID EXPENDED**

**\$38,900.00**

**Temporary**

Lorena #1124	
(3 payments @ \$500.00 ea)	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

**TOTAL LONG TERM AID EXPENDED \$ 500.00**

**Emergency Aid**

Quitman Chapter #695	\$1,500.00
Rockport Chapter #479	\$1,500.00
Pearland Chapter #1065	\$1,500.00
Newton Chapter #224	\$1,500.00
Woodville Chapter #462	\$1,500.00
Richardson Chapter #921	<u>\$1,500.00</u>



**TOTAL EMERGENCY AID EXPENDED**  
**TOTAL BENEVOLENT AID FUND**

**\$9,000.00**  
**\$46,400.00**

I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second made by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt Report #4 of the Benevolent Aid Fund. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same card. Motion carried. (One rap)

**Sister Jean Hobbs:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I recognize Sister Debbie Fincher for Report #5.

**Sister Debbie Fincher:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guest, my Sisters and Brothers:

The independent accounting firm of Ratliff & Associates, P.C., completed their audit of the consolidated financial statements of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home (the "Organization") which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of August 31, 2015 and 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 generally accepted auditing standards, which require that they plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. These procedures include the assessment of the risks of material misstatements of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud. The audit also considers internal controls, evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management.

It is the written opinion of Ratliff & Associates that 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.

This report will be printed in its entirety in the proceedings of the August 2016 134th Annual Session of Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron I move adoption of this report.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion and the second made by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt Report #5, the Audit Committee. Is there any discussion? Man, y'all are good. All in Favor, raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

**Sister Debbie Fincher:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce Brother Ray Hargis for Report #6, Education.

**Brother Ray Hargis:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. This report is to inform the membership on the approval of funds for disbursement by the Educational Funds Committee to qualified applications for Educational Funds Scholarships. Per the Code of Laws, Article 152-G on page 107, the Board of Directors approved the amount of \$21,000.00 for this purpose. Checks were mailed by the Grand Secretaries Office to those selected by the Educational Fund Committee on July 11, 2016. The Funds distributed were obtained from the following Funds.

Humanitarian Fund	\$ 13,146.13
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,100.00
Grand Chapter Education	\$ 338.00
Kennington Fund	\$ 13,500.00

Of which \$15,000 was taken out for ESTARL purposes. 90% of this went to the Educational Fund.

The Fannie V. Ward Fund	\$ 342.00
A total of	\$28,426.13.

Now to clarify that figure does include the amount taken out for ESTARL. A full report will be given by the Educational Funds Committee.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank Sister Diane Beckley and her Committee for their hard work and dedication to our Order.

This concludes my report. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report #6.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second was made by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt Report #6, the Education Fund Committee made by a member of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

**Brother Ray Hargis:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to present Brother Bob Royall who will present Report #7.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests and my Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to be here and report to you the Board of Directors, Report #7 which deals with the Endowment Funds.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of

Texas on Page 38, DIVISION III, ARTICLE VII, B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION 4. DUTIES, a. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, I respectfully submit the following report.

There are three (3) Endowment Trust Funds that the Board of Directors is responsible for the supervision of the investments of these funds. All three of these funds are managed by J.P. Morgan Chase & Company.

**OES GRAND CHAPTER ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND - 501 (C) (8)**

1. The principal of this fund shall not be spent but shall be invested under the supervision of the Board of Directors consistent with the Code of Laws. The interest income from this fund is used to fulfill the financial requirements of our Ladies in the Home.
2. Any funds not required for that purpose may, if approved by the Board of Directors, be used to augment the General Fund, Benevolent Fund, or Educational Fund.
3. Fund activity for 2015-2016:

Balance of September 1, 2015	\$9,341,600.06
Income - Dividends/Distributions/Interest	253,261.25
Gains/(Losses)	33,884.83
Management Fees/Commissions	- 35,062.01
Annual Interest Transfer to Eastern Star Home Fund	- 279,298.00
 Balance as of 7/31/2016	 \$9,314,386.13

**OES GRAND CHAPTER ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND SUB-ACCOUNT**

1. The principal of this Grand Chapter Endowment Fund Sub-Account shall not be spent but shall be invested under the supervision of the Board of Directors consistent with the Code of Laws. The interest income from this fund is used to fulfill the financial requirements of our Ladies in the Home.
2. The interest income received from investments of the principal shall be placed in the General Fund to supplement Benevolent projects, including but not limited to, our own members, Chapters in financial need, local benevolence, worthwhile community needs an educational purposes, office expenses, and archiving existing records and automating current records.
3. Fund activity for 2015-2016:

Balance of September 1, 2015	\$3,357,165.91
Income - Dividends/Distributions/Interest	87,500.67
Gains/(Losses)	23,866.02
Management Fees/Commissions	- 15,141.15
Annual Interest Transfer to General Fund	- 115,068.00
TMRC Lawsuit Settlement	- 200,000.00
 Balance as of 7/31/2016	 \$3,138,323.45

**ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND**

1. Administration of the Endowed Membership Trust Fund shall be under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The principal of the fund representing \$500 paid by each member purchasing an endowed membership shall not be spent.
2. The interest income received from investments of the principal shall be placed in the General Fund to be distributed as directed by the Code of Laws to the subordinate Chapters.
3. Fund activity for 2015-2016

Balance of September 1, 2015	\$3,135,772.88
Income - Dividends/Distributions/Interest	84,867.87
Gains/(Losses)	7,787.44
Management Fees/Commissions	- 14,957.66
Endowed Membership Purchases	73,000.00
Annual Distribution to Subordinate Chapters	- 76,607.20
 Balance as of 7/31/2016	 \$3,209,863.33

Worthy Grand Matron I move adoption of this report.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt Report #7, Endowment Membership Funds made by the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your turquoise cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

**Brother Bob Royall:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It is now my pleasure to introduce Deborah Land who will bring Report #8.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** The rate we're going Sister Sharon, you and Tom might be installed tonight. (Laughter)

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Worthy Grand Matron, I've just been handed a note. Credentials needs a Brazoria Chapter member to go to Credentials to vouch for a member.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Are there any members present from District 4, Section 10? From Brazoria? Will one of you please go vouch for one of your members. Thank you. Go to Credentials if you would please.

**Sister Deborah Land:** Thank you Brother Bob. It is my pleasure to provide Report #8 concerning the Contingency Funds of the Grand Chapter referencing Article Number 11, Section 3(b). As of August 31, 2016 the Contingency Fund has a balance of \$10,000.00. No funds or expenditures were allocated from this fund so that fund remains at \$10,000.00 Respectfully submitted, Deborah Land, Board of Directors, District 2. I move for the adoption of this report.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron of the Report #8, the Contingency Fund. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

**Sister Deborah Land:** I now call on Carlotta Fairchild to bring Report #9, Worthy Grand Matron, Special Projects.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** While we are waiting for Sister Carlotta to come up will Sister Maridelle Shirley of Crockett Chapter #509 please go see Mary Calvert at Credentials to pick up your packet. Thank you.

**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:

Turquoise, Pink and Silver Dress Pins	\$30,579.19
WGM and WGP's Music	\$ 1,492.50
Name Badges -	\$ 2,832.00
Proficiency Stickers -	\$ 603.00
Calendars -	<u>\$ 2,419.58</u>
TOTAL	\$37,926.27

The following figures are the 25% of the net profit of sales deposited into the General Fund:

American Heroes - Pins -	\$ 1,033.00
Little Buckaroos - Stuffed Horses	\$ 790.00
Campfire Stories - Poetry Book -	\$ 953.05
Campfire Gathering - Auction -	\$ 6,194.74
Campfire Gathering - Necklaces	\$ 120.98
Sentimental Trails - Candles	<u>\$ 1,083.57</u>
TOTAL	\$10,175.34

The Tending the Herd Committee requested that Chapters hold a Garage Sale with proceeds benefitting the General Fund. This project collected an additional \$2,609.75

Some projects did not realize a profit. The Purposes and Policies Committee, as well as Grand Chapter, approved the printing of 500 Travel Books. Rather than the books being printed in-house as approved, the books were outsourced, and 1,000 were printed. Obviously, this was an error. This resulted in a loss of \$2,939.80. The remaining Travel Books which contain personal information will be shredded at no cost to Grand Chapter. The Membership scarves and the Patriotic scarves each had a loss of \$872.50.

### **PARTIAL LIST OF DISBURSEMENTS FROM SALE OF ITEMS**

A total of \$24,77895 was collected from the Silent Auctions held at the Schools of Instruction.

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\$18,584.21 of this amount was used to defray the costs for food functions at Grand Chapter.

\$500.00 has been donated to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and a donation will be made to the Order of DeMolay.

\$100.00 was donated to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

The sale of the Candles by the Lighting the Trail Committee netted a total of \$3,250.72 which will be donated to Texas Alzheimer's Research. There were additional donations totaling \$1,695.00. Total donations to Alzheimer's Research amounted to \$4,945.72.

Total donations to the Roever Foundation totaled \$2,226.51.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move adoption of this report.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Second

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt Report #9, Worthy Grand Matron Projects. Is there any discussion? Well, I have some. Last evening you said that you had a good time at the Rob Morris Event. I'm pleased to report that well over \$3,000.00 was collected for Alzheimer's and Dementia Research. (Applause) Any more discussion? All in favor, raise your turquoise cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

**Sister Carlotta Fairchild:** Thank you. It is my please to present David Ouellette who will present Report #10.

**Brother David Ouellette:** Thank you Sister Carlotta. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, my Sisters and Brothers. I am David Ouellette, Chairman of the Storage Unit and the "Items for Sale" and would like to introduce the members of my Committee. Sister Barbara Martin and Brother Ray Hargis. I am pleased to bring this report to you on the process of the remaining items for sale from our third and final storage unit. All items are in the process of being disposed of in accordance with our Code of Laws, Chapter 15, page 188. To date approximately forty-one "Items for Sale" have been placed on the Grand Chapter Website. The sale of these items have raised \$3,166.00 and this money was deposited in the General Fund. We have approximately forty-seven more items as well as the brass file cabinets from the Grand Chapter Office for sale. These items too will be placed on the Grand Chapter Website and in the October Bulletin from October 1, 2016 – October 31, 2016. Items of interest not being sold will be on display in the Grand Chapter Office Museum for members to view.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank Chairman, Dewey Teague, and the members of the Museum Committee who were an integral part of this effort.

To the Board of Directors, I have enjoyed working with you and have an immense appreciation of your dedication to this great Order. Finally, thank you, the membership of Texas for electing me to serve you in this capacity. I will cherish my five years of service to this Grand Chapter and you the membership.

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

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second made by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt Report #10, Storage Room and “Items for Sale” made by the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

**Brother David Ouellette:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. The Board of Directors would like to give you a small token of appreciation for the opportunity to be able to serve you in this capacity within the Board of Directors.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** To the Board of Directors, I served in your place for five wonderful years. Along with Sister Jayne Yenger and many others in this room. Nelson Campbell and several others. Just know how much we love and appreciate each of you for all that you are doing for our benefit. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, let’s thank this Board. (Three raps) (Applause). And I can tell you something else. No Worthy Grand Matron could possibly have had a better Chairman of the Board. Audri, you know how much I love you. Thank you.

While they are getting situated, I do have another announcement to make. We will be closing for lunch at 11:00. I would ask that each Chapter Secretary or Representative please go and pick up your Secretary’s packet in the Vendor area. That’s been a request that needs to be done. We’re trying to save money. We do not want to have to mail that stuff. And guess what? We’re fixing to get started on Jurisprudence.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I recognize Sister Rosemary S. Berry, Past Grand Matron. Okay guys, now if y’all will be quiet we’ll get going here. But I think y’all can walk through without talking until you get outside the door. Thank you so very much for cooperating. We’re trying to do all possible to get out early and with your cooperation we will do so. I still recognize Sister Rosemary Berry, Past Grand Matron, who will bring the preliminary report of Jurisprudence.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Distinguished Sister and Brothers all. Good morning to you. And how excited we are that at 10:25 on Friday morning, all of the reports have been given by law and now you are at Jurisprudence. And so they sat an example and we’re going to attempt to keep moving it for you. I want to introduce to you my wonderful Jurisprudence Team who have joined me this year in serving our Worthy Grand Matron, our Worthy Grand Patron and you, the membership. Brother Jack Guy, representing District 1, Past Grand Patron. From District 2, Sister Bess Caldwell, Past Grand Matron. From District 3, Sister Jayne Yenger, Past Grand Matron. I am Rosemary Swetland Berry, Chairman, District 4 and District 5, Sister Betty Y. Friend, Past Grand Matron. Please welcome them. (Applause) These sweet members have been a great support to me and encouragement to me this year and Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are deeply appreciative of this service. This is now the Preliminary Report of your Jurisprudence Committee. In conformity of the provisions of the Code of Laws, Article 152e. Governing the Grand Chapter of Texas relating to the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee, we find unfinished business from the 133rd Grand Chapter Session of 2015 and we must complete that business before we can begin new legislation. Also, Wor-

thy Grand Matron, we recommend that the matters contained in the Advanced Annual Report including the Supplemental Report of the Grand Chapter, be distributed to the following Committees for consideration. To the Board of Directors, the Report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. To the By-Laws Committee, Amendments to the By-Laws contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's Report. To the Grievance and Appeals Committee, any disciplinary matters contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's Report. To the Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation and to the Jurisprudence Committee, all matters assigned to this Grand Chapter and/or all matters contained in the prescribed duties of these Committees. Worthy Grand Matron, this completes the Preliminary Report of the Jurisprudence Committee. I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the Preliminary Report of your Jurisprudence Committee. Is there any discussion. All in favor vote with your turquoise voting card. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Worthy Grand Matron we are now ready to do unfinished business.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I recognize Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Chairman of this Committee.

**AGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members. This is the report of the Long Range Planning Committee which was put into place to determine the economical and financial ability of adding Residents to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The members of this Committee are: Tom Murphy, Associate Grand Patron, Melissa Hudman, Grand Conductress, Carolyn Martin, Associate Grand Conductress, Audri Rowell, Chairman of the Board of Directors, David Ouellette, member of the Board, and Robert "Bob" Royall, Jr., member of the Board. These members were appointed to our Committee because of our dedication and present and future commitments to Texas Order of the Eastern Star. As you can see, it is our leaders for the next three years. On October 7, 2015 an email was sent to all the members of this Committee which addressed a plan of action. It included the following:

Discovery:

1. Present cost at TMRC Independent and Clinic Rates.
2. Cost of Healthcare in communities across the state of Texas.
3. Medical costs for prescription and Physician Care.
4. Financial ability of Grand Chapter.

Our Goals were:

1. Continued support the nine current Residents at TMRC.
2. Continued support of members around the state.
3. Financial ability to continue Benevolent Aid in order to do what is needed in the case of emergency.

At the onset of this Committee there were eleven Ladies residing at TMRC at an approximate cost of \$63,449.50 per month. That was reported in the November 15, 2015 Official Bulletin.



We were presented with online help which showed the different Healthcare costs around the state. As we studied this information, we discovered that the costs would drastically vary in some areas, depending on the location and different facilities. At present, we have nine Ladies at an approximate cost of \$48,505.20 per month and that was reported in the August, 2016 Official Bulletin.

**The Decisions:**

The nine Ladies who reside at TMRC are our responsibility and are happy and content. They have lived in TMRC for many years and that residence is their home. We will give them peace of mind in their knowing that we will not consider moving and/or relocating them to another facility. At the present time we are spending approximately \$582,000.00 for TMRC coupled with our Benevolent Aid, that would bring our approximate total to over \$600,000.00 per year. Why approximate? The cost of the clinic versus the Independent Living varies approximately \$220.00 per day. On Benevolent Aid, we consider Long-Term Emergency and Temporary Aid which could fluctuate each month. With the present obligations we have, coupled with our finances and the present market value investments income at this present time. We are assisting as many members as we have the funds to provide for. We as a Committee elected to propose an Amendment to this Grand Chapter that we will remove from the Constitution and Code of Laws, the duties to the Board of Directors to accept and process applications into TMRC. By just removing the duties of the Board of Directors it leaves our Constitution in place for future ability when finances permit to assist more members around the state with their care and possible help with prescription assistance as needed while continuing to offer Benevolent Aid to the membership. Respectfully submitted, Each of the members on the Committee. I move for the adoption of this report.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second by the Worthy Grand Paton to adopt the report of the members of this Committee, Long-Range Planning Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor vote by your turquoise card. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Sister Sharon, our Associate Grand Matron, I would like to thank you. I do thank you for Chairing this Committee. This was very difficult. Y'all have done a lot of research and I'm very appreciative to each of you for the time that you have spent in performing this service to our Grand Chapter and to our Ladies. Thank you so much. (Applause) Jurisprudence?

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Now Sisters and Brothers, you all have this gorgeous pink book, the Advanced Annual Report and Dr. Ellen, it's always been white, what a nice change. If you'll join me, please on page 50. I'll give you a second to get there. Pink book, page 50. Unfinished Business. We're going to do that first. This is the report that was assigned last year and your Grand Officers have reported to you. Now, here we go...everybody on page 50? Unfinished Business. The first item of Unfinished Business was at the 133rd Grand Chapter Session last year there was an Amendment to the Constitution and you will find an exact copy of it in your Registration Packet. This is exactly the way it was presented last year. Thank you Dr. Ellen for assisting the membership by having copies so they can look at it. Alright, if you will look, this was to be of this Amendment to the Constitution which required that we bring it back to this Session to vote on it for the second reading. However, due to any number of human reasons it was posted as law. So you find it in your new Constitutions or CD's as law. So all your Ju-

risprudence Committee is asking you to do today is let's make it legal. Let's give a second vote. It's already there but the law says a second vote on changing our Constitution. So, Worthy Grand Matron, could I ask you to ask this sweet membership to give us the right to okay whatever has been printed?

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron the motion to ratify our Constitution and Code of Laws. All in favor with your turquoise cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Now, we checked this morning to see if everyone knew what color was hot pink. Will you raise your hot pink cards so I'll know where you are? Thank you. This is a Chapter Representative vote which is required by our law. All in favor of the previous motion, please raise your pink cards Thank you. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you. We're good to go our Jurisprudence Chairman and we're legal now.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. The second item of Unfinished Business pertains to the report that our Associate Grand Matron and the other Grand Officers presented to you this morning. So if you are back on page 50, this is what they have placed for our Code of Laws, Amendment #1 to remove the duties of that particular section in our Code of Laws from our Board of Directors. Worthy Grand Matron I believe I should ask, I would have normally done it in the new legislation but surely the membership doesn't want me to read all that do they?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Surely the membership can speak. Do you need a reading lesson?

**Membership:** NO

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** They spoke.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Thank you Sisters and Brothers. So all I need to do is to call your attention to page 54. And this is what your Committee that you just heard is recommending from Article 82. Be amended to read:

**Strike:** Article 82. Subsection o.

**Change:** Article D. General Rules

**Strike:** 1. Eligibility a, b and c

**Strike:** 2. Procurement and Completion of Forms a.(1), (2), (3), (4), b, (1), (4), c,d,e.

Respectfully submitted. Sisters and Brothers and Worthy Grand Matron, this is in proper form and it is ready for the vote of the membership.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Second

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, I'm hoping you are understanding all of this. You have heard the motion and the second made by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt this change to our Code of Laws. Is there any discussion? I've got some people moving around so I'm trying to see. There are microphones in the Northwest and the Southwest, as well as the North, South, and West and the East. Is there any discussion? All in favor vote with your turquoise card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Thank you. Motion carried. (One rap)

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. That was Amendment #1. We are now through with Unfinished Business. We are beginning into the new business. So I would like to call your attention to page 54. Amendment #2. The Board of Directors have presented this Amendment have spoken with me, concurred with me and the Worthy Grand Matron and unanimously asked that that Amendment be withdrawn. Amendment #3 will appear on page 56 in your Advanced Annual Report and I invite Sister Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron of District 5 to present this Amendment to the membership. Sister Betty.

**PGM Betty Y. Friend:** Thank you Sister Rosemary. As Rosemary said, Amendment #3 is on your Advanced Annual Report. It's Article 157, page 118 of your Code of Laws entitled: Parliamentary Usage for Grand Chapter also for Subordinate Chapters. The rationale for this is they want to omit the phrase "To Call Off" from the Code of Laws. They are saying it is not proper because it's not in the Roberts Rules of Order. Worthy Grand Matron, Amendment #3 is in proper order and is ready for consideration by the membership, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion in reference to this change to the Code of Laws. The motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt this motion. Is there any discussion? I recognize Sister Willie Mae Shaw, one of our experts from Parliamentary procedure.

**Sister Willie Mae Shaw:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Willie Mae Shaw, Past Matron of McKinney Chapter #518 and Worthy Matron of Farmersville #940. I speak in favor of this Amendment to strike, "To Call Off" from our Parliamentary procedure as listed in Article 157(f), COL page 118. Nowhere have I found in writing the basis for this motion as it is not in Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised. The only information I have found regarding "To Call Off" was verbal and as one who served as Parliamentarian for Grand Chapter a number of years ago, I was advised at that time, if such a motion is made to treat it the same as the motion "Previous Question". The motion "Previous Question" is in Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised and is listed as one of the undebatable motions in our Parliamentary Procedure. As the motion "To Call Off" is not in the Parliamentary authority, I urge you to vote for this Amendment. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Sister Willie Mae Shaw. Is there additional discussion? Any more discussion? The ones moving around, if you want to speak raise your hand so I can... we want to hear anyone who has discussion. Obviously not. All in favor of this motion, please raise your turquoise cards. All opposed, same sign. The motion has carried. (One rap)

**PGM Betty Y. Friend:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It is my pleasure to present Brother Jack Guy to present Amendment #4.

**PGP Jack Guy:** I direct your attention to Amendment #4. You'll find it on page 57 and what we are doing now is it reads "The first eight officers shall be elected annually, at the Stated Meeting next preceding the 30th day of April". Can you not hear me? Well I'm surprised at that. I'm usually accused of being too loud. On page 57 of your Advanced Annual Report we recommend that you strike "Next preceding 30th day of April" and in place of it you will allow us to revise the Article to allow "at the first or second Stated Meeting in April". This relates

only to Chapters that meet twice a month. As you well know, many do not. They only meet once a month. We find this to be in order and await your pleasure.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Brother Jack. Unless I am badly mistaken and Jurisprudence Committee, please make sure that I am right. Is that Amendment not to allow us to elect any-time with in the month of April? Any Stated Meeting, not a Called Meeting but a Stated Meeting. Okay, you have heard the motion to accept this Amendment. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Raise your hand if you are headed to a microphone. All in favor vote with your turquoise cards. Thank you. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

**PGP Jack Guy:** It is my pleasure to present Sister Bess Caldwell to present her recommendation.

**PGM Bess Caldwell:** Thank you Brother Jack. We are going to work on Amendment #4. Can you hear me? (No) Now can you hear me? (yes) Okay, Amendment #4, no #5, I'm sorry. On page 58 of your Advanced Annual Report, Article 243 on page 171. All this does is allow, you can either do a written or verbal or electronic when you are sending a notice to your Chapters. It is sent to the member or Chapter at least three days before the meeting with the purpose of that meeting. If this motion passes, it will go into effect at the closing of this Grand Chapter year. I move for the adoption, Worthy Grand Matron, it is in proper form.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt Amendment #5 and a second made by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion. Now Sisters and Brothers, this is your Grand Chapter. It doesn't belong to me or the Past Grands or the Worthy Grand Patron or anyone else. It belongs to the membership of Texas. If you've got any discussion, get to a microphone, wave your hand, you know do whatever to get my attention. Is there any discussion. All in favor vote by the use of your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

**PGM Bess Caldwell:** I am pleased to present Brother Jack Guy who will present Amendment #6.

**PGP Jack Guy:** Amendment #6 deals with the, that unless otherwise provided by the Chapter By-Laws each resident member should receive notice by either verbal or...uh oh, I'm on the wrong one, I'm sorry. What this Amendment will do is strike out the single recipient of these funds. As we all know the Retirement Center has been cancelled but there is still a fund. So these funds at present would go to the Texas Masonic Center what we are doing now if striking that and what it will read is that it will go to any qualified 501(c)(3) organization. So this is in proper order, form, and we move for the adoption.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Second

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers we have a motion and a second made by the Worthy Grand Patron that we adopt this report...this Amendment. I'm sorry. This Amendment. All in

favor vote with the turquoise cards. I'm sorry Sisters and Brothers. Is there any discussion? I recognize Sister Karen Morgenthaler.

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Karen Morgenthaler, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. When it says Grand Chapter are we talking about the membership of Grand Chapter or does the Board of Directors make the decision on what organization would be receiving those funds? Would it be one organization or multiple?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Sister Karen. I can tell you this, Federal Law doesn't let us say where it goes anyway. It does have to be another 501(c)(3) organization that I do know.

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** Who determines which Charitable Organization it...

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** The Grand Chapter of Texas will determine that.

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** Is that the Grand Chapter Session?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Grand Chapter of Texas at a Session, yes.

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Is there any other discussion?

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** We're going to clear this up. Just a minute, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Audri Rowell? Sister Chairman? Do we have our Vice-Chairman, Sister Becky Austin? Okay, Sister Karen is asking, I believe I understand, what Sister Karen is saying. Who makes the decision where that money goes? Is it within the Session of the membership or is it under the Finances and decisions of the Board of Directors? Sister Karen Morgenthaler, is that the question you that you wanted to know that should we have to disperse this that we would give it or portions to 501(c)(3) entities that you want to know who makes that decision. Did I understand your question?

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** Yes, I want to know if we say the Grand Chapter of Texas, is it the membership in a Session that will make that decision? Or is it the Financial or the Board of Directors make that decision for us. But it needs clarification as to who makes the decision and we also need to know, is it one Charitable Organization under the 501(c)(3) or will it be multiple Charitable Organizations under the 501(c)(3)? Can it be made to more than one Charitable Organization if that happened?

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Sisters and Brothers, please stay with us. We were not expecting that question. I mean it's okay, we want question. I'm sorry, I didn't mean to infer that we don't want questions. But we need to take a minute to appreciate Sister Karen's and answer it correctly. Brother Bob, I see you at the mic, good.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Yes, Sister Rosemary, I'm Bob Royall, Past Patron of Huffman Chapter #1112 and currently Worthy Patron of Huffman #1112. In our discussions in our Legislative Workshop, this is clean up from whenever the Home was closed. This language which we discovered as we were going through during the year where that a 501(c)(3) was established

as a result of the sale of the Home. And at that time the discussion was if it were to be dissolved, the 501(c)(3), the money would...currently it says the preference it would go to TMRC. And the Board made a recommendation that that part of the sentence be taken out. And Sister Karen Morgenthaler, I would expect it would be a vote of Grand Chapter, not the Board of Directors.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Sisters and Brothers. Thank you Brother Bob Royall for explaining that it's clean up and we are just taking that verbiage out. And should the occasion arise that we have to do this then it will be handled within a Grand Chapter Session by vote of the membership. And I'd like to make one more clarification please Brother Bob. If my memory serves me correctly and it may not, I believe we organized the 501(c)(3) in 1988-1989 under the leadership of Sister Efird and so therefore we've had that 501(c)(3) for a long time but thank you for the clarification and I hope we have not confused anybody. Karen are you satisfied? Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Is there any more discussion? Thank you. I recognize Sister Susie Rogers.

**Sister Susie Rogers:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Susie Rogers, Past Matron of Burnet Chapter #425. I would like to propose an Amendment to this Amendment.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Can we have some more volume?

**Sister Susie Rogers:** I usually don't have a problem with microphones. I would like to propose an Amendment to this Amendment to include the words, it says "in the event of dissolution of the Eastern Star Home of Texas Association, the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star..." and insert "by vote of the membership at a Grand Chapter Session." Thank you.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Susie? Sweetheart, we are going to need three copies of that presented to us and then we will be able to read it correctly and have it in our proceedings. Can you do that for us and have it after lunch for us?

**Sister Susie Rogers:** I can. I need to present that to the Secretary, is that correct?

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Get it to the Grand Secretary. She'll get it to us for review but we need three copies in writing for that Amendment and any other Amendment to the Amendments that you want to present, we'll need to look at and that way the membership is not confused.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Is there any more discussion? Sisters and Brothers I apologize. I said 11:00 and it's 11:02 by my watch. Yours may be different but mine's quite right twice a day. We are going to close for lunch and complete after we come back at 1:30. Is that correct? Sister Grand Warder.

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** We are about to call this Session from Labor to Rest. You will direct the Grand Sentinel to allow no interruptions while we are thus engaged. (One rap)

### (Closing of the Chapter)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, we are not tabling this. We will continue the discussion after we come back at 1:30 p.m. That should give everyone adequate time for travel. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. Sisters and Brothers, I don't know how many of you may have never made a mistake, I've made a lot. Brother Art Drescher, I invite you to voice our Benediction. I'm sorry.

**PGP Art Drescher:** Sisters and Brothers, this prayer was offered by Sister Edna Goettee at the 129th Garden of Friendship Session. I do this in honor of her upcoming 100th Birthday. Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts in gratitude to thee for the many Blessings of the day. We thank Thee that thou hast brought our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jerre Lucas and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Billy Clabaugh 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 134th "Ride for the Brand" Session. Guide and bless not only our Grand Officers but each member who is in attendance this week. May all that be said and done in our Session be pleasing in Thy sight. Now dismiss us with Thy blessings. Watch over us from day to day and keep us in Thy tender loving care. In His name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I now declare this "Ride for the Brand-Blazing Trails Session" called from Labor to Rest until 1:30 p.m. Friday afternoon. (One rap)

### (Morning Session Closed)





**Friday Afternoon Session**  
**Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star**  
**134th Grand Chapter Session**  
**Harvey Convention Center, Tyler, Texas**  
***“Ride for the Brand – Sentimental Trails” Session***  
**September 2, 2016**

**12:45 PM Musical Prelude**

**Mrs. Sandra Perdue**  
**Gr. Rep of California in TX**

**1:00 PM Call to Order**

**PGM Bess Caldwell,**  
**Eastern Star Journal, GGC**

**PGP Bill Wyatt**  
**Past Grand Patron**

**PGM Bess Caldwell:** Sisters and Brothers, please help me thank Sister Sandra Perdue for the beautiful music that she has been playing for us. (Applause) I am pleased to be asked to open this “Ride for the Brand – Sentimental Trails” Session. Indeed, today has me reflecting upon our travels across this state and others, the journey of sentimental trails. I think of the many miles and many years, Worthy Grand Matron, we have traveled together as friends and all the smiles we have met along the way and all the friends that have touched our lives and made our lives richer. There may have been hills and valleys, ups and downs but those Sentimental Trails have given us a stronger, greater friendship. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for being my friend. Worthy Grand Patron.

**PGP Bill Wyatt:** I too thank you my friend, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to open this Session with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell. I know the trails have not always been smooth but Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron your commitment to serve the membership of Texas with love has been unwavering, I wish you a successful Grand Chapter as you complete this year. Thank you. Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the “Texas Brand Drill”.

**(The Texas Brand Drill)**

(Applause)

**PGM Bess Caldwell:** The Grand Officers will enter the Grand Chapter Room. Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with honor that I present Sister Jerre Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Billy Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (One rap) Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to present you with your gavel and therefore I invite you to preside.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter. (One rap)

***“Ride For the Brand”***

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Sister Bess and Brother Bill, I thank you for calling this “Ride for the Brand - Sentimental Trails” Session to order. I appreciate your being here for us today and throughout the years and for your memorable contributions to our beautiful Eastern Star. Your Love and Friendship Across Texas Session in 2010 in Amarillo reflected the love you have for this great membership and I appreciate the love and friendship you have extended to me over many years. Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to greet our friends.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you Sister Bess and Brother Bill, for your friendship and for opening this session. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Before opening our Afternoon Session, I invite our Humanitarian Chairman, Sister Betty Hancock to bring her Committee’s presentation.

**Sister Betty Hancock:** I would like to invite the Worthy Matrons and their Worthy Patrons of 2015-2016 to meet the Grand Marshal outside this door right here for the Humanitarian Drill. Marijo King, if you are in the room, will you please join us in the East.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Installed General Grand Officers, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Matrons, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members, my Sisters and Brothers all: This has been a great year and we have all been very busy. It is my pleasure to present the Humanitarian Program for 2015-2016. I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for giving me the chance to serve this Grand Chapter on such a wonderful Committee. I want to thank you for your confidence in me to get the job done. With the help of some of my friends, five great District Chairmen and the wonderful membership of Texas we have had an outstanding year. I’m proud to introduce.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Hold it just a minute. Sisters and Brothers I would ask for your cooperation please. To please sit down so we can complete our business. We definitely want our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron to be installed. So let’s just offer a little cooperation and be real quiet so we can get this business taken care of. Thank you so very much. I appreciate your cooperation.

**Sister Betty Hancock:** Our five District Chairmen were; Sisters Jo D. Dibrell, District 1, Cindy Echols, District 2, Jeanie Reiger, District 3, Carolyn Black, District 4 and Marijo King, District 5. I want to give a big thanks to each of these ladies for all their hard work and tireless efforts throughout the year. (Applause)

The Humanitarian Program this year was SPUR. This was to remind us to “Spur one another on toward love and to do good deeds.” The S stands for our Benevolent Aid program – our way to assist our sisters and brothers in need. The P stands for our General Fund – those funds are used to continue the work of our order. U stands for Education and lets us assist the Education Committee in providing Scholarships to our members and their family to further their education. R stands for ESTARL “Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership” – this is our way to assist by providing scholarships to those who have been guided by our Heavenly Father and are seeking to guide others to Him. Together we have all done a wonderful job contributing to each of these programs and together we are “Riding for the Brand of the Eastern Star. I invite the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2015 – 2016 or their Repre-

sentatives to join the Grand Marshal for the “Spurs and Stars” Humanitarian Drill as the District Chairmen present their reports. I invite Sister Jo D. Dibrell to bring her report from Dist.1. Can someone let our Grand Marshal know we are ready to start the drill please.

**Ms. Jo D. Dibrell:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this awesome appointment.

My Boss (Betty) and co-Workers are **Super**.  
 Each Deputy and Each of my Pages are **Positively Amazing**.  
 The Member and their generosity are **Uplifting**  
 Overall making this year - simply **Remarkable**.

Super - Positive - Uplifting & Remarkable. Truly a SPUR-tacular year - full of memories and lots of stories.

There was the sweet Worthy Matron who personally paid the little bit of difference, so that her Chapter could be 100%.

It was fun when a Chapter arrived to the Fraternal Visit @ 200% and left that evening @ 600%.

There was that \$1 donation - just to see if I was paying attention - I was, Dad.

It was wonderful to receive the numerous donations in honor of - or in memory of Members - what a sweet and special tribute.

Most importantly - I learned the correct pronunciation of Palesteeeen.

Now, get your pens, pencils or crayon ready for some numbers.

There are 82 Chapters in District 1: Every single one of them is at least 100%.

In fact: 58 Chapters are 100%  
 and 12 Chapters are 200%

There are:

6 Chapters that are 300% - these are: Y'all need to wave!

Lewisville  
 Princeton  
 Edwin J. Kiest  
 Lancaster  
 Eustace  
 Henderson

2 Chapters are 400%:

Winnie  
 Athens

2 Chapters of 600%

Richardson  
 Mabank

- 1 Chapter is 700%  
Boyd
- 1 Chapter is 800%  
Beckville

Now for the good stuff: (6,441 members)

Benevolent Aid:	\$2,481.00
General Fund:	\$2,015.50
Education:	\$2,998.50
ESTARL:	\$3,549.00

Grand Total of Donations for District 1: \$11,081.00

I thank each and every one of you for your generosity and helping to SPUR to success our membership and friends.

I invite my friend, Cindy Echols - Chairman, District 2 - to share her good news.

**Ms. Cindy Echols:** Thank you, Sister Jo D. Dibrell, and thank you, Sister Jerre, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Billy, Worthy Grand Patron, for allowing me to serve in this wonderful position as we have ridden for the brand this year! It has been my honor and privilege to serve you and the members of District 2 as Humanitarian Chairman for the 2015 - 2016 Grand Chapter year, and I am now proud to submit the following report.

District 2 had 24 chapters and 2,034 members, with 23 chapters participating in the "May We SPUR Others in Our Star to Service" Humanitarian Program, and all 23 chapters were at least 100%:

13 Chapters were 100% or more;

4 Chapters were 200% or more;

3 Chapters were 300% or more, and those were: Amarillo Chapter No. 787 - 300%, Lubbock Chapter No. 76 - 309%, and Midland Chapter No. 253 - 344%;

2 Chapters were 500% or more, and those were: Seminole Chapter No. 855 - 500%, and Odessa Chapter NO. 447 - 579%; and

1 Chapter, Queen Esther Chapter No. 833, 2 was 666%.

District 2 Chapters and its members contributed a total of \$4,108.00 to the four funds which made up our Humanitarian Program this year as follows:

"S" - Benevolent Aid	\$ 794.50
"P" - General Fund	586.00
"U" - Education Committee	1,438.00
"R" - ESTARL	1,289.50

Thank you, District 2, for the donations you have so lovingly given and the love and support of our Order you have shown this year. Thank you, too, for making it possible for me to give this wonderful report... I couldn't have done it without you!

It is now my pleasure to introduce the Humanitarian Chairman of District 3, Sister Jeanne Rieger.

**Ms. Jeanne Rieger:** I would like to thank Worthy Grand Matron Jerre Lucas and Worthy Grand Patron Billy Clabaugh for giving me this opportunity to serve our beloved order.

The chapter members and their deputies did an outstanding job in making me feel welcomed. I will never forget the new "sisters" I have made along my journey of 61 chapters.

Humanitarian contributions for District 3 are \$9,620.85. All chapters were at least 100% with Handley #617 being 700% and Cresent #820 521%.

EDUCATION	\$2,916.25
ESTARL	\$2,408.25
BENEVOLENT AID	\$1,600.75
GENERAL FUND	<u>\$2,695.60</u>
TOTAL	\$9,620.85

Until we meet again, may the Good Lord take a special liking to you.

And now it is my pleasure my Sister and fellow companion, Carolyn Black.

**Ms. Carolyn Black:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron:

I was honored when you asked me to "Ride this Trail" as Humanitarian Chairperson for District 4. The Maverick and I had such a great time and a successful trail ride around the area as we "Spurred Others in our Star to Service."

District 4 has 98 chapters and a membership of 8,244. The chapters graciously contributed \$18,375.25. We had 65 chapters that were 100%, 15 chapters that were 200%, 9 chapters that were 300%, and 3 chapters that were 400%. I would like to recognize the chapters that were 500% and more.

500% - Smithville #39  
 600% - Lexington #996 and Cypress #1102  
 1000% - Texas City #626  
 2000% - Somerville #245  
 2200% - Melrose #920

Thank you District 4 for the support you gave me and your contributions to Grand Chapter. It is now my pleasure to turn this over to Sister Betty Hancock who will present District 5 Report.

**Ms. Betty Hancock:** Sister Marijo King is unable to be with us but she did send her report.

Thank you Sister Carolyn Black, and thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this inspirational appointment. I submit the following report:

Number of Chapters in District Five: 54

Number of members in District Five: 4,072

Total Donations: \$8,468.34

28 Chapters 100%

11 Chapters 200%

2 Chapters 400%

1 Chapter 500 % - Mathis No. 874

1 Chapter 600% - Gonzales No. 403

1 Chapter 700% - Lytle No. 335

1 Chapter 800% - Leaky No. 18

1 Chapter 1200% - Floresville No. 271

1 Chapter 1300% - Amistad No. 1115

Members of District Five - Thank you for your concern and generosity to others.

Marijo King, Humanitarian Chairman District 5 (as read by Ms. Betty Hancock)

As you have just heard, all the Districts have been very supportive of the Humanitarian Program this year. I'm very proud to present the combined totals of all the Districts.

Benevolent Aid Fund	\$ 9,592.75
General Fund	\$ 9,933.00
Education	\$14,346.88
ESTARL	<u>\$17,974.00</u>
Total	\$51,846.63

It is only by the support and generosity of our Chapters we are able to assist our Sisters and Brother as well as many others who don't belong to our Order. We thank each of you for making this a wonderful year. May we continue to SPUR others in our Star for service. Respectfully submitted, Betty Hancock, General Chairman.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Thank you Humanitarian Chairman. Y'all have done an outstanding job. Let's thank these ladies. (Applause) I do have an announcement. Shirley Brown and Ms. Jerri Broaker, please report to the Grand Secretary's desk. Shirley Brown and Jerri Broaker. Also the Associate Grand Matron has a parking place. Someone is parked in it and you sure don't want to be towed. It's a gold Elantra, license plate BX4 3459. But that place belongs to the Associate Grand Matron. I thank you Sister Betty and your Committee for a job well done.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sister Grand Warder

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** You will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform

the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from REST to LABOR and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**Grand Warder:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from REST to LABOR, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**Grand Sentinel:** There will be no interruption, Sister Grand Warder.

**Grand Warder:** The doors are secure and there will be no interruption, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** It is well, Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of our Order and are entitled to be seated in this Session.

### (Prove the Chapter)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. (Three raps)

### (Opening of the Bible)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Brother Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron from my own District 5, will bring our Invocation.

**PGP Jerry Trees:** If you would bow your heads. Heavenly Father, how we feel your presence as we assemble with grateful hearts to give you our praise and to thank you for the opportunities that are ours in this great Organization. Especially do we ask your guidance in the matters before us. Humbly we pray for our peace throughout our Father's world. We ask a special prayer for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We ask that you give them wisdom, strength and courage in their leadership together with an added portion of love. Knowing Thy will will be done, we ask all these things in Your precious name. Amen (Amen)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I now declare the "Ride for the Brand - Sentimental Trails" Session called from REST to LABOR. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

### (Session called from Rest to Labor)

(One Rap) It is well. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, we still have much business and many reports this afternoon. But before we begin Code of the West thought for the afternoon will be brought by Mrs. Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron from District 2.

**PGM Betty Benham:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Yes, and District 2 definitely is in West Texas and that's what our Worthy Grand Matron has been portraying, "The Code of the West" and I do believe most of us here were raised by "The Code of the West". And if we would do that today, I believe it would be a much better world, don't you? (Applause) And "The Code of the West" thought defines American Heritage and Western Culture as it symbolizes the spirit of our people in a set of unwritten rules. You go back then and a hand shake meant that it was bonded and would always be true. When you make a promise, keep it; ride for the brand; and talk less, say more are part of the Cowboy's Ten Commandments. They are rules

for today and everyday as everyone needs a code to live by. So, Sisters and Brothers, kick off your boots and let's stay awhile so we continue the ride. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Good job. I invite Sister Rosemary Berry to continue with the Jurisprudence Report.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Good afternoon Sisters and Brothers. I hope you had a great lunch. Okay, well, let me remind you that after lunch it's usually nap time and I certainly do not mind if you drift off just slightly, however, I would appreciate it if you do not snore. Now if there is somebody snoring next to you, give them an elbow so that we can go on and take care of our business. We are going to resume with Amendment #6 which will be found on page 59 and there were questions before lunch and I wish to thank, I'm not sure what her title is, but the young lady back there with the computer that's watching. Lara, is it Lara? (Lara Nix) Lara, thank you kindly for getting these ready and putting them up on the board or the screens so that everybody can see the changes and we'll understand what we are doing. Alright, before lunch the Amendment #6 was Amended. Up on the screen says "Be Amended to Read" and you will see it in yellow, that's a good color, and underlined in red. What they wish to do by Amending this is to say, and I'm going to read it. "In the event of dissolution of the Eastern Star home of Texas Association, the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, by vote of the membership at a Grand Chapter Session shall select one or more Charitable Organizations, under the recommendation of the Board of Directors and shall convey the assets remaining if any, after payment of debts to such Charitable Organizations which qualify under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3)." Now the original writers of this Amendment felt that's what they were conveying. But this morning there was slight clarification needed. So that's why they've gone back and clarified how they want this handled. So the first thing that we need to do is to vote on the original Amendment that was given...okay, I've got five great people up here helping me, I'm not about to mess up. We're going to vote on the Amendment to the Amendment. Hold on. We are going to vote on the Amendment as written...Thank you Dee. Our Parliamentarian has now explained to this Past Grand Matron. I better not mess this up. In taking the vote, the secondary Amendment is voted on first. And then we'll vote on the Amendment as Amended. Worthy Grand Matron, they're ready. (Laughter)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Amendment to the Amendment. Do you understand what we are voting on? (Yes) Thank you, very good. We're going to get out early Sister Associate Grand Matron. Alright, Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Amendment to the Amendment. Is there any discussion? I recognize Paul Garner.

**Mr. Paul Garner:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Paul Garner and I'm a Past Patron of Spring #1105 and Andral Van #741. I have a question on clarification. Prior to lunch the Amendment as spoken was by vote of the membership at a Grand Chapter Session. It did not include the phrase "Under the recommendation of the Board of Directors". What is the process for getting...if the membership wanted a particular Organization to receive some of these funds what is the process other than going to the Board of Directors and having the Board of Directors first vote to approve or disapprove that before we are able to vote and make our choice known?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Brother Paul. The process is to call on the writers of the Amendment to the Amendment. Just come on up.



**Mr. Paul Garner:** Could someone clarify the intent of that please?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I believe, was this not presented by the Board of Directors?

**Mr. Paul Garner:** The Amendment wasn't I don't believe.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** The Amendment to the Amendment, who wrote it? Susie Rogers?

**Ms. Susie Rogers:** My name is Susie Rogers. I'm a Past Matron of Burnet Chapter #425. And you are correct, when we discussed this before lunch I did include the wording "by the vote of the membership at Grand Chapter Session". In discussions with others over lunch, they felt strongly, some of the other signers which are not shown there, that we should clarify that "under recommendation under the Board of Directors" because they said it is actually stated in another place in the Code of Laws that they would make those recommendations anyway so that was to clarify that. I did ask the question "What if?" because everybody has their favorite Charity. But the Board of Directors would make recommendations and in my mind we would still, hopefully, be able to bring those up. If I had a Charity that they had not selected and I felt strongly, my belief is that we would have a chance to nominate that Charity but standing here and giving the reasons why we felt that they were qualified to be included in that vote. It doesn't state all that though. You are correct.

**Mr. Paul Garner:** My concern would be if we are able to nominate here, we are actually blocked from doing that by having the words "Under recommendation by the Board of Directors" in this particular Amendment. That's my concern. And if it is stated somewhere else, then it is also unnecessary here.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I recognize Brother Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest.

**PGP Henry Martin:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. I think one of the things that we have to consider IRS regulations governing 501(c)(3) are fairly rigid and you don't want to make a mistake. You don't want to try to give something from a 501(c)(3) to a Charity that is not qualified to receive it. Those regulations are very strict, Sisters and Brothers, and the results of trying to do that are not something that we want to experience. So we will need prior to any funds being transferred to another 501(c)(3) we need to have a recommendation and some research needs to be done to make sure that the Charity that we want to contribute to, to transfer our funds to, is fully qualified under 501(c)(3) according to the IRS regulations. So somebody is going to have to do some research. We can't just pull a Charity out of the air. It's got to be qualified and that's the reason for a recommendation from someone. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Is there any further discussion? I want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to speak your peace. Brother Paul, are you happy with the answer?

**Mr. Paul Garner:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and thank you Brother Henry. It is stated in there "To such Charitable Organizations which qualify under the IRS code" so I believe that is covered within the Amendment. My concern still remains that the membership will still have an opportunity to choose, assuming they qualify, according to what the Amendment says, that they have an opportunity to choose the Charitable Organizations to receive the

funds. That's my only concern at this point.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Brother Paul?

**Mr. Paul Garner:** Past Grand Matron.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** I believe, if you can follow along with me up there, I believe that's what it says. "By vote of the membership at Grand Chapter, shall select one or more Charitable Organizations" we already know we are governed by 501(c)(3) "Under the recommendation" so the Board is the one that will do the research, find the Charities that are recognized under 501(c)(3) and then bring it to the membership. They'll bring two or three or whatever they bring and then we'll vote on it. Did that clarify your question?

**Mr. Paul Garner:** Oh, yes Ma'am, I absolutely understand that. I'm not trying to make this more complicated than it is. We chose to put that in there about the membership voting. My understanding of the intent was that the membership would have an opportunity. My original question was what is the process by which recommendations are made to the Board from the membership so that the Board is acting under the direction of membership because that is the Amendment that was being put in "by vote of the membership" meaning the membership would be the one to choose. So I was trying to clarify what's the process to get those Charitable Organizations recommended. Even though that comes from the Board, that's fine but how does that process work and that's not clarified and I'm not trying to make it more complicated.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** I understand now. I'm assuming that the Board of Directors will research this carefully and will bring several if we need it so is that what y'all are trying to get placed? Is that correct? Melissa, we're not ignoring you but I want to be sure that each member that has a question, so I'm thinking that the Board will be researching and certainly any member of the Order has a right to talk to the Board and say "Would you look into this one or that one?" Is that what you are trying to accomplish? Thank you Brother Paul.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I recognize Sister Melissa Hudman, Past Matron of Templar?

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Loyal...I'm Melissa Hudman, Past Matron of Loyal Chapter #648 in Dallas, Texas. Sisters and Brothers, the IRS has a publication, I was looking it up, it's been a while since I worked there. Publication 78. Any of you may order that. It is free. It's a cumulative list of all the 501(c)(3) Organizations by the Internal Revenue Service.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. We have a lady here.

**Ms. Diane Wilson:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Diane Wilson, an Affiliated Past Matron of Lewisville #935. And there is nothing in this Amendment whether it's Amended or as it was previously written that precludes any member of this Grand Chapter, in this Grand Jurisdiction from writing to the Board of Directors and saying "Would you please research this 501(c)(3) or this Charity that I believe would qualify for these funds." Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you very much. Is there any further discussion? Sisters and Brothers, I'm making every effort to make sure you understand this is not a Dictatorship. So if

you've got anything else to say, please get to the microphone quickly. Is there any further discussion? Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Amendment to the Amendment #6. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor please raise your turquoise card. All opposed please raise your turquoise card. Motion carried. (One rap) Alright, the Amendment to Amendment #6 has passed. Now we are going to vote on the Amendment as Amended, right Doris? Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Amendment presented to you, is there a second? We do have a second, Worthy Grand Patron? (Laughter)

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Is there any further discussion regarding this Amendment #6? Is there any further discussion? All in favor of Amendment #6 as Amended please raise your turquoise cards. All opposed please raise your turquoise cards. Amendment #6 has passed. (One rap) As Amended. Okay Ms. Rosemary.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Sisters and Brothers, we are now ready to present to you Amendment #7 which is found on page 60 and I invite our Past Grand Matron, Sister Jayne Yenger to come to the podium.

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** Sisters and Brothers, be kind. (Laughter) We are discussing or bringing to you Amendment #7. It's found in you Advanced Annual Report on page 60. I will read the Amendment and make sure you do understand the Amendments. We also have an Amendment to the Amendment. So I will read both and it will be put up on the screen. Amendment #7. Again it is located on page 60 of your Advanced Annual Report. It now reads: "The Registration Committee shall register all persons attending Grand Chapter from each person, except the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, and members residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, collect a registration fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). This Committee shall meet on or before 9:00 A.M. on the day of the opening of Grand Chapter." That's how it reads now. Be Amended to read: "The Registration Committee shall register all persons attending Grand Chapter and from each person, except the Most Worthy Grand Matron and/or Most Worthy Grand Patron and members residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, collect a pre-registration fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) or an on-site registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00). This Committee shall meet on or before 9:00 A.M. on the day of the opening of Grand Chapter." And to this Amendment we have an Amendment to...I will read it as Amended or as it will be Amended. "The Registration Committee shall register all persons attending Grand Chapter and from each person, except the Most Worthy Grand Matron and/or Most Worthy Grand Patron and members residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, who are wards of the Grand Chapter of Texas, collect a pre-registration fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) or an on-site registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00). This Committee shall meet on or before 9:00 A.M. on the day of the opening of Grand Chapter." So in your Advanced Annual Report you would not have Amendment to the Amendment. Again, we would be inserting as it appears on the board "Who are wards of the Grand Chapter of Texas". Now this is the purposed Amendment to. Do you understand because first we will vote on the Amendment to the Amendment? Do you understand? Worthy Grand Matron, this is ready to be voted on.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, we already know from your response that you understand exactly what we're voting on. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the

Amendment to the Amendment. We have a motion and a second Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** All in favor...Is there any discussion?

Ms. Melissa Ruffner: My name is Melissa Ruffner and I a Past Matron of Pinetree #1090 and I have a question on this one. I'm reading it, when I read down here where it says "To be Amended" it says "collect a pre-registration fee of \$15.00 or an on-site registration fee of \$20.00." And on the Amendment to the Amendment, it says "pre-registration fee of \$15.00 AND an on-site registration fee of \$20.00." So you're getting \$15.00 and \$20.00 in that one.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** You are exactly right. I'm quite proud of you. Thank you. Members of the Board of Directors, you're the one who presented this, please come defend it. Don't everybody move at one time. (Laughter) I recognize Sister Deborah Land, a member of the Board of Directors.

**Ms. Deborah Land:** I am Deborah Land, Board of Directors, District 2 and a Worthy Matron of Midland Chapter #253. Jurisprudence Committee, Worthy Grand Matron and membership, that is simply a typo. It should just be "or an on-site registration fee of \$20.00." Sorry.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you, thank you. Are we not glad to know that some of the Board of Directors can also make mistakes? Thank you Deborah. We have a lady in the Northwest. Are you wishing to speak? Are you ready?

**Ms. Carolyn Dickson:** I'm Carolyn Dickson, Worthy Matron of Oak Forest #1080 in Houston, a Plural member of New Caney #1093 and Humble #415. And I would like to speak in favor of this Amendment. I spoke with some of the ladies in our Chapter and the gentlemen and I understand their concerns being on a fixed income as I am. But we're talking about \$5.00 pre-registration, once a year and I would like to speak favorably and also the few ladies that were against it, they don't come to Grand Chapter. I'm just saying they don't come but I'm in favor of the Amendment. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you very much. Do we have further discussion? Do we have further discussion? Okay, if you would, make your way to the microphone.

**Ms. Leah West:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Leah West, Worthy Matron of Linden Chapter #576. I need a clarification please. Why is it necessary to include "Who are wards of the Grand Chapter of Texas"?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Leah. Would the members of the Board of Directors please answer this question? You are the ones that presented this. Audri Rowell, Chairman of the Board, would you ask some of your people come defend their Amendment. Alright, I can clarify Wards of Texas Masonic Retirement Center myself. Those are the nine ladies that the Grand Chapter of Texas pays for. All of the rest of the hundred and eighty-five residents of Texas Masonic Retirement Center are paid for either by themselves or The Grand Lodge of Texas Masonic Home and School, or somebody else. We are not paying for them. All we are saying is that we are exempting are those nine who we are paying for. Does that clarify that? Thank

you, Leah. I recognize the Chairman of the Board, Sister Audri Rowell.

**Sister Audri Rowell:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Audi Rowell, a Past Matron of Abilene Chapter #30 and what I would like to say, when we were signing the Amendments yesterday we had and we presented to the Jurisprudence Committee and other things, that item was slipped in somehow, some way that we signed. My Board of Directors, if you would please stand, were unaware that we signed this Amendment. (NO!) I'm sorry. The Amendment to the Amendment.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Sister Audri. We have some others that are wanting discussion. Sisters and Brothers, let's be kind to each other. We have someone wanting to speak on this. And yes, I'm not doing a your side and my side business. If you are for it, get to a microphone. If you are against it, get to a microphone.

**Sister Shirley Brown:** I am Shirley Brown, Past Matron of Springtown Chapter #498. I'm sorry the typo is in there, but are we going to correct it?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I'm sorry but you are going to have to face that microphone, get close to it.

**Sister Shirley Brown:** Are we going to fix the typo? I'm sorry that it's in there but if we vote on it that way, that's what we are voting on. Not what they intended to say. It's still in there even if they did not intend to put it in there.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, I am going to ask that the Board of Directors take this and fix it and bring it back in the morning. Is that going to make you happy? (Yes!)

**Sister Shirley Brown:** Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers we are going to bring Amendment #7, the Amendment to the Amendment after our very distinguished Board of Directors fix this error, we'll bring it back to you in the morning. Who's got Amendment #8, let's go ahead with Amendment #8.

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** It is my pleasure to invite Sister Betty Friend to present Amendment #8.

**PGM Betty Friend:** Sisters and Brothers, Amendment #8 is on page 61 of the Advanced Annual Report.

**Sister Willie Mae Shaw:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Yes, ma'am

**Sister Willie Mae Shaw:** I'm Willie Mae Shaw, Worthy Matron of Farmersville #940 and to postpone this until in the morning a motion to postpone and a vote would be correct.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Willie Mae. Will one of the members of the Board of Directors bring forth a....

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Sisters and Brothers, I know there's a little bit of confusion here but

please don't let it. I have just spoken to the entire Board of Directors and Sister Audri explained. I have the original. I've got their signatures. They did sign this so therefore all they missed was the word "or" instead of "and". Board members please stand so I can see you dear ones so that I'm saying this right to the membership. You all did sign this Amendment, it is what you want, you just missed the word "and" as the lady reminded all of us. We are going to put the word or in as a typo error. But the Amendment to the Amendment is going through, right Board?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** So we are going to vote on the Amendment to the Amendment to the Amendment?

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** The typo error. We're not going to re-write the Amendment.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Alright, let's rewind. We're not going to wait until in the morning, we're going to do it now. We're going to do it now and be done with it. Alright, we're going to vote on the Amendment to the Amendment to the Amendment. We're going to vote on changing that word "and" to "or". Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to amend the Amendment to the Amendment to the Amendment. We have a second by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion on this? Any of you that are headed our way, if you've got discussion raise your hand. If you don't raise it quick, we're going to vote. Okay, Willie Mae.

**Sister Willie Mae Shaw:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Willie Mae Shaw, Worthy Matron of Farmersville Chapter #940. We cannot do a third Amendment until the others are voted on.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Okay how are we going to fix this?

**Sister Willie Mae Shaw:** You have to vote on the Amendment to the Amendment and once it's voted on, then you can make an Amendment to it. You can only have two Amendments open at one time.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Okay, thank you. Thank you very much. I appreciate you Willie Mae. Best By-Laws Chairman I've ever had. We are going to now vote on the Amendment to the Amendment. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to now adopt the Amendment to the Amendment. Is there any further discussion? All in favor raise your turquoise card. All opposed same card. Motion carried. (One rap) Now we are going to vote on changing the word "and" to the word "or". We're going to do that right now. Now we're going to vote on the Amendment to the Amendment. On Amendment #7 we have a motion made and it has been seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your turquoise card. All opposed, your turquoise card. That Amendment to the Amendment passed. (One rap) Thank you Sisters and Brothers. And now, we're going to vote on Amendment #7 as Amended, is that correct?

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** That's correct.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Do y'all need that read to you again? I don't think so. (Yes!) Okay, Jurisprudence Chairman or Jayne or whomever...come read please.

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** "The Registration Committee shall register all persons attending Grand

Chapter and from each person, except the Most Worthy Grand Matron and/or the Most Worthy Grand Patron and members residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, who are wards of the Grand Chapter of Texas, collect a pre-registration fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) or an on-site registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00). This Committee shall meet on or before 9:00 A.M. on the day of the opening of Grand Chapter.” And it should be as listed on the screen. Are there any questions? Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt this Amendment as Amended. Is there any discussion? I recognize Anita Meade, Lubbock Chapter #76.

**Sister Anita Meade:** I’m Anita Meade, Past Worthy Matron of Lubbock #76 and current Worthy Matron of Freedom #898. My question is, is the Registration Committee going in the hole now? What’s the cost per Registration?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you, Board of Directors. Come defend it. If you don’t mind, I’m going to let a member of the Board of Directors answer this question.

**Sister Audri Rowell:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Audri Rowell, a Past Matron of Abilene Chapter #30. The reason for the increase is the cost of the items for Registration is going up. That is the reason for the change.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Is there...does everybody understand that? Yes, ma’am.

**Sister Mary-Ellade Harcrow:** I am Mary-Ellade Harcrow, Past Matron of Walter Baldwin...

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I don’t think we can hear you.

**Sister Mary-Ellade Harcrow:** I’m Mary-Ellade Harcrow, Past Matron of Walter Baldwin #929 now Affiliated with Whitney Chapter #930, Past Matron of Whitney also. I don’t think the membership should punish those that are maybe not aware, you know they didn’t know they could come and maybe they couldn’t get scheduled off and at the last minute they worked it out and they came. And I think it is unfair to charge them the additional five dollars. Because I think it would deter some from not coming because it’s going to cost them more on their registration.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Thank you. Is there additional discussion? I recognize Yvonne Brownfield, Past Matron of Copperas Cove.

**PGM Yvonne Brownfield:** I’m Yvonne Brownfield, A Past Matron of Copperas Cove #1070. Can you hear me? (Yes!) Do you care? (Yes!) Okay, I have a question and I want to point out that there are other people living at TMRC besides the Wards of OES. There are some who came into the Masonic Family Services and other means and are asset turnover and I don’t feel that they should be ignored in this Amendment. Because I feel like they are in the same particular situation as Wards of Eastern Star. Now there’s people like Robert and I who chose to retire there and we pay our own way and are willing to and I don’t mean that. I just think there are other types of admittance that are not being declared here.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Thank you very much Sister Yvonne. Do we have anyone voting for or speaking for, I'm not saying voting. Do we have anyone speaking for this Amendment? I think I'm recognizing Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Past Matron of Crescent Chapter.

**PGM Cheryl Albrecht:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, I am Cheryl Albrecht, Past Matron of Crescent Chapter and I speak in favor of this motion. Those that are at TMRC on a fee for service is no different than any other one of our members who are living in an Assisted Living Facility. And we do not comp theirs and I just think to make it equitable that's why this motion is there. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Do we have any further... I recognize Trey Smith, a Past Patron of I don't know whereelse. (Laughter)

**PGP Trey Smith:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Trey Smith and I'm a Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249 and Handley Chapter #617. I am speaking in favor of this due to the fact of the expenses and the cost of the materials that we do receive when we register for our Grand Chapter Session. I believe the Board is doing the very best they can in the sense of helping us control our expenses and this is a serious expense that a lot of people don't want to admit that we have. It's in our budget. It's part of the printing monies that we spend. When we were in office, Sister Jayne and I, when we did the analysis of what the cost was at that time of printing this really pretty pink book and that white book that we are given, the costs on those books alone, besides the labor that went into producing them, and the voting cards also that cost at that time was over \$7.00. It's what we were quoted. Out of the \$10.00 Registration, that doesn't count the forms that are mailed out to the Grand Chapters for pre-registration, it doesn't cover the postage for all those that are mailed out to every Chapter in the state. And at that time, there were an average of more than ten registration forms sent to each Chapter. So you have that printing costs also. I don't think that compared to, in my profession, the last jewelry show that I went to, the last registration fee was \$150.00. This is nothing to what we should be paying to just almost break even on what we receive at the beginning of our Session. I think that is the jest of trying to cover our expenses compared to getting it for less money than what we have invested in it. That's just another loss to Grand Chapter that we need to be realistic about moving forward on. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Yes, ma'am.

**Sister Geneva Tanner:** My name is Geneva Tanner, I am the current Worthy Matron of Houston Ransford #135. I'm also the Past Worthy Matron of Houston Ransford #135. I am in favor of this motion and the reason being, if you do pre-register just about anywhere, you get a discount. If you register at the door you don't get a discount. That's the way it is in real life. I mean it's just a fact of life. I understand that \$5.00 is a hardship for some people. I can guarantee you that if my Chapter wasn't helping me with my expenses for Grand Chapter I wouldn't be here even if I was the Worthy Matron because I do have to work and working, you can't take off if you want to come to Grand Chapter if you want to get a paycheck that worth anything and helps pay your bills. I understand that the expenses that we have, the printing, you don't realize everything that goes on behind the scenes for Grand Chapter. So it has to be paid for some way, somehow. If we want to continue to be an Organization past the next twenty years. If we want to leave this legacy to our children and our grandchildren, you're going to have to abide with the times and increase the \$5.00 here or \$10.00 there to



make or break whether or not you are going to continue to have a Grand Chapter. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you so very much. Do we have anyone that is speaking against. Shirley? Well, we've had three for's for you've got to be speaking against. I mean I'm not telling you what to speak on, I'm just saying the next speaker is going to be speaking against.

**Sister Shirley Flache:** I'm not speaking against or for. I am confused. (Laughter)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** How do you feel of me?

**Sister Shirley Flache:** I'm Shirley Flache, Past Worthy Matron of Brownfield #785, now a member of Lubbock #76. I thought we had already voted for this. We're just voting for the correction of the "and" or "or"? Is that correct or not?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** No ma'am. We are voting for the original Amendment. We did the Amendment to the Amendment to the Amendment and the Amendment to the Amendment. We are now voting for the motion. Thank you Shirley.

**Sister Shirley Flache:** Okay, I'm sorry.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** It's okay. I want you to understand and I appreciate your question very much. Thank you sweet one. Okay, we have had someone call for the question. I'm sorry. They just did. Thank you Nelson. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second made by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt Amendment #7 as Amended. We've got Willie Mae Shaw.

**Sister Willie Mae Shaw:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Willie Mae Shaw, Worthy Matron of Farmersville #940. We need to vote on the previous question. The membership has to stop the debate not one person. A 2/3rd vote.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. We have to vote to stop discussion. All in favor of stopping discussion raise your turquoise cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried, we will stop debate (One rap) and go immediately to the question. Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion to adopt Amendment #7 as Amended. Is there any further discussion? (NO!) We don't have discussion, I'm sorry. I'm just reading. All in favor raise your turquoise cards. Thank you. Cards down. All opposed turquoise cards. Motion was adopted. (One rap) I recognize Sister Betty Friend who will present Amendment #8 and Grand Sentinel will you get your people ready to close. Because we're going to close after this one.

**PGM Betty Friend:** Sisters and Brothers, we're going to look at Amendment #8 on page 61. It's Article 158, page 120 in your Code of Laws. It's entitled "Issuance of Ballots". We're going to insert a phrase in this one as well as we did before. And what will happen, I'm going to do a synopsis and tell you. If this passes, we will add the possibility of voting on pre-programmed electronic devices. "Each member of Grand Chapter, who is entitled to a vote or votes as prescribed in Article X, Section 10a, 10b and 10c, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. shall be and hereby is, entitled to have issued to her or him by the Credentials Committee prior to, or during each Session of Grand Chapter, for use during said Session, one set of printed ballots, on forms prescribed by Grand Chapter or an electronic voting devise

pre-programmed with said ballots provided that each of the following prerequisites is complied with.”

Subparagraphs a., b., and c. will remain the same and they tell who gets how many votes. 10c. talks about the Grand Reps so don't worry about that plural votes. That's the Grand Reps. Worthy Grand Matron this is in perfect order and we're ready for discussion or consideration by the membership.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt Report #8 from the Jurisprudence Committee. A motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? I recognize Lea.

**Sister Cynthia Huber:** No this is Cynthia. I'm the other one.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Okay, I recognize Cynthia.

**Sister Cynthia Huber:** I'm Cynthia Huber, Past Matron of Pasadena Chapter #711. We just spent a considerable amount of time talking about the expenses of Grand Chapter. I have only one question here. How much are these little electronic do-dads going to cost?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Alright, who signed this Amendment?

**PGM Betty Friend:** I just stated members, that this is going to be a possibility not an actual thing happening. They are going to look into it and find out how much it costs and will be bringing it back to you. They are just asking permission to try to find out if electronic voting will be a possibility for us in the future.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I recognize Trey Smith.

**PGP Trey Smith:** I'm Trey Smith, Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249 and Handley Chapter #617. And I know this is going to get some boo's when I say this so I'm going to say that up front. I understand that. On page 61, the way that it is Amended to read, it says "or an electronic voting device pre-programmed", not spelled correctly "with said ballots". That is not what that says. Spelled correctly.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I served on the Board, Brother Trey. There's no requirement to learn how to spell to be on the Board. (Laughter)

**PGP Trey Smith:** Sorry! Well, my retort to that is, they look good. But I just want to make sure we really are legal on what we vote on is what this says versus what that says.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. I appreciate you.

**PGP Trey Smith:** And the screen does not reflect the same thing that this says and programmed is not spelled correctly in the Amendment as printed.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Is the one on the screen correct?

**PGP Trey Smith:** No ma'am. It says pre-programmed and this says programmed. The one in the book on page 61...

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Brother Trey.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Yes Sister Rosemary.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Could you make that a little simpler? (Laughter) We have the word pre-programmed in there and you are saying what sir? No, Trey you know I love you and this is just

**PGP Trey Smith:** You know I love you too.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** This is not debatable. I'm looking on page 61 and the original was pre-programmed.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Which is here two words and programmed is not spelled correctly.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Okay so now upon the board, what do we have?

**PGP Trey Smith:** Y'all switched it! (Laughter) But it's still not spelled right.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** You would like an extra "m" in there don't you?

**PGP Trey Smith:** I would like an extra "m" and the dash to go away.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** You would like the dash to go away and an extra "m" in the word "programmed". I feel quite sure that this membership will go right along with that.

**PGP Trey Smith:** All kidding aside I just want to make sure that what we are reading here and we're seeing there is the same thing.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Ok, Ms. Betty Friend, this is your Amendment, you handle it. (Laughter)

**PGM Betty Friend:** But I'm not in charge of the vote.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Okay, wait a minute. Wait a minute.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Brother Trey, as much as I love you, your three minutes are up. (Laughter) Sister Alma Bane.

**PGM Alma Bane:** Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Alma Bane, Past Matron of, of gosh so many Chapters now I don't want to list them, McLennan #639 and Stephenville #801. As I served as Right Worthy Grand Secretary and I dealt with legislation that came from all over the world with all kinds of spelling of words. The Jurisprudence Committee of General Grand Chapter as part of their preliminary report or their final report, gave me as Right Worthy Grand Sec-

retary the ability to make grammatical, and spelling and typo corrections because the intent was very clear of what was done in the Amendments. I would hope that that would be something that this Jurisprudence Committee provides to our Grand Secretary. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Sister Alma Lynn Bane. That's already in our law I believe. It's fixed. Are you ready for the question? No we're not. Thank you sir.

**Brother John Stephenson:** My name is John Stephenson, Past Patron of Taylor #578, present Patron, #578. This Grand Chapter does not need permission to look into the cost of electronic voting devices. The Board can do that on their own. If we accept "or an electronic voting device which is preprogrammed" we are hereby future obligated to rent or purchase said electronics at an expense to Grand Chapter.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you sir. Willie Mae.

**Sister Willie Mae Shaw:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Willie Mae Shaw, Worthy Matron of Farmerville #940. On page 105 under the Jurisprudence Committee, Article 152e.1, Duties 5. With the assistance of the Grand Secretary correct any inconsistencies of the wording of existing laws to correspond with any legislation passed by action of the Grand Chapter. I think that answers the question about a misspelled word.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Yes, that's what I just said. I knew it was in the law, I just hadn't had time to look it up. Thank you Willie Mae. Do we have another discussion?

**Sister Pam Stewart:** My name is Pam Stewart, Past Matron of Friendswood #1131. We've all kind of laughed at this preprogrammed thing. I've watched for the last few years, the voting and we have always had something disallowed. We can't seem to circle a name right or a yes or no right. And we get ballots that are disallowed. I know all of us feel like we are doing real well with our phones and our computers but I think the time honored balloting, we ballot at the altar, a time honored tradition. When I read this I thought okay we're going to look at it but it bothers me that it would even be in there. I think we need to remain with what we elect even if we don't write down names. We sit a group over to the side when we are electing our officers, every Worthy Matron that is going out has to have pens and pencils ready for everybody if we have more than one. I think we need to remain with our traditions.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Sister Pam. Now we're talking about voting at Grand Chapter. We're not talking about balloting in our Subordinate Chapters when we're balloting on Candidates. Am I correct? (Yes) Thank you. I believe you were next.

**Sister Ramona Harris:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Ramona Harris, Past Matron of Ft. Stockton Chapter and Imperial Chapter, now Affiliated with Quitman #695. The way this reads to me and I may be wrong, is if we vote for this Amendment then we have already accepted that we are going to have preprogrammed machines with the ballots in it is what I read.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** No ma'am, I'm sorry. The word is "or".

**Sister Ramona Harris:** Well it says "or" but that's how it makes sense to me.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Is there any further...yes, ma'am.

**Sister Diane Wilson:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Diane Wilson an Affiliated Past Matron of Lewisville #935. I belong to Daughters of the Nile and for the last four years we have been using the electronic voting devices at our Supreme Session. If you can work a remote control for your television set or your cell phone, you can work these preprogrammed devices. I am not certain of the costs to the Supreme Temple for these devices but the way this reads, this gives our Board the ability to go out and estimate or find out what this costs is going to be, present it to Grand Chapter and then we can without going through further Amendments use the electronic voting devices at the next Grand Chapter Session. This is nothing more than a housekeeping policy that says we can permit them to go out and then use it if we so choose and find out if it's cost effective. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you very much. Yes, ma'am.

**Sister Darla DeLome:** Let me see if I get this our right. The way I read that. I'm sorry. I am Darla DeLome, Past Matron of Buna #968. The problem I have with this is if you're asking permission to go and research into finding a device, I've been in other Organizations where we vote electronically and that's fine and there's a lot of things out there that you can do that with and they're accurate but I would like to see it worded that you're asking permission to research it and then come back to us with the device that you find and let us vote on that device that you choose. That's just...I mean give them permission to go and research it and then once they find what it is let the Grand Chapter vote on whether they want to use that or not.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Thank you very much. Yes, ma'am.

**Sister Sandra Harrell:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Sandra Harrell, Past Worthy Matron of Nash #320 and current Worthy Matron of Midlothian #234. I'm against this as written. The intent you say was to give them permission to go out and investigate the cost and the feasibility of this project for the electronic voting.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I don't know about the rest of you but I'm sorry, I can't hear you.

**Sister Sandra Harrell:** Can you hear me now? The people have said that their intent, this motion is for them to go and inquire and investigate the cost of electronic monitoring. I can go out and investigate the cost of electronic monitoring. Anybody can do that. But what this motion is saying is not what they are saying the intent is. What this motion is saying is that we are giving permission to decide whether we vote with the cards or with electronic monitoring. It doesn't say investigate. We could save expenses by everybody leaving your red and blue cards chair, may not be a lot of them but it's something. But this motion, this Amendment as it reads that we are going to have either the balloting by cards or the balloting by electronic monitoring and we have no further say in that. No decision by us whatsoever.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Alright, our next speaker must be speaking for this Amendment. You're speaking for sir? Jerry, what about you?

**Brother Jerry Saunders:** I was going to call for the motion.

**Brother Percy Johnson:** I don't blame him for that Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, all our Sisters and Brothers here. The Amendment that we're talking about voting for would bring us up to being a little bit closer to our times, instead of a Century ago. Those of us who were at Grand Lodge last year saw just how effective this could be. And as for we investigate it or do it, we elected these people over here on the Board of Directors to help us and if we don't trust them, then we shouldn't have elected them. And I was going to do what he is, I was going to call for the motion. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Lee.

**Brother Percy Johnson:** By the way, I am Percy Johnson, a Past Patron of ...

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you, I know who you are Lee Johnson.

**Brother Jerry Saunders:** I am Jerry Saunders, Past Patron of Port Neches #677 and Spurger #315. I call for the question.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, we have had the question called for. All in favor of stopping debate, raise your turquoise cards. Thank you. All opposed, turquoise cards. The question to stop debate has passed. (One rap) Thank you. Now are you ready for the question? Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt this report of Jurisprudence which is Amendment #8. All in favor vote with the turquoise cards. Thank you. All opposed turquoise cards. Motion passed. (One rap) I recognize, I'm sorry I'm going to interrupt Jurisprudence. I recognize Sister Betty Hancock to adopt the report of the Humanitarian Committee.

**Sister Betty Hancock:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to move for the adoption of the Humanitarian Report that was presented earlier.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers you have a motion and a second made by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of the Humanitarian Committee. All in favor vote with the turquoise cards. Thank you. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Sister Rosemary.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Membership you've been wonderful today and I have some good news for you. Amendment #9 has been withdrawn. (Yea!) Amendment #10 has been withdrawn. (Applause) So therefore please be with us tomorrow. We do have two items of Emergency Legislation. But all of the printed Legislation has now been covered. Thank you dear ones.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your attention and assistance with this "Ride for the Brand – Sentimental Trails" Session. Soon we will be calling our Session from Labor to Rest. I want to remind you of a few important matters: Both the Reception and as well as the General Banquet have been moved to Green Acres Baptist Church. The same place you were in last evening for our good Western Music and "No" Dancing. (Laughter) Y'all were listening. I'm proud of you.

I wish to thank Brother David Dibrell for his words of Benediction this afternoon. Thank you Sister Sandra Purdue for the Musical Prelude and assisting our Grand Organist this afternoon.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, let's sit down. If you don't mind, please sit down. We have a prayer. At least sit down and show some reverence here. Thank you.

**PGP David Dibrell:** May we pray. Most gracious heavenly Father, author of light and life. As we come to the end of this "Sentimental Trails" Session we pause as we reflect on the many blessing of today in the hopes of tomorrow. Thank you for the blessing that You bestowed on this Order. Guide and direct us through the ceremonies of this evening. And bring us all back together again tomorrow. In Thy precious name we pray. Amen (Amen)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this Ride for the Brand – Sentimental Trails Session from LABOR to REST and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**Grand Warder:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from LABOR to REST, and you will permit no one to enter or leave the Grand Chapter Room.

**Grand Sentinel:** There will be no interruption, Sister Grand Warder

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** While we are closing the doors, I would like to further announce that at the Green Acres Baptist Church the Banquet will be held in the Crosswalk Building. It's a big, big facility so make sure you are going to the right building. We don't want you to be walking fourteen miles.

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, your Order has been obeyed.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** It is well, Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. (Three raps)

**(Grand Conductress attends at the Altar)**

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I now call this "Ride for the Brand, Sentimental Trails" Session from LABOR to REST until 8 o'clock this evening. I hope you are joining us for the Reception at 5:00 P.M. today and the General Banquet at 6 PM and for the very short ESTARL and Memorial Services to begin at 8 o'clock tonight. (One rap)

**(End of Friday Afternoon Session)**





**134th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas  
 "Texas Best" General Banquet  
 Friday, September 2, 2016, 6:00 p.m.  
 Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler Texas**

**Master of Ceremonies:**

**Mrs. Betty Benham**

**Past Grand Matron of Texas**

**PGM Betty Benham:** Good evening. We're so glad to see so many of you here. And Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions and of Texas, Distinguished Members, Our Honorees, Texas Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent, and of course all of you, Sisters and Brothers and Friends. Worthy Grand Matron I'm sure you are pleased. You know, you throw a party, you ask someone to come and you think "Oh, my goodness" what if nobody shows up". Be careful what you ask for. We are so pleased that so many of you wanted to come and celebrate this wonderful occasion this evening that we had to move the event to this larger room. And we're so happy to see you here. Again, I am so excited about this evening and welcome to the "Texas Best" General Banquet honoring our very own Texas Best Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent. We that live in Texas know that Texas is the "Best" and we will point out of few facts to establish that.

First of all, it is a common misconception that everything is twice as big in Texas. Well, really everything is only 1.965 times larger but we just round it off. (Laughter)

Texas possesses three of the top most populous cities in the United States. Houston, Dallas and our Worthy Grand Matron's home town of San Antonio. And don't forget, I have to throw in El Paso here because I'm from Amarillo, the top of Texas. Then I have to kind of refrain from bragging on the El Paso people that come because did you know that it's closer to Needles, California than it is to Dallas, Texas from El Paso.

And another "Texas Best" is that the Heisman Trophy is named for Coach John William Heisman from Rice University in Houston, Texas.

And Texas certainly knows and now the rest of the world knows we have the "Best" Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron right here in Texas, and Mr. Henry S. Martin I want you to officially welcome us.

**RWAGP Henry Martin:** Thank you Sister Betty. It's certainly a pleasure to be here. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Chapter Officers and Elected Board Members, my Distinguished Sisters and Brothers all. It's a special privilege to be asked to bring the Welcome tonight. Not only do we have many of our own Texas members with us but we have a number of others from out of state with us in Texas this week and we're very pleased. You know welcome is a word that covers warmth, smiles and happiness. And

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tonight we extend them all in abundance to each of you who have joined us from near and from far. And to show you just how happy we are to have you with us, let me offer you this. May your pockets be heavy, may your heart be light, and may good luck pursue you from morning til night. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** Thank you Brother Henry. Do you know the driving distance from Tyler, Texas to the state of Nebraska is 828 miles? I bet Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron of Nebraska, knows just how far it is. Sister Cheryl, here in Texas we can drive all day and not leave Texas. We are so very happy you traveled all those miles to respond to our Welcome.

**WGM Becky Beckius:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Worthy Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends. Hello Texas from Nebraska. It's wonderful to be here. Your state is just a little bit bigger than ours but it was a ways to get here. What a great honor it is for me to give the response to the welcome given by the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Henry Martin. On behalf of the Distinguished Guests present, I would like to express our appreciation for the warm hospitality of the state of Texas. The many acts of kindness and expressions of love you have extending to all of us. What grand memories of Texas we shall enjoy in the years to come. Sister Jerre and Brother Billy, as your "Trail Ride" across Texas comes to a close, and the final "Round-Up" of your final year is taking place, may you be blessed by the results of the efforts of your Texas members in supporting your plans and projects. Sister Jerre, it was a pleasure to meet and visit with you at Wyoming Grand Chapter. As your Distinguished Guests, we commend you, your top hands, Grand Family and all the Sisters and Brothers of Texas. We congratulate you for following the "Code of the West" and your dedication and service to our amazing Order. We wish you a Session filled with fun, festivities and pride as you celebrate all you have accomplished. You have extended the hand of friendship. You have served with love in your hearts and you live with faith in one another. Thank you and God bless you all. (Applause)

**PGM Betty Benham:** I know that everyone is anxious for dinner. You know we don't eat when we go to Eastern Star functions. God teaches us to leave our daily challenges in His holy hands and I was tested on that today, wasn't I Worthy Grand Matron? We had a few challenges in getting ready for you today but look at it. Isn't it beautiful? (Applause) It is reassuring to have someone approach His throne and ask for His blessings. Let us lift our hearts to God, as Grand Chaplain, Mr. Burley Jones leads us in the Invocation.

**Grand Chaplain Burley Jones:** Let us go to the Lord in prayer. If you would, take the hand of the one next to you if you can. Our heavenly Father, as we meet tonight for "Texas Best" General Banquet, we thank you for all the many blessings You have bestowed upon us this year. We thank you for these Installed Grand Officers and hope that they have been a blessing to someone along this trail that we have ridden for you. We ask now Your blessing upon this meal we are about to receive. Bless it to our bodies and our bodies to Thy service. We ask these things in Jesus name, Amen. (Amen)

**PGM Betty Benham:** Let us please enjoy your dinner.

**(Dinner)**

**PGP Betty Benham:** I know everyone is still enjoying your dinner and you've heard this phrase before: Continue eating while we go on with the program. We do have a Memorial and ESTARL program to get back to. I might at this particular time while we're settling down have two items that were lost and found. This is a beautiful red earring if I just had the other one to go with it. And this is very nice. It looks like someone probably lost it, their Worthy Matron pin. It's a beautiful Eastern Star, and yes it looks like a vintage one and it does have the gavel on it. Check to see if this is yours, we have them up here. Thank you.

Waco, Texas is known for its first suspension bridge in the United States crossing the Brazos River. Waco is also known for the best soda and invention of the Dr. Pepper would you believe in 1885. I know that we have interrupted your eating, but if you could just eat a little quietly so we can hear the program that's coming up. Thank you. The invention of the Dr. Pepper in 1885 which reminds me of two Texans talking. First one says "You wanna Coke?" The second one says "Yep". The first one says "What kind?" The second one answers "Dr. Pepper". (Laughter) I know I asked "Texas Best" Eastern Star member when I asked Diane Davidson who lives in Waco and I have to add that she was an Installed Floor Officer back in 1989-1990 and was my Grand Chaplain. I asked her to do this awesome task of doing Introductions. My dear friend, Diane Davidson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron to do the honors.

**Sister Diane Davidson:** Thank you Sister Betty. First I want to make just a little clarification, I wasn't around when Dr. Pepper was invented. (Laughter) Thank you Sister Betty for this honor of attempting to introduce some of our Distinguished members with us tonight. You know this year, we've hit the trail, we've sat around the campfire and told stories. They've tended the herd and they've cared for our Critters and they certainly have been "Texas Best".

It is my honor to introduce, Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. William "Billy" Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron and his wife, Jane, Grand Esther. Let's show them how much we love them. (Applause)

We are sorry that our number one Redbird was not able to be with us tonight but we are delighted to have a former leader of General Grand Chapter Mr. John Grobler, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Patron of Washington and his wife Barbara, Grand Escort. Please join me in greeting them. (Applause)

Texas is honored to have a General Grand Chapter Officer, Mr. Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife Opal, Grand Escort. (Applause)

Now, if you will please hold your applause until all have been introduced. It is my pleasure to introduce the Ambassadors and General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Ambassador to Germany and a Past Matron of Texas and her escort, Mr. Joey Yenger.

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, By-Laws Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Alma is also the Grand Representative of Italy in the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Bonnie Varnell, Credentials and a Past Grand Matron of New Mexico.  
Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Eastern Star Journal and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.  
Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Regenerative Medicine and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.  
Mr. Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico and a Past Grand Patron Texas.  
Dr. Bill Bane, Ambassador to Romania and a Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia and Bill is also the Grand Representative of Sao Paulo in the District of Columbia.  
Mr. Trey Smith, ESTARL and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife, Lesa, Grand Escort.  
Mr. David Wilcox, Scottish Rite Charities and a Past Grand Patron of Colorado and his wife, Genie, a Past Grand Matron of Colorado and Supreme Deputy in Colorado, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.  
Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Support our First Responders, Chairman and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife, Marty, Hummingbird Wranglers.  
Mr. David Dibrell, Youth Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. David is also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM and his wife, Marlene who is a Past Supreme Inspector and member of the House of Gold, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Will you please join with me in greeting these members. (Applause)

We are honored to have with us Leaders of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Mrs. Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron of Nebraska and Mr. Mike Christie, Worthy Grand Patron of Oklahoma and his wife, Elsie, Grand Escort.

Please join me in welcoming these members. (Applause)

It is my honor to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions;

Past Grand Matrons:

Mrs. Sheri Gustafson, California  
Mrs. Betty Robertson, New Mexico  
Mrs. Pamela Patterson, New South Wales, Australia and she is also the Grand Representative of Texas in Australia and her husband, Alan, Past Grand Patron of New South Wales, Australia  
Mrs. Margaret Hull, Oklahoma and her husband Donald, Past Grand Patron of California and is also Grand Representative of Minnesota in Ohio  
Mrs. Margie McConnell, Oklahoma and her husband, Warren, Transportation Committee of Oklahoma

And these Past Grand Patrons:

Mr. Bill Ryhan, Arizona and his wife, Jay, Grand Escort  
Mr. Willis Grundvig, Colorado and his wife Valerie, Grand Representative of Texas in Colorado  
Mr. Carl Lawson, Connecticut and his wife Donna who is also the Grand Representative of Texas in Connecticut  
Mr. Denny Perry, Montana and his wife Donna, Grand Representative of Texas in Montana.

Please join me in greeting these members. (Applause)

I am honored to introduce the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas who are with us tonight;

Past Grand Matrons:

Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham, our Master of Ceremonies and General Chairman of this Banquet

Dr. Effie Mae Davis

Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry and her husband, John, Grand Representative of Georgia in Texas

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan

Mrs. Doris Hester

Mrs. Nancy Brown

Mrs. Vi Griffin and her husband, Tommy. Tommy is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM

And these Past Grand Patrons:

Mr. Buddy Baker and his wife Judy, Grand Escort

Mr. Jerry Martin. Jerry is also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM and his wife, Betty, Grand Escort

Mr. Nelson Campbell and his wife Georgia, Arrangements, Distinguished Guests, Co-Chairman

Mr. Ray Hertenberger and his wife, Vicki, ESTARL, General Chairman

Mr. Bill Wyatt and his wife Ann, Arrangements Distinguished Guests

Mr. Bill Crews and his wife, Kathy, Grand Escort.

Please join with me in welcoming the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas.  
(Applause)

We are also very delighted to have with us at our Grand Chapter Session and at this Banquet tonight: Mr. Wendell P. Miller, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF and AM and his lady, Billie.

Join me in greeting them. (Applause)

We also have with us Installed Grand officers of other Grand Jurisdictions:

From Arkansas; Mrs. Rayna Yarberry, Grand Ruth

From Delaware: Mrs. Virginia Crockett, Grand Conductress

From Oklahoma: Mr. Bill Most, Associate Grand Patron

Mrs. Lana Jameson, Grand Conductress and her husband, Robert

Mrs. Debbie Kitchell, Grand Marshal and her husband, Marvin

Mrs. Donna Chapman, Grand Ruth

Mrs. Janice Real, Grand Warder

And Mrs. Pamela Chessier, Grand Lecturer in Oklahoma

And from Utah: Mrs. Barbara Keyt, Grand Ruth and her husband David, Grand Representative of Texas in Utah

Let's join in giving these members a hearty welcome. (Applause)

Tonight we honor our Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent and it is my pleasure at this time to introduce them:

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Associate Grand Matron and her husband, Gary, Grand Escort  
Mr. Tom Murphy, Associate Grand Patron and his wife Glenda, Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, Section 3  
Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Interim Grand Secretary  
Mrs. Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer and her husband, Jerry, Arrangements Electrical, Chairman  
Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Grand Conductress and her husband, Richard, Grand Escort  
Mrs. Carolyn Martin, Associate Grand Conductress  
Mr. Burley Jones, Grand Chaplain and his wife, Doris, Grand Representative of New Jersey in Texas  
Mrs. Linda Roy, Grand Marshal  
Mrs. Cathy Eidson, Grand Adah  
Mrs. Jean Harrison, Grand Ruth  
Mrs. Pat Turner, Grand Martha  
Dr. Linda J. Puckett, Grand Electa and her husband, John, Roping in the Masons.  
Mrs. Gail Fuller, Grand Warder  
Mr. Paul C. Zappe III, Grand Sentinel

Along with this group, we also honor and wish to recognize:

Mrs. Iris Lowe, Fraternal Correspondent and her husband, Paul, Grand Soloist.

Let's show them a thank you for their year of service. (Applause)

We are honored to have our Texas Elected Board Members with us tonight. From the Board of Directors:

Mrs. Audri Rowell, Chairman  
Mrs. Becky Austin, Vice-Chairman and her husband Don, Grand Soloist  
Mr. Ray Hargis, District 1 and his wife Linda, Grand Page to the Grand Secretary  
Mrs. Deborah Land, District 2  
Mrs. Jean Hobbs, District 3  
And Mr. Bob Royall, District 4 and Bob is also Eagle of General Grand Chapter and his wife, Cheryl, Grand Representative of Puerto Rico in Texas.

And from the Board of Grand Examiners:

Mrs. Phyllis Macon, District 1 and Phyllis is also the Chairman of the Hummingbirds of General Grand Chapter and her husband, Carole  
Mrs. Susan Dormandy, District 2 and her husband Bill, Roping in the Masons  
Mrs. Donna Noe, District 3,  
Mrs. Terri Rozell, District 4  
Mrs. Laura Sharp, Grand Examiner at-large and her husband, Richard

Please join me in greeting these (Applause)

It is a pleasure to introduce:

Mrs. Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico of General Grand Chapter. Let's show her how much we think of her. (Applause)

We are also very honored to have with us tonight:

Leaders of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls:

Miss Becky Simon, Grand Worthy Advisor in Texas and

Mrs. Jo Ann Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas and her husband, Bruce, Executive Committee, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Will our Grand Representatives please stand? In the interest of time, we are not going to introduce you but we do want to tell you how glad we are that you are with us tonight. Please join me in greeting them. (Applause) And Sister Betty, I think that concludes that and I hope I'm leaving with only my pieces of paper.

**PGM Betty Benham:** Thank you Ms. Diane. She was wonderful, wasn't she? I appreciate you. (Applause) At this time I would like to give some thank-yous. I want to thank all of those who helped this evening because one does not accomplish task like this without others to help. I don't know, did Marion Pierce make it back? I so sorry she didn't. Marion assisted me in the decorations and she might as well have been the co-chairman because we were working on this together and we became very close long-distance friends because Marion spent the summer with her son in Maryland. So we would text, we talked, we called and we cried. But it was so nice that she was able to do this and every time I would call her, I would say "Marion we're up to 300", "Marion we're up to 350", "400", "500", Marion I hate to tell you but we have almost 600 coming." That's right, in a room that held 350. As I say, I'm so glad they had this beautiful room for us and all you who came. Because that did mean more tables, more centerpieces, more yellow roses, more programs, more place cards...but aren't they beautiful. And I again will thank Marion for all of you of enjoying the beauty of it. And also I thank those who assisted besides Marion; Susie Broughton, Phyllis Wilson, Patty Peach - I thank you for coming in and helping pull it together. Pat Winkleblack and Carol Hudson and Jack and Alma York they are my Chapter members, came in to assist also. And Kathy Haynes Ballew who is here. So again, let's thank them for a job well done. (Applause) We do have some of the food Hostesses, before you leave. Would y'all stop for just one moment. You have been so helpful in seeing after us and taking care of and we appreciate you and you can pass the word to the cooks, it was delicious. And let's thank them for their service. (Applause)

Our Entertainment for the evening and tributes in song will be dedicated to our Honorees and will be performed by two of our Grand Soloist.

Well, Texas takes credit for the infamous country western singer George Strait but Texas Eastern Star can take credit for having the "Best George Strait, Jr." So we will have our own Don Austin singing and Susie Rodgers hails from the Austin area, of course she came by the way of Odessa, close to me in District 2, I have to add. But Austin is one of the "Texas Best" because Austin is the Capital of Texas and the City Capital of the world. And I just have to mention that the dome in our Capital Building in Austin stands seven feet higher than our National Capital in Washington, D.C. Proven fact that things are bigger in Texas! At this time, I would

like Susie Rodgers and Don Austin if you will come forward to present our entertainment.

**Sister Susie Rodgers:** Thank you Sister Betty. It is a pleasure to do your bidding. And I'm pleased to be here tonight, Sister Jerre. This tribute is for you. It's also a little bit for all of us. I wasn't going to sing first, Don was, but I lost the toss. But that's okay. Thank you. You know I belong to another Organization and we have a saying that everybody is walking around with a sign hanging around their neck saying "Make me Feel Important". And I believe that's true, don't you? And I think sometimes, a lot of times, we're also walking around with a sign that says "Pray for Me". Just lift me up. Just remember me when you are talking to Him. And we know you've needed some of those prayers awful strong this week. Yes, we do and we're not done yet. So this one's for you.

**("Pray for Me")**

(Applause)

And now Don, I know you've got some words too.

**Brother Don Austin:** Well, I'm just as proud to be a Texan as Ms. Betty Benham is, I tell you right now. And Brother Billy, I'm proud to be from Carthage, Texas, as I know you are. We Carthaginians have several things we can brag about. We're the home town of Jim Reeves, Tex Ritter, Linda Davis and now we're the home town of Billy Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron soon to be Past Grand Patron of the greatest state of Texas. And I hope you have many precious memories of your time as Worthy Grand Patron and Ms. Jerre, thank you for letting me be a Grand Soloist. It's been fun. So we're going to sing about some precious memories.

**("Precious Memories")**

(Applause)

**Sister Susie Rodgers:** We're not done yet. We couldn't let this evening end without the song that pretty much has been our theme for the whole week. So this is for the two of you. We've thrown the sound man a new piece of equipment back there so he's getting her rigged up. We thought it would be more appropriate if we dressed the part too.

**("Happy Trails to You")**

(Applause)

**PGM Betty Benham:** Ain't they good... (Applause) This lady not only reflects not only the image of the quality of a Past Grand Matron of Texas but is carrying that devotion of service and that continuous bright smile as Ambassador to Germany of General Grand Chapter. Jayne Yenger, we await your tribute to Texas Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent.

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** Good evening. Wasn't that a beautiful tribute to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and I have to follow that. I'm going to try. Worthy Grand Matron I know you have tears in your eyes. We go back a little ways, we've been through a lot together and you don't know what it does in my heart to be here for your Session. And Brother Billy,



I have enjoyed getting to know you. I've enjoyed your stories and it's just been wonderful. And tonight, I'm here to honor the Installed Grand Officers. And I couldn't help but think yesterday and today, Worthy Grand Matron, when your Grand Marshal led these Officers out on the floor to meet up with you and the Worthy Grand Patron, wasn't that a beautiful march? (Applause) Well, Installed Grand Officers, this is for you. Most of you are very dear to me and I have enjoyed this Session, Worthy Grand Matron. This is the evening we've set aside to honor you. Each of you. As houses are built brick by brick so our Grand Chapter has been built and will continue to grow and be built by each of you. If you would stand now, I want this room to see each one of you. (Applause) Each of you have contributed to this building. You served in readiness, you have endeared yourselves to us, and to your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We pray that God will grant you the strength to carry on your work during this Session. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, yes these are your Grand Officers and how they reflect "The Code of the West". You've come to the end of the trail, enjoy your Session and always remember to be on the right side of the fence before you close the gate. Thank you. (Applause)

**PGM Betty Benham:** Another "Texas Best" located in Baytown is the Masonic Oak Tree referred by Texas Masons. Under its spreading branches Masons met to establish the first Masonic Lodge in the Republic of Texas and meets annually to celebrate this auspicious occasion. Our Grand Marshal, Linda Roy, hails from this area and I invite her to bring greetings for the Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent.

**Sister Linda Roy:** That sounded like the horses were coming didn't it? (Laughter) Sister Betty, thank you so much for the honor of bringing greetings from the Installed Grand Officers and the Fraternal Correspondent. And I would ask all of you to please stand. We're delighted to be here tonight and what an honor and everything is so beautiful. From the wonderful dinner to the beautiful decorations and to see all of the smiling faces, we do appreciate it so much. Well, the 134th Grand Chapter Session is almost over. It's been a galloping start and I do mean that literally. We're saddled up now and we're about ready to go home but we do want you to know how much we appreciate everything that has been done for us. Now, I have to leave you with a little Texas tradition. Brother Nelson are you listening? (Yes) A little country boy in Sunday School was asked what commandment he would break if he stayed home from church and played cowboys and Indians. Worthy Grand Patron, you can probably relate to this. He replied "The fourth one. Keep the Sabbath Day holy." Then he asked him what commandment he would break if he took his friends saddle. He replied "The eighth one. Do not steal". Then he asked what commandment he would break if he pulled his horses tail. He hesitated for a minute and then he said "I don't know the number but I know it goes like this... What God has joined together, let no man tear apart." (Laughter) Thank you.

**PGP Betty Benham:** We have a Past Grand Patron from East Texas and he doesn't live too far from the Tyler area. One night, Billy and two other Cowboys were sitting around a campfire out on the lonesome East Texas prairie, each bragging about which cowboy was the most famous. The first Cowboy how just happened to be Associate Grand Patron, Tom Murphy, says "I must be the meanest, toughest Cowboy there is. Why, the other day a bull got loose in the corral and gored six men before I wrestled it to the ground by the horns with my bare hands." The second Cowboy, Worthy Grand Patron, Billy Clabaugh, couldn't be bested. "Why that's nothing," he said "I was walking down the trail yesterday and a fifteen-foot rattlesnake slid out from under a rock and made a move for me. I grabbed that snake with my bare hands,

bit its head off and sucked the poison down in one gulp and I'm still here today." The third Cowboy, Past Grand Patron, Bill Wyatt in his quiet, silent manor not saying a word. Just stirring the fire...with his bare hands! Past Grand Patron, Bill Wyatt, if your tough hands can still hold a script, I invite you to bring tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron. (Applause)

**PGP Bill Wyatt:** Now I want to know how I'm supposed to follow that. Oh, thank you Sister Betty for asking me to do this tribute tonight to our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Billy Clabaugh. It has been an honor for me to make this tribute. But Billy, when she called she told me I had to roast you tonight not a tribute and I said "I can't roast him. You know he speaks after me and he can tell some tales on me." But I met Billy back in about 1990-91. And we have had a lot of good times together since we both are from District 1, Section 8. You know, we are very proud to have Billy in service this year. And Sister Jerre, our Worthy Grand Matron, she has been a close friend many years. But laying all jokes aside, Billy has many accomplishments that have brought him to this point in his life. He served this country by joining the United States Air Force and following Basic Training was sent to Viet Nam where he served as a Crew Chief on an F-100 Super Sabre Fighter Bomber for 5 ½ months before returning to the United States, then being sent to an Air Force Base in Spain. Upon leaving the Air Force Base, Brother Billy returned to his family in Carthage and again worked for the Texas Highway Department, later worked for the Louisiana Sawmill Company and then after some years he started working for the Texas Utilities Mining Company, spending twenty-seven years there before retiring. Billy's faith has always played an important part in his life of he and Jane. They are active members of the Central Baptist Church in Carthage. Family has always been so important and he and Jane spent their years raising three children who were active in the 4-H Club and FFA at Carthage High School. Billy was raised as a Master Mason on July 21, 1988 in Carthage Lodge #521. He and Jane were initiated into Carthage Eastern Star #747 on October 10, 1988 thus starting the journey where he is serving now as our Worthy Grand Patron. He has served with dignity and honor and always keeping the good of our Order as his goal. In conclusion, I want to point out the influence that the Cowboy life has had on Billy. He is a straight shooter. He lives by "The Code of the West" such as an honest day's work for an honest day of pay. Always treat your fellow man as you always would like to be treated. I'll leave you with this one thing. "May your belly never grumble. May your heart never ache. May your horse never stumble. May your cinch never break. So stay calm and Cowboy Up!" (Applause)

**PGM Betty Benham:** Tyler, Texas where we are holding our "134th Ride for the Brand" Grand Chapter Session. We know that Tyler is the world's largest Rose Garden and where do you think we got all these yellow roses? Tyler contains 38,000 Rose Bushes representing 500 varieties of Roses set in a 22-acre garden. Now I would never say that every Rose has a thorn or that our Worthy Grand Patron was that thorn but I would say he is a tough Cowboy who had kept his "Code of the West". Worthy Grand Patron, Billy Clabaugh, we invite you to bring greetings.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. I'm going to shorten my speech a little bit tonight in the name of time. This has been a wonderful evening. I'm honored to be here and honor these honorees that are here tonight and I commend all of you. This has been the most memorable year. As I look back to last year, we were looking forward to next year. We were looking forward to Grand Chapter. And now we're looking forward to Sunday and going home because there's a new Sheriff in town. (Laughter) And Brother Tom will be looking

forward to next Grand Chapter and he will need all the help you can give him and all of the love and kindness you can give for his next year. OES is an awesome membership. I thank you for all of the support and encouragement and all of the love and generosity. I will never forget this year. Yesterday is a cancelled check, tomorrow a promissory note, only today is cash on the barrel head. And remember, "If every member were just like me, what kind of Chapter would my Chapter be?" Thank you. (Standing ovation and applause)

**PGM Betty Benham:** Thank you Worthy Grand Patron and I would like to give you this little love gift from all of us to tell you how much we appreciate you and being Worthy Grand Patron for us this year. Thank you.

Texas also has the best sunrises and sunsets one can imagine. However, if one lives in an area in East Texas, not too far from the Houston or Galveston area where Rosemary Swetland Berry lives, it is hard to see the real beauty and here is the reason why: Christians believe that God created the world in a few days. On the first and second day, God created the Heaven and Earth. The day he created the land and trees and lakes he had spent so much time in Texas and ended his journey in Amarillo and it was the seventh day and he rested. That is why we don't have trees or water...or maybe it is because Past Grand Matron Rosemary knows how to light up a room like a bright ray of sunshine. My dear friend, please bring tribute to our Worthy Grand Matron and don't entertain the idea that all these yellow roses are for you. (Laughter)

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Master of Ceremonies and one of the dearest friends I've had over the years, Sister Betty Benham. No sweeter honor you could have extended me than to pay a tribute to our precious Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jerre Lucas. I greet each one of you in the spirit of love and friendship. What a wonderful meal we have shared this evening. I know that it is good for Sisters and Brothers dwell together in fellowship. Worthy Grand Matron, you can sit down darling it's going to be two hours. (Laughter) Now this was a wonderful meal and I am hopeful that you are alert and there will be no drifting off, but if somebody does drift off and snores, you know what we are going to do so please don't do that.

Let me begin by saying to this grand lady and my friend, we have shared over 40 years together. And I am very proud of how you have performed your great responsibilities this year, always thinking of the sweet membership and I know of the other things since I served as your Jurisprudence Chairman.

I consider it necessary to get just a couple of things out of the way before we move on— you know the ones we would rather not address. So, let's get it over quickly. Sister Jerre was born in Ft. Worth, Texas, she is approximately 50 years old, weighs about 150 pounds, and wears a size 12 (+ or -). (Laughter)

Her Father, Joe Brooks Spears, worked for the State of Texas – hence the name "Trail Blazer". Her Mother, Lucy Virginia Taylor Spears, was a wonderful homemaker, rearing 6 children, Jerre being the oldest, and I am sure the bossiest! Dad was reared Baptist, Mother was reared Methodist, hence they were reared Methodist! Her family is a loving and close family. Most of them live within 5 miles of each other, and I am confident that that is done to keep Sister Jerre in line.

Jerre's parents instilled in her a strong faith and work ethic of which she continues to exemplify this day. Her dad was a graduate of Texas A & M, bless his heart, and Jerre attended Levelland Junior College (which later became Texas A & M, and Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.) She was initiated in 1963, making her a 53-year member when reaching the pinnacle of Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Jerre has missed only one Grand Chapter in 53 years, but let me do clarify that they did allow very young children to join at that time. (Laughter) But the one out of 53 years that she missed was in 1969 while she was on her honeymoon with Brother Bob Lucas. That tells us that Sister Jerre Lucas knows how to prioritize.

Sister Jerre would want you to know that her life has not always been an easy trail. She was married, had two children and divorced by the time she was twenty-one years old. Now this should encourage the younger membership to keep going no matter your circumstances might be. There will be "cow patties" along the way. Step in them if you must, clean off your boots, and keep going. (Laughter) This is serious Worthy Grand Matron. (Laughter)

To give you a brief picture of her devoted service, Sister Jerre served in almost all of the responsible positions in the Grand Chapter of Texas. She served as Worthy Matron along with her father, Joe Spears, for Sister Frances Key Herrin, Secretary to Sister Katherine Harbour, Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Patricia Neinast, District Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Joyce Robert (when I was Worthy Matron) Grand Representative of Quebec, served 5 years on the Board of Grand Trustees, which included the last year as Chairman when the two Boards combined. She served on the Board of Grand Examiners, and for 6 long years she offered her life of service until she was elected Associate Grand Conductress in Beaumont, Texas in 2012. With all of these credentials, she has ties to all 5 Districts in the state of Texas. She does not know how to show favoritism, and has served out of love and devotion for everyone.

Sister Jerre will tell you very quickly that her children, grandchildren and family are the closest thing to her heart. She has one son, Joe Frazier from Springfield MO., and Joe has 3 children. She has a daughter, Diana Payer of Dallas who has a beautiful dancing daughter. That gives her 2 grandboys and 2 grandgirls and enough love in her heart for all of them!

As I have shared many years of time in our home with Jerre, over a glass of heart healthy red wine, I have learned many principles from our Worthy Grand Matron. She believes that all of us can accomplish much if no one gets the credit. She also believes that some of us can sometimes be "dumb as a rock". (Laughter) She believes we have all at some point have acted as ignorant as a "goose going barefoot". (Laughter) She has learned that we don't "bargain with God" because it won't work! She has concerns over the wellbeing of our Order and has warned us that if we are not careful and don't get busy, we could have one of our Grand Chapter Sessions at the local Dairy Queen, and she's just not too fond of that food. So that is why she chose a venue here at Tyler, Texas. Sister Jerre wanted a place less expensive for her membership and to be comfortable and I am sure that she now knows how sardines feel, but what a joyous closeness we are all having. (Laughter)

Sister Jerre, you know the love and respect, John and I have for you, so hopefully this tribute (with a few little humorous thoughts) places you in the position you so deserve, as Worthy

Grand Matron of Texas, and I know that this membership will join me in saying a job well done. (Applause)

**PGM Betty Benham:** The Alamo is located in San Antonio which happens to be the area our Worthy Grand Matron lives as I stated before. The Alamo is considered the Cradle of Texas Liberty and the state's most popular historic site, and where a major battle was fought and should make our Worthy Grand Matron feel right at home. When you are Worthy Grand Matron, you have many battles to fight each day to attain the dignity and welfare of the Order. You have been a true "Trail Boss" and I know you are "Texas Best" and a true Texan because you have five pair of boots and they all serve different purposes. Work boots, Rodeo boots, Casual boots, Hunting boots and did y'all get a look at those Dress boots today? Turquoise sequined boots. So Worthy Grand Matron, we eagerly await your greetings.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Patron, I knew exactly who would make this evening perfect, Betty Benham and her Committee. Betty, I truly hope that you still love me when this evening is all over. (Laughter) I have to tell this membership, Betty and I have been friends for more years than I want to admit. I would only say that it would be since I wore a size 6 dress and Betty's hair was an afro. (Laughter) You can figure that one out. I do have a couple of announcements to make. We are going to postpone...not postpone we're going to be late, I'm sorry, I don't like to be late but this is such a beautiful evening that we're going to be late starting the evening Session. I know the Grand Chaplain and the Chairman of ESTARL will kind of be doing a little bit of sweating. Another announcement I want to make, I know each of you are aware that we did have an emergency earlier this evening. Sandy Alford was taken to the Emergency Room, she has been released, she is back at the Hotel, she is doing fine. At the lunch today, Dr. Effie Mae Davis told us to stay hydrated. Sandy Alford did not, but she's getting that way.

Susie and Don, to each of you, the first time I heard either one of you sing, I knew then that if I ever did get elected you were two of those that I wanted to serve as Grand Soloist. Susie, your voice is just like an angel. And Don Austin, I could close my eyes and think of none other than George Strait and I thank you.

Rosie, now I'm going to have to take care of you just a little bit later. There were a few things you didn't need to tell. (Laughter) But Rosie knows how much I love she and John. And how proud I am to have always been a friend to Rosemary. I was privileged to serve as Chairman of her Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee and what a good time that we had. I didn't even know that she knew what a Landman was, but she did.

Years ago, this particular Banquet honored the Installed Grand Officers. For a number of years, we have gotten away from that. I wanted us to return to a lot of our roots. Hence the Western Theme. And you know the reason we put this Banquet this evening in the proceeding is for the very reason that it is honoring the Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent. So that's why I wanted it done and done right which is why I asked Betty Benham. Sisters and Brothers, there's right and there's wrong and there's nothing in between. My father was what I call a Mason's Mason. He always told me that if there was ever any doubt about something, it was probably wrong. And you know that's kind of a good way to look at our Organization. Know where to draw the line. On the open range, the boundaries people needed to get along with each other were set by shared standards of right and wrong. Those boundaries

were as good as fences because everyone knew what and where they were. I'm like the Worthy Grand Patron, I'm cutting this short too.

I appreciate so many of you who have chosen to come along and "Ride for the Brand" of Eastern Star with us this past year. Billy and I are both very grateful to the kindness that each of you has exemplified. I have enjoyed "The Code of the West". Rosemary told you that I have tried to live my life by "The Code of the West" but you know when you really look at it, "The Code of the West" is nothing more than the Ten Commandments. That's a pretty doggone good way to live your life. I only wish that I could live up to what I have tried to deal with some of those things that Rosemary said. I thank each of you and I look forward to seeing you at the very short ESTARL and Memorial Programs. Each of those have promised they will be very short. I thank Dr. Effie Mae Davis for the idea of us presenting the ESTARL Scholarships at our District Banquets in order that our recipients would not have to spend much time and money going to pick up their checks. Thank you Dr. Effie Mae and thank you for being my Special Friend. Sisters and Brothers, I look forward to seeing you at the Session. My goal for the Session tomorrow, with your cooperation, my goal is to get out by 2 o'clock in the afternoon. 11:00 would be even better. (Laughter) I thank you and I look forward to seeing you at a later time. (Standing Ovation and Applause)

**PGM Betty Benham:** Again, thank you for attending our Banquet honoring our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and "Texas Best" Installed Grand Officers and talented Fraternal Correspondent. And thank you Honorees for making "Texas the Best". We look forward to seeing you in the Session tomorrow and invite you to join us this evening for the ESTARL and Memorial Service. Please allow our head tables to exit first so they can get to the Grand Chapter room. Thank you.

The joys of life are made up of thoughtfulness and kindness. There are people in the world who have the gift of joy everywhere they are and leaving it behind then when they go. I am pleased to introduce such a person to bring our Benediction. Mr. Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**PGP Jerry Trees:** May we pray? Our most holy and righteous Father, we thank Thee for the beautiful occasion, for the fellowship of this evening's activities. We desire to express our gratitude for the Order of the Eastern Star. For we adore that great star of the East. Give us a special portion of Your grace. Watch over and care for us with Your abiding love. May this night be a night of rest and of recouping of our energies that we may arise in the morning refreshed and ready to transact the business at hand. All of these blessings we ask in the name of Your Son and our Savior. Amen (Amen)

**(End of General Banquet)**

**ESTARL and Memorial Programs**  
**“Ride for the Brand – Trails of Remembrance” Session**  
**Harvey Convention Center, Tyler, Texas**  
**Friday Evening**  
**September 2, 2015**

**7:45 PM**

**Musical Prelude**  
**Mrs. Debra Hull,**  
**Worthy Matron Copperas Cove #1070**

**8:45 PM**

**Call to Order**  
**Mrs. Rosemary Berry, Past Grand Matron**  
**Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron**

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Grand Officers please take your stations.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Good evening my Sisters and Brothers. We’re going to ask you now to begin to be seated. We must start our Session but before we do, we apologize for the slight delay in starting our program. A lot of traffic this evening and so we’re running just a little late but I think it will be worth you’re staying with us and enjoy the Session.

I now call this Friday evening, “Ride for the Brand – Trails of Remembrance” Session open. (One rap) I want to personally thank Sister Debra Hull, Worthy Matron of Copperas Cove for the beautiful music that she provided us. Thank you Sister Debra. Will you thank her? (Applause) I recognize the special honor of being asked to open a Session of Grand Chapter, and I know in my heart that our Worthy Grand Matron chose this session with me in mind. This session is dedicated to ESTARL (religious education), and Memorial (which will be sacred in nature), and I have spent over 55 years dedicated to music education, and 60 years as a church organist. Therefore, I deeply appreciate our Worthy Grand Matron for extending this honor to both me, and my dear friend and colleague from District 4, Brother Ray Hertenberger, to open this beautiful Session. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jerre, we have been friends for 40 years, but over the last 20 years, we have walked hand and hand as very close friends. It has been my joy to see you serve this wonderful membership, and always put them first in all of your actions. I am truly proud of you and our Worthy Grand Patron. Friends are like the stars in heaven. We cannot always see them, but we know in our heart that they are there for us. Worthy Grand Matron, you have been there for me and our membership, and we rejoice in your service and the service of our Worthy Grand Patron. We thank our membership tonight for returning and being with us for the ESTARL Awards Service and our Memorial Service. Brother Ray Hertenberger, I know that you would like to greet our membership, our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**PGP Ray Hertenberger:** It is indeed an honor to be with you this evening and it is a special honor to be with Sister Rosemary. Rosemary we’ve been friends for many years and we’ve worked together on many projects. Sometimes we agreed, sometimes we agreed to disagree. But there’s one thing that we always agreed on and that is: This Order was built upon the foundation of love, caring and forbearance one toward another. And if we live by these three, everything else will fall into place. It is indeed an honor to open this Session with you. Worthy

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Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron I deeply appreciate this opportunity.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is now my honor to present to you your gavel of authority and I know that you will handle it out of love.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** As per my directions, the Grand Officers will have already taken their respective stations so that we can prepare for the activities of the evening. Sister Rosemary and Brother Ray, I want to thank you for calling the Ride for the “Brand – Trails of Remembrance” Session to order. I thank both of you for your constant friendship over the years. I always knew you each of you were there for me whatever task lay ahead. It was never greater than power of friends who walked with me. I would like to call everyone’s attention to the candles that are lit in the East in memory or in honor of many of our loved ones. Donations went to support the Lighting the Trail Committee – Alzheimer’s and Dementia Research, a fund that is very, very dear to this Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to greet our friends.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Sister Rosemary and Brother Ray I want to thank both of you for calling the “Ride for the Brand – Trails of Remembrance” Session to order. You know that both of you are special to me. Thank you

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** It is my pleasure to call upon Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger, General Chairman of ESTARL for the presentation of our ESTARL Program. Sister Vicki.

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**“Riding for the Brand of Religious Service”**

**Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Good Evening my Sisters and Brothers. Thank you Sister Debra for the beautiful music you played for the prelude, what a wonderful start it is to a lovely evening. I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for allowing me this opportunity to serve the membership this year. “Riding for the Brand of Religious Service” has been both rewarding and a welcomed challenge.

My appreciation goes out to our Grand Chapter Office. These ladies have worked hard in supplying me with much needed information while preparing me for and selecting the ESTARL Scholarship recipients.

It is most appropriate on this evening that we turn to our Heavenly Father for his support and Grace. Tonight’s Invocation will be brought by Mr. Paul Lowe, our Grand Soloist, from District Four.

**Mr. Paul Lowe:** Will you please take the hand of the person that is next to you. Our gracious heavenly Father we thank you for the many blessing that you give to us daily. This evening we thank you for us being able to hand out scholarships for those who plan to study for their planned vocation in service to you. Guard and protect them in the days ahead. And we, as the Order of the Eastern Star, pray you continue to help us aid all of those who seek your path in the future. I lift this up in Jesus most precious name, and will all of God’s children say Amen. (Amen)



**Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger:** We have been taught over the years that music brings joy to the heart and tonight is no different. Patricia Faltesek, our Deputy Grand Matron of District 4, Section 10 and Kenny James, Grand Soloist, will bring their rendition of the Gospel song “Amazing Grace”, and they will be accompanied Sister Rosemary Berry.

**(Amazing Grace)**  
(Applause)

**Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger:** It would be impossible for one person to travel and “Ride for the Brand” of this Great State and perform all the duties assigned to the ESTARL Committee. It is my pleasure to introduce those who have assisted me this year.

Mrs. Barbara Hampton – District One  
Mrs. Dawn Larson – District Two  
Mrs. Tina Stephens – District Three  
Mrs. Donna Haltom – District Four  
Mrs. Polly McCamey – District Five  
Thank you ladies.

The Holy Bible which rests upon our Altar sheds the light that should guide all of our footsteps. It is God’s most precious gift to man and we should turn to it frequently for guidance and support. Our scripture reading this evening will be brought and presented by one of our District 5 recipients, Mrs. Bridget Preece.

**Mrs. Bridget Preece:** Our Scripture reading tonight comes from Romans 12:1, a living sacrifice. “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. This is true and proper worship.” The word of the Lord.

**Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger:** Thank you Sister Bridget and I do call her Sister because she is an Eastern Star member. Our recipients will be called at this time by our District Chairmen and I call on Mrs. Barbara Hampton of District 1.

**Mrs. Barbara Hampton:** Good evening. It is my pleasure to announce the seven recipients in District 1.

Stephanie Staton sponsored by Richardson Chapter #921 who will be attending Perkins School of Theology

Simon NomPones, Dal-Cliff #574, Fuller Theological Seminary

Roy Atwood, Lewisville Chapter #935

Matthew Scott, Whitewright Chapter #939, Southwestern Baptist Theology

Robert W. Shepherd, Carpenters #183, Liberty University Theological Seminary

Boston White, Princeton Chapter #1126, South Eastern Oklahoma State University

Dustin Benac, Plano Chapter #703, Duke Divinity School

I am pleased to introduce you to Tina Stephens from District 3.

**Mrs. Tina Stephens:** It is my pleasure to introduce the eight recipients from District 3.

James R. Atkins, sponsored by Gatesville Chapter #1005, attending Emory University Theological Seminary

Stephanie Kendell, TMRC Daylight Chapter #1145, Brite Divinity School at TCU

Christian Messemer, S. Ft. Worth Chapter #834, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Taylor Cruse, Webb Chapter #1140, Logsdon Seminary at Hardin Simmons University

Jake Turner, Everman Chapter #624, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Joy Dister, Grapevine Chapter #326, Perkins Theological Seminary

Kristin Warthen, N. Ft. Worth Chapter #684, Brite Divinity School at TCU

Justin R. Steadman, Ruth Chapter #20, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

It is my pleasure to introduce Donna Haltom from District 4.

**Mrs. Donna Haltom:** Thank you Sister Tina. Y'all sure do look pretty tonight. I just had to throw that in there. It is my great pleasure to announce our ESTARL recipients from District 4. And it just so happens that we have four. Not just recipients but people who have answered the call that the Father has placed before them. The first one is

Matthew Hogan who will be attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Matthew is sponsored by Alvin Chapter #15.

Mary "Mandy" Williams who will be attending Liberty University. Mandy is sponsored by Bryan Chapter #222.

Suzanne Smith, she will be attending Seminary of the Southwest Episcopal Seminary. Suzanne is sponsored by Texas City Chapter #626.

And Cody Perkins. He'll be attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Cody is sponsored by Huffman Chapter #1112.

For District 5 it is my pleasure to present Sister Marsha Putnam, who's filling in for Sister Polly McCamey who is ill and is unable to be with us tonight. Thank you.

**Mrs. Marsha Putnam:** Thank you Sister Donna. Good evening. It is my pleasure to introduce to you the District 5 recipient. I present to you Sister, and I do say Sister Bridget Preece who is sponsored by Leakey Chapter #18 and she is attending Illiff School of Theology. Sister Bridget.

**Mrs. Bridget Preece:** Thank you so much for this wonderful honor. It's a blessing to be here. And seeking this scholarship is such a privilege. As I work out in the field of Ministry and in a hospital as a Chaplain to fulfill what we are called to do in this Order. To love each other as we are instructed to do in the scriptures. Thank you. (Applause)

**Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger:** Mrs. Patricia Falteseck, Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, Section 10 has been blessed with God's wonderful gift of song. She has agreed to share her talents with us this evening as she sings "How Great thou Art" accompanied by Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry, Past Grand Matron.

**("How Great Thou Art")**  
(Applause)

**Sister Vicki Hertenberger:** Thank you so much Sister Patricia and Sister Rosemary. ESTARL Scholarships are only made possible through the generous contributions of our membership and Chapters throughout the year. A major part of these funds are collected from our generous membership during our annual ESTARL program at Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, with your permission may I ask that the Deputies assist with this?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Absolutely, Vicki.

**Sister Vicki Hertenberger:** Sister Deputies will you assist with the collection of the ESTARL?

### (ESTARL Collection)

In today's trying times keeping the faith presents new and sometimes over whelming challenges. It is during these times that we rely on our spiritual leaders for guidance and support. The Committee appreciate all of our applicants for taking the time to apply for our ESTARL Scholarships and we congratulate those who have been chosen by our Committee. I want to thank the special ladies who worked with me this year in selecting our ESTARL Recipients. Again I say thank you to our Worthy Grant Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity of Service. Worthy Grand Patron I now ask that you bring greetings to this membership.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Thank you Sister Vicki and your Committee for your service to ESTARL and to our Grand Chapter. To you the recipients I would like to share a verse of scripture that has been special to Jane and me throughout all of our married life. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. Thank you.

**Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger:** Worthy Grand Matron your committee has followed the ESTARL trail and completed our "Ride for the Brand of Religious Service" and we now ask for your greetings to this membership.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I would like to especially thank Patricia Faltsek from Texas City Chapter, Rosemary Berry, Lufkin Chapter and Kenny James, West Columbia Chapter for sharing their beautiful talents with us. He whose Star we follow, said "Go ye into all the world and teach..." The Grand Chapter of Texas embraces this and supports ESTARL as it reminds us of the principles which our organization was founded. Thank you Sister Vicki and your wonderful Committee for your effects to assist young people who have dedicated their lives to the service of God and mankind. To those receiving the awards. May God walk with you as you go forth in your endeavors. (Applause)

**Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger:** As no program should be complete without the word of GOD I invite Brother Paul Lowe bring us our Benediction. (Three raps)

**Mr. Paul Lowe:** Please take the hand of the person next to you. And I ask that you listen to these words carefully. As we close this ESTARL Program this evening, may we remember all of those who serve and protect us, our First Responders and those within our communities. Especially for our Freedoms in order to worship you, our dear Father. May we all have safe travels this evening and success as we do our tasks in the future to serve you. And I ask all of God's children to say, Amen. (Amen)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** (One rap) This concludes our ESTARL program. We will prepare for our Memorial program presented by our Grand Chaplain.

**(End of ESTARL Program)  
MEMORIAL PROGRAM 2016**

*Musical Prelude: Grand Organist Sister Jackie Stogner & Assisting Grand Organist, Debra Hull*

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I invite our Grand Chaplain to present “The Brand Never Dies” Memorial Program.

**Grand Chaplain Burley Jones:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members, my Sisters, Brothers and Friends. I want to thank each of you for attending this evening’s “The Brand Never Dies” Memorial program. That the blessings of our Heavenly Father will rest upon our gathering this evening, Past Grand Patron Brother Nelson Campbell will bring our Invocation. (Three raps)

**PGP Nelson Campbell:** Let us pray. Our Gracious Heavenly Father. We invoke Thy blessings on these Thy children who are here assembled as we pause to honor those members who have traveled with us for a time but walk with us no more. Some were leaders when we were children and followers in this Order and it warms our hearts to remember each of them. Someone once said that God blessed us with the gift of memory so that we can have roses in December. Memories help us to relive and enjoy in retrospect the experiences and friends of years gone by. Tonight Lord we still recall and cherish these memories. Tonight those Members that we recall in this Memorial Ceremony continue to make their influences felt. They still speak to us, maybe silently, but for real. We thank you Lord for this hour of memory. Amen (Amen)

**Grand Chaplain Burley Jones:** Grand Chaplain’s Report. It has been my honor and privilege to serve this year as Grand Chaplain for the Grand Chapter of Texas. This honor was only made possible through the kindness of our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Jerre Lucas and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Billy Clabaugh. Although the duties of the Grand Chaplain are many, this year of service has been a true labor of love because of the love and support of not only our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron but also with the support of the Grand Chapter Office and all of you my Sisters and Brothers. I have traveled 16,149 miles and enjoyed every one of them. I attended 12 Schools and the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

We mourned the loss of 2 Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons and 61 members of other Grand Jurisdictions. 32 were Past Grand Matrons, 28 Past Grand Patrons and 1 Worthy Grand Patron Elect. Letters of sympathy were sent to the respective Grand Jurisdictions. Our Hearts were saddened with the loss of 3 of our Past Grand Matrons of Texas and 996 of our own Subordinate Chapter members.

Cards were sent to the following: 52 Sympathy - 46 Get Well - 11 Thinking of You

This Program is dedicated to Our Lord and Savior who gives us Eternal Life whereby, We

Never Die. God created the HEAVEN and the EARTH upon the landscape. Once the landscape was complete, out of the clay of the fields, GOD created MAN. From man's rib and flesh he created WOMAN. One united team that HE created in HIS likeness. Centuries rolled on and MAN and WOMAN multiplied and took on jobs and careers to pay for survival. GOD gave us the freedom of choice to decide our path through life on EARTH.

It didn't matter whether you chose to be the meekest of "CITY SLICKERS" or the toughest hand on the "TRAIL", you were fulfilling GOD's great and almighty plan. ONE thing remained constant through time. WE are all answerable to almighty GOD who gave us our being. His only begotten SON, JESUS CHRIST, he gave to us as another extension of his love for us.

JESUS taught us the lessons of life that we should follow to be worthy of eternal life with HIM. HE gave his life on the CROSS as a testament of his love for his FATHER. From the Scripture from John 14: 1-3 we are reminded, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."  
(Two raps)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will retire the Officers for the Cross formation.

Sister Grand Marshal you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the Cross.

*Cross Formation: The Installed Grand Floor Officers and Pages stand. Led by the Grand Marshal formed a Cross in the Labyrinth around the Altar.*

**Kenny James sings:**  
**"When He Was on the Cross, I was on His Mind"**

Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the floral presenters at the Star Points.

Our tribute to General Grand Chapter will be presented by Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron and Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron.

Let us remember the loss of Our General Grand Chapter Members. Brother Ray Gregg Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron 1991–1994 and Past Grand Patron of Tennessee and Brother Lennart A. Johnson, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of 1997–2000 and Past Grand Patron of Illinois who have gone on before us.

*(Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron and Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron moved to lay their flowers at the foot of the Cross.)*

"When it comes to the end of the road  
I should like to look back and see that  
I have done my very best  
With the trust you placed in me;

I should like to know that I have never  
 By action, word or deed  
 Betrayed a given confidence  
 Or forsaken a friend in need.  
 I should like the consolation  
 When I travel the last mile,  
 To know I've meant something to someone  
 And caused those with problems to smile.  
 I know that I shall be happy  
 If in the heart of just one  
 I can leave one lingering memory  
 Of something that I have done,"

The tribute to those deceased in Texas Grand Chapter, tributes will be by Jimmie Lee McMahon, Ann Kelly and John Creel.

**PGM Jimmie Lee Mahon:** In the midst of this memorial we pause to pay tribute to Sister Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron who passed away on October 12, 2015. Sister Sharon served as Worthy Grand Matron in 2002-2003 and presided over the "From the Heart" Session in Ft. Worth, Texas in 2003. She was initiated into Crescent Chapter #820 in 1964 and served her Chapter, Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter in many capacities over the years. Her zeal for life, laughter and caring ways endeared her to the membership of Texas and will miss her always. As tribute to Sister Sharon we offer words familiar to her...The Most Beautiful things in the world are not seen or touched, they are felt with the Heart.

**Grand Chaplain:** One of Sister Pat's Deputies, Sister Ann Kelly will pay tribute to Sister Pat.

**Ms. Ann Kelly:** In loving memory of Sister Patricia Major Neinast. Sister Pat passed away on January 20, 2016 and served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1974-1975. She presided over the "Roads to Remember" Session in Dallas, Texas in 1975. She was a faithful member and servant of Eastern Star throughout her life. Her joy in service was found in evidence in her community, her church and her Eastern Star work. Her following of His shimmering path led by her faith opened many paths of service. As a tribute to Sister Pat, we recall her words...Life is an inspirational adventure if we begin our journey by directing our paths toward dynamic living.

**Grand Chaplain:** Past Grand Patron, John Creel, a member of her Chapter will pay tribute to Sister Alma.

**PGP John Creel:** Sister Alma Carter passed away on May 10, 2016 and served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1996-1997 and presided over the "Freedom's Light" Session in Dallas, Texas. She was a shining star of service as her year and her life was dedicated to God, Her Family and Her Country. Her life exemplified the values found in the traditions and ethics of our Order and her theme of patriotism encompassed all of these values. As a tribute to Sister Alma, we recall her words that each of us should have the heart of an eagle powered by faith and courage that we for... Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.

**Grand Chaplain:** Our floral presenters for the yellow ray are Past Grand Matron, Bess Caldwell and Past Grand Patron, Bill Wyatt.

*(Bess Caldwell, Past Grand Matron and Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron laid their flowers at the foot of the Cross.)*

**God Saw You**

God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around them  
And whispered "Come to Me"

With tearful eyes we watched you,  
And saw you pass away,  
And though we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.

**Grand Chaplain:** Tributes to other Grand Jurisdictions. Floral presenters are Vi Griffin, Past Grand Matron and David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron.

Our Grand Sisters and Brothers of other Grand Jurisdictions have suffered the loss of 61 members of their Grand Families. As we share in their sorrow, let us remember our larger family and keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

*(Vi Griffin, Past Grand Matron and David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron laid their flowers at the foot of the Cross.)*

I ask you to share our joy together  
With the memories you hold in your heart  
Remember the time God gave us all  
So he could do his part

Their time on earth is finished  
The mortal body is gone  
Because their spirit heard the call  
"My dear children, come home."

**Grand Chaplain:** Tribute to our Subordinate Chapters, the green ray, are Jayne Yenger, Past Grand Matron and Trey Smith, Past Grand Patron.

Our Texas Chapters have suffered the Loss of 996 Members. Our hearts go out to each of the Families and Star Families in their time of sorrow. Let us hold dear the memories of our Sisters and Brothers.

*(Jayne Yenger, Past Grand Matron and Trey Smith Past Grand Patron laid their flowers at the foot of the Cross.)*

When I come to the end of my journey  
 And I travel my last weary mile,  
 Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned  
 And remember only the smile.  
 And come in the evening  
 When the sun pains in the West,  
 Stand for a few moments beside me  
 And remember only my best.

**Grand Chaplain:** Tribute to our Military, and our red Star Point is Mary Ruth White, Past Grand Matron and K. Arthur Drescher, Past Grand Patron.

In honor of Our Military, for those who so unselfishly gave, let us pause in a moment of silence for those who gave their lives and of their time. Let us NEVER forget THEM.

*(Mary Ruth White, Past Grand Matron and K. Arthur Drescher, Past Grand Patron laid their flowers at the foot of the Cross.)*

With a hand upon my heart,  
 I feel the pride and respect;  
 my reverence is revealed  
 In the tears that now stream down my face  
 As our flag waves above you, in her glory and grace.  
 Freedom was the gift that you unselfishly gave  
 Pain and death was the price that you ultimately paid.  
 Every day, I give my utmost admiration  
 To those who had fought to defend our nation.

***(Doris & Burley Jones sing  
 "I Bowed on My Knees")***  
 (Applause)

**Grand Chaplain:** As we complete our Memorial Program, let us go to the Lord in Prayer. (Three raps) Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father as we complete Our Memorial Floral Tribute we thank You for the time that you have given us to share with each of these that have now departed and gone on before us. We thank you for the memories that we have of our Sisters and Brothers and their mark that they have left on Our Order. We ask that you continue to comfort and bless the family and friends of those who are left to carry the torch. Strengthen them and guide them going forward. We ask all of this in Jesus name. Amen (Amen)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** (One rap)

The Savior is waiting somewhere above, to give you his grace  
 Whatever your cross is, whatever your pain,  
 God always sends the rainbow, after the rain.



Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible. (Three raps) Let us pause and gently drape our Altar. Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Brother Grand Chaplain, you will drape our Altar.

**(Draping of the Altar)**

Grand Chaplain, you will lead us in a prayer of remembrance.

**Grand Chaplain:** Our most gracious heavenly Father, in this time of remembrance let us not forget You, our Lord and Savior, who gave his life for all that we may all have an everlasting life. As we pause to give you thanks for all the memories we have of our Past Grand Matrons, our hearts are saddened with their loss, but we rejoice in knowing that they are with You in heaven. The time spent with them here on earth helps us to remember and to cherish the memories they have left behind. May the examples that they set before us guide us in the right direction. Bless and prosper our beloved Order in their absence. We ask all this in Jesus name. Amen (Amen)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** (One rap) Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible. (Three raps)

**(Brother Don Austin sings  
"I Believe")**

Such a perfectly beautiful rendition of the song "I Believe". Brother Jerry Trees will now voice our Benediction. Following the Benediction, I would ask that each of you please retire quietly as the Grand Officers leave and after our Benediction, you are dismissed.

**PGP Jerry Trees:** May we pray. Our Gracious Heavenly Father, it is with reverence and in a spirit of humility that we dedicate this service to the memory of our beloved members who served so faithfully in promoting the great principles of our order. Who have fulfilled their destiny and have taken their places in the ranks of eternity. To these we pay tribute. May we strive to make our lives examples of that faith and devotion for which their lives stand as worthy examples. Bless and comfort those who have loved ones among the number. Let thine all sufficient Grace descend upon us, and abiding Faith prevail on our soul. Give us patience and courage to work whatever task you have set before us. This prayer we offer in the name of thy Son. Amen (Amen)

**(End of the Memorial Service)**



**Saturday Morning Session**  
**Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star**  
**134th Grand Chapter Session**  
**Harvey Convention Center, Tyler, Texas**  
**“Ride for the Brand – Trails of Change”**  
**September 3, 2016**

**7:30 AM**

**Musical Prelude**  
**Mrs. Linda Hugo, Critters Care**

**8:00 AM**

**Call to Order**  
**Dr. Effie Mae Davis, PGM**

**Mr. Nelson Campbell, PGP**

**PGM Effie Mae Davis:** Welcome to the “Ride for the Brand – Trails of Change” Session. Thank you Sister Linda for the beautiful western music to set the tone for the day. We have enjoyed your talents this morning. Worthy Grand Matron, today is a mile marker on the trail for the Worthy Grand Matron, for it is a trail that is reaching the destination for you and the Worthy Grand Patron while others are just beginning the trail ride. I watched your service over the years, Worthy Grand Matron, and as your friend, I’ve traveled some of those miles with you and I look forward to your joining the ranks of the Past Grands as we will travel on new trails together. Brother Nelson.

**PGP Nelson Campbell:** Thank you Sister Effie Mae, and thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to have a part in opening this last session that you will preside over as Worthy Grand Matron. I’m so glad that you and I had the opportunity to serve together on the Board of Directors and the friendship that started there. You are a special and steadfast friend to Georgia and myself. Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a pleasure to get better acquainted with you and Jane over this year. Today is the day the Lord has made and I know that our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are rejoicing today as they conclude this great year of service to our Order which has given them so many wonderful memories for years to come.

**PGM Effie Mae Davis:** Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the Texas Brand Drill by the Grand Officers and their Pages.

**The Texas Brand Drill**  
**Directed by Mrs. Linda Roy, Grand Marshal**

**PGM Effie Mae Davis:** The Grand Officers will enter the Grand Chapter Room. Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is with honor that I present our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the

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active duties of the Grand Chapter. (One rap)

I want to express my deep appreciation for your calling this Session to order. Dr. Effie Mae Davis, your golden rule and Brother Nelson, your Team spirit are unforgettable and I thank each of you for our special friendships we have shared over the years. The two of you served with pride and enthusiasm, and we welcome you to share the East with us today. Sister Linda Hugo, thank you for the music this morning and for assisting the Grand Organist today, your way with music has added much to our meeting today. Sister Betty, thank you for presenting the final “Code of West” thought today. I appreciate your love and friendship through the years. Brother Jerry, thank you for sharing your words of prayer with us this very special morning. Thank you for sharing this day with us.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Thank you Sister Effie Mae and Brother Nelson for your contribution in opening this Session. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sister Grand Warder.

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** You will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this “Ride for the Brand – Trails of Change” Grand Chapter Session from REST to LABOR and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**Grand Warder:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session “Ride for the Brand – Trails of Change” from REST to LABOR, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**Grand Sentinel:** There will be no interruption, Sister Grand Warder.

**Grand Warder:** The doors are secure and there will be no interruption, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** It is well, Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of our Order and are entitled to be seated in this Session.

### (Prove Chapter)

It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. (Three raps)

Our Invocation will be given by Brother Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron.

**PGP Jerry Martin:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, please join hands with the person next to you and as you hold those hands, realize that they were a creation of God as are you. Now let’s talk to God. Our Heavenly Father whose love is everlasting, whose grace is with us every hour. We thank you for this day and all the blessings you have given us in our lives. Show us Thy way as we go through the final day of our Grand Chapter Session as we engage in the discussion of our Fraternal business and the election of new Officers for the upcoming year. Keep us strong and remembering Your teaching to love one another while

speaking with courage and speaking truth and justice in all our actions. Father we ask Your blessings upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they guide us through the business of this Order today. May all that transpires today be pleasing to Thee. All these things we ask in Your holy name. Amen (Amen)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** (One rap) I now declare this final Session open. (One rap) Sister Grand Warder you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**(Session Opened, called from Rest to Labor)**

Sisters and Brothers, I know we are all in a hurry but someone left their vehicle running. (Laughter) It is License plate FRS 9094, Sienna Toyota. It's on the fourth row immediately straight back of the front door. I think you want to handle that. (Laughter)

To Begin our Day our "Code of the West" Thought will be presented by Sister Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron.

**PGM Betty Friend:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. This is the Worthy Grand Matron's last Thought for the Day. Everyone needs a creed to live by. The "Code of West" has been the theme for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they served Grand Chapter this year. The membership has diligently followed their leadership by "Riding for the Brand". Final rules of the west are; Remember that some things aren't for sale and Know where to draw the line. If you live your life by the "Code of the West" you will be rewarded with respect, happiness, loyal friends and satisfaction of an honorable life. I would like to end this thought with the last poem of our Poet Laureate, Brother Frank Knight.

**When Trails Meet**

The end of one trail brings the start of another.  
 We've enjoyed sharing tales with each Sister and Brother.  
 Grand Chapter is coming so please come on down  
 To carry Star love from each District and Town.  
 We've lighted the trails, attended the schools.  
 We've tended the herd and studied the rules.  
 The Banquets we've shared, we all love to dine.  
 We sold Campfire Stories and watched stars shine.  
 The Trailblazers, Mavericks and Matrons of the Prairie  
 Extended hearty thank you's to Billy and Jerre.  
 You've had a great year we can all build upon  
 And we wish all the best to Sharon and Tom.

Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** We will now have the adoption of the ESTARL Report and the Grand Chaplain's Report. I call on Sister Vicki Hertenberger.

**Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my distinct pleasure to present the following ESTARL Report, final report for 2015-2016.

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Friday evening, September 2, 2016 I had the privilege of presenting the “Riding for the Brand of Religious Service” ESTARL Program. This year we were able to award 20 Scholarships, each Scholarship being in the amount of \$1,000.00. It was through the generous donations made by our membership in support of ESTARL as part of the Humanitarian Program and donations at last year’s Grand Chapter Session totaling \$20,169.00 during the year. It is my pleasure to report the amount collected at the Friday evening Session “Riding for the Brand of Religious Service” Offertory was \$2,166.62.

Again I would like to thank the ladies who worked with me throughout the year both on my Committee and in the Grand Chapter Office who helped make this a successful and rewarding year of service.

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this final report of the ESTARL Committee for 2015-2016.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

**Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have a love gift from my Committee that we would like to present to you and to the Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Good job. I recognize Brother Burley Jones, Grand Chaplain.

**Mr. Burley Jones:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it was definitely an honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Chaplain for 2015-2016. With that I move the adoption of the Grand Chaplain report given last night.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** And I second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of the Grand Chaplain. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) We are going to continue with the business of Grand Chapter. I recognize Sister Willie Mae Shaw who is Chairman of the By-Laws Committee.

**Sister Willie Mae Shaw:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers.

It is my pleasure to introduce the members of this committee: Sisters Sue Barnes, District 2, and Karen Gregory, District 5. Regretfully, Sister Karen could not be in attendance at this Grand Chapter. Thank you, Sister Anita Durden, for standing with us.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving on the By-Laws Committee as Chairman. It has been a great experience working with so many Chapters throughout the state. Received were 59 requests for By-Laws amendments. Six (6) chapters submitted two requests each for amendment. A total of 57 requests were approved. Two (2) requests were returned.

The majority of the By-Laws amendments pertained to dues and meeting time.

The most common problems, which created delays in the approval process, were the lack of required duplicate original signed copies of the proposed amendments and/or Form 106-S, "Request for By-Laws Approval Certificate" as required in COL Article 265.

A complete list of Chapters to be approved by this Grand Chapter is as follows:

Floydada #31	Texas #35 (1)	Texas #35 (2)
Bastrop #64	Lubbock #76 (1)	Lubbock #76 (2)
Caddo Mills #82	Lipan #127	Ransford #135
Brenham #144	Luling #155	Quinlan #170
Avery #252	Santo #270	Yoakum #282
Austin #304	Nash #320	Templar #374
Hemphill #375	Gonzales #403	Odessa #447 (1)
Odessa #447 (2)	El Campo #535	Taylor #578
Longview #610 (1)	Longview #610 (2)	Cuero #61
Everman #624	Texas City #626	Liberty Dayton #634
Anahuac #649	Canton #667	North Fort Worth #684
Plano #703	West Columbia #705	Conroe #710
Faith #713	Andral Vann #741	New Braunfels #771
Boyd #897 Returned	Rosewyn #927	Lancaster #943 Returned
Mary Martha #981	Lexington #996 (1)	Lexington #996 (2)
Friendship #1008	Frank W. Lynn #1015 (1)	Frank W. Lynn #1015 (2)
Waelder #1023	Pearland #1065	Roy Stanley #1081
Wallace Houghston #1100	Cypress #1102	Zapata #1106
Gainesville #1123	Balch Springs #1132	Livingston #1139
Kirbyville #1143	TMRC-Daylight #1145	

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

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion to adopt the By-Laws Report and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron. All in favor of adopting this Report please raise your turquoise cards. Hands down. All opposed, same sign. Hope you didn't have discussion because I forgot it. Motion carried. (One rap)

Sisters and Brothers I can tell you, no Worthy Grand Matron has had a better Chairman of By-Laws. We've signed By-Laws every place you can think of. Even on the hood of a car at a funeral home. Willie Mae knows what's she's doing, she knows our law. Thank you Willie Mae and thank you Committee for all that you have done. Thank you. (Applause)

I recognize Sister Betty Scott, International Headquarters Chairman.

**Sister Betty Scott:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters, Brothers and friends:

The responsibility of the International Headquarters Committee is to promote interest in the International Headquarters which is located in Washington, D.C. The lovely Perry Belmont Mansion, built in 1909, was acquired in 1935 to serve as the world headquarters of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. The building and its valuable contents are the pride and joy of the Eastern Star Membership.

As with most valuable possessions, they require attention and maintenance. For the past several years the International Headquarters Committee of Texas has worked with General Grand Chapter to promote the 1618 Special Projects which solicits donations for the renovations of the International Headquarters. The greatest concern for the building is its roof.

This year a letter was written to each chapter in our Grand Jurisdiction requesting they consider donating one silver drill (or a portion thereof) for the 1618 Special Projects/Roof. The response was overwhelming! Through the generosity of our chapters and individual members I am able to report the grand total of donations for the 2015-2016 year to the 1618 Special Projects for General Grand Chapter is \$12,150.93. A detailed report by Districts follows.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee. Thank you, Sister Ellen Pickrell, Interim Grand Secretary, and staff of the Grand Secretary's office for your assistance in this endeavor. Again and again, thank you membership for your generosity.

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



**INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
1618 SPECIAL PROJECTS  
DISTRICT ONE DONATIONS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISTRICT ONE CHAPTER/DONOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
12/30/2015	Athens No. 177	\$ 100.00
3/11/2016	Balch Springs No. 1132	\$ 18.00
12/7/2015	Beckville No. 273	\$ 70.00
2/24/2016	Bowie No. 16	\$ 101.00
1/11/2016	Boyd No. 897	\$ 27.00
1/16/2016	Bullard No. 972	\$ 50.00
1/28/2016	Caddo Mills No. 82	\$ 29.25
2/4/2016	Canton No. 667	\$ 50.00
4/18/2016	Carpenters No. 183	\$ 50.00
1/16/2016	Ckrhill Delta Flora No. 794	\$ 36.50
1/28/2016	Commerce No. 208	\$ 35.00
1/23/2016	Corsicana No. 118	\$ 50.00
1/5/2016	Daingerfield No. 906	\$ 91.35
3/21/2016	Dal-Cliff No. 574	\$ 21.32
1/26/2016	Dallas No. 1	\$ 50.00
4/7/2016	Dallas No. One	\$ 80.00
1/6/2016	Denton No. 259	\$ 20.00
2/3/2016	Deport No. 1045	\$ 65.00
2/11/2016	Duncanville No. 1014	\$ 20.00
1/25/2016	Eustace No. 1062	\$ 60.00
1/16/2016	Farmesville No. 940	\$ 42.00
12/7/2015	Frankston No. 1113	\$ 25.00
5/11/2016	Garland No. 156	\$ 50.00
5/7/2016	Gate City No. 77	\$ 32.00
1/13/2016	Gilmer No. 355	\$ 100.00
2/5/2016	Greenville No. 1950	\$ 33.00
3/15/2016	Gun Barrel City No. 1114	\$ 32.34
1/9/2016	Jacksonville No. 877	\$ 20.00
1/21/2016	John L. DeGrazier No. 881	\$ 100.00
1/25/2016	Lancaster No. 943	\$ 100.00
1/19/2016	Leah Elliott No. 1119	\$ 19.41
1/21/2016	Linden No. 576	\$ 100.00
1/9/2016	Loyal No. 648	\$ 91.00
12/16/2015	Mabank No. 821	\$ 25.00
1/19/2016	Macon, Phyllis (No. 887)	\$ 20.00
12/30/2015	McKinney No. 518	\$ 25.00
12/7/2015	Mesquite No. 887	\$ 50.00
12/16/2015	Midlothian No. 234	\$ 100.00
1/9/2016	Mike Thomas-Oak Cliff No. 951	\$ 25.00
1/6/2016	Mt. Vernon No. 956	\$ 50.00
12/7/2015	Nash No. 320	\$ 25.00
12/30/2015	New Boston No. 700	\$ 20.00

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISTRICT ONE CHAPTER/DONOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1/27/2016	Omaha No. 997	\$ 100.00
2/11/2016	Ore City No. 1033	\$ 87.00
12/30/2015	Palestine No. 395	\$ 36.00
4/14/2016	Pilot Point No. 1025	\$ 39.00
12/15/2015	Pine Tree No. 1090	\$ 100.00
12/7/2015	Princeton No. 1126	\$ 30.00
12/30/2015	Quinlan No. 170	\$ 29.34
1/22/2016	Quitman No. 695	\$ 46.00
12/30/2015	Roy Stanley No. 1086	\$ 100.00
1/21/2016	Royce City No. 642	\$ 22.00
12/16/2015	Saint Jo No. 17	\$ 20.00
3/10/2016	Self, Karen (No. 16)	\$ 20.00
3/19/2016	Sulphur Bluff No. 246	\$ 50.00
12/30/2015	Templar No. 374	\$ 100.00
12/7/2015	Waskom No. 812	\$ 20.00
2/13/2016	Whitewright No. 939	\$ 55.00
12/30/2015	Winnie No. 160	\$ 25.00
1/22/2016	Winnsboro No. 967	\$ 21.00
4/8/2016	Wolfe City No. 1129	\$ 30.00
	<b>DISTRICT ONE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,039.51</b>

**INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
1618 SPECIAL PROJECTS  
DISTRICT TWO DONATIONS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISTRICT TWO CHAPTER/DONOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
2/13/2016	Abilene No. 30	\$ 75.23
12/7/2015	Amarillo No. 789	\$ 20.00
12/30/2015	Big Spring No. 67	\$ 166.20
2/11/2016	Dumas No. 653	\$ 19.70
1/28/2016	Faith No. 713	\$ 45.00
5/26/2016	Faith No. 713 (2nd Donation)	\$ 30.00
1/23/2016	Feedom No. 898	\$ 20.00
12/15/2015	Friendship No. 1008	\$ 61.56
1/17/2016	Hereford No. 312	\$ 72.00
1/22/2016	Leveland No. 797	\$ 20.00
1/5/2016	Lubbock No. 76	\$ 100.00
12/16/2015	Midland No. 253	\$ 44.00
2/12/2016	Norman Read No. 1010	\$ 76.00
12/15/2015	Odessa No. 447	\$ 100.75
12/15/2015	Queen Esther No. 833	\$ 20.00
12/15/2015	Rule No. 989	\$ 20.00
3/14/2016	Petrolia No. 84	\$ 10.00
3/26/2016	Wallace Hughston No. 1100	\$ 20.00
	<b>District Two Total</b>	<b>\$ 920.44</b>

**INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
1618 SPECIAL PROJECTS  
DISTRICT THREE DONATIONS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISTRICT THREE CHAPTER/DONOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
5/4/2016	Albrecht, Cheryl, P.G.M. 2014-2015	\$ 100.00
1/23/2016	Bean, Roy & Georgia (No. 326)	\$ 100.00
1/17/2016	Belton No. 589	\$ 100.00
1/17/2016	Brock No. 274	\$ 25.00
1/17/2016	Burnet No. 425	\$ 37.00
2/29/2016	Connor, Dorothy No. 490	\$ 100.00
1/17/2016	Crescent No. 820	\$ 25.00
1/26/2016	De Leon No. 693	\$ 35.00
1/26/2016	Dunbar, Evelyn (No. 909)	\$ 20.00
1/17/2016	Dyer, Bobbye (No. 639)	\$ 100.00
1/26/2016	Everman No. 624	\$ 20.00
1/26/2016	Goldthwaite No. 909	\$ 42.00
1/13/2016	Granbury No. 530	\$ 100.00
1/22/2016	Grapevine No. 326	\$ 500.00
1/19/2016	Groesbeck No. 810	\$ 34.00
2/1/2016	Handley No. 617	\$ 25.00
2/1/2016	Hillsboro No. 769	\$ 63.59
2/1/2016	Holton City No. 982	\$ 25.00
1/26/2016	Howard, Dahl & Sally (No. 909)	\$ 20.00
2/29/2016	Killeen No. 490	\$ 62.12
2/1/2016	Kingsland No. 1118	\$ 20.00
2/1/2016	Lipan No. 127	\$ 43.25
2/4/2016	Lott No. 594	\$ 63.85
1/21/2016	McLennan No. 639	\$ 125.00
12/21/2015	Moran (1) No. 591	\$ 24.00
1/16/2016	Moran (2) No. 591	\$ 29.50
1/16/2016	North Fort Worth No. 684	\$ 20.00
1/23/2016	Richland Hills No. 1040	\$ 100.00
1/23/2016	Rio Vista No. 343	\$ 26.00
1/23/2016	Round Rock No. 316	\$ 100.00
2/29/2016	Schroeder, Terecia No. 490	\$ 40.00
2/3/2016	South Fort Worth No. 835	\$ 25.00
12/15/2015	Springtown No. 498	\$ 22.00
1/11/2016	Stephenville No. 801	\$ 60.00
2/5/2016	Taylor No. 578	\$ 100.00
2/5/2016	Throckmorton No. 500	\$ 66.00
1/9/2016	TMRC No. 1145	\$ 32.00
1/7/2016	Vashti No. 32	\$ 30.00
1/7/2016	Weatherford No. 21	\$ 25.00
7/11/2016	Webb No. 1140	\$ 37.00
2/29/2016	Whitney No. 930	\$ 54.54
	<b>DISTRICT THREE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,576.85</b>

**INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
1618 SPECIAL PROJECTS  
DISTRICT FOUR DONATIONS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISTRICT FOUR CHAPTER/DONOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
12/10/2015	Aldine No. 1088	\$ 100.00
1/11/2016	Alvin No. 15	\$ 40.00
1/25/2016	Anahuac No. 649	\$ 50.00
1/23/2016	Andral Van No. 741	\$ 100.00
1/6/2016	Archive No. 1095	\$ 100.00
12/10/2015	Bellaire No. 1021	\$ 20.00
2/5/2016	Bluebell No. 856	\$ 42.00
12/30/2015	Brazoria No. 74	\$ 50.00
6/13/2016	Brenda McDaniel No. 1111/914	\$ 20.00
7/15/2016	Brenham No. 144	\$ 115.00
1/25/2016	Bryan No. 222	\$ 37.15
12/10/2015	Buna No. 968	\$ 20.00
12/30/2015	Burke No. 1098	\$ 41.00
2/11/2016	Bush, Carol Jo (No. 920)	\$ 50.00
12/30/2015	Bay City No. 380	\$ 100.00
12/10/2015	Caldwell No. 976	\$ 30.00
1/2/2016	Cedar Bayou No. 11	\$ 20.00
12/10/2015	Center No. 348	\$ 10.00
1/11/2016	Conroe No. 710	\$ 70.75
2/20/2016	Corrigan No. 631	\$ 38.00
1/21/2016	Crockett No. 509	\$ 36.76
1/30/2016	Cypress No. 1102	\$ 119.00
6/13/2016	Evadale No. 1111	\$ 20.00
12/16/2015	Frank W. Lynn No. 1015	\$ 20.00
2/11/2016	Franklin No. 311	\$ 50.00
2/19/2016	Groves/Port Arthur No. 953	\$ 20.00
12/30/2015	Groveton No. 1035	\$ 31.25
1/16/2016	Hemphill No. 375	\$ 29.00
1/7/2016	Houston Heights No. 258	\$ 100.00
5/16/2016	Humble No. 415	\$ 100.00
1/9/2016	Huntington No. 938	\$ 24.50
12/15/2015	Joaquin No. 903	\$ 15.00
1/11/2016	Katy No. 1121	\$ 50.00
1/6/2016	Klein No. 1141	\$ 50.00
1/19/2016	Kurten U.D.	\$ 18.50
12/30/2015	La Marque No. 979	\$ 25.00
2/3/2016	La Porte No. 683	\$ 100.00
12/16/2015	League City No. 621	\$ 100.00
1/21/2016	Livingston No. 1139	\$ 100.00
1/2/2016	Lufkin No. 382	\$ 50.00
3/21/2016	Mary Martha No. 981	\$ 20.00
1/11/2016	McKee No. 920	\$ 50.00

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISTRICT FOUR CHAPTER/DONOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
12/30/2015	Mont Belview No. 1142	\$ 25.00
3/8/2016	Montgomery No. 228	\$ 100.00
2/1/2016	Newbern No. 1135	\$ 20.00
1/4/2016	Oak Forest No. 1080	\$ 50.00
1/13/2016	Orange No. 214	\$ 25.00
1/21/2016	Park Place No. 731	\$ 10.00
5/25/2016	Port Neches No. 677	\$ 100.00
1/2/2016	Rockdale No. 23	\$ 52.18
1/30/2016	Rosenburg No. 429	\$ 16.40
12/30/2015	Rosewyn No. 927	\$ 100.00
12/10/2015	Shephed No. 1003	\$ 50.00
2/11/2016	Silsbee No. 298	\$ 50.00
1/2/2016	Smithville No. 39	\$ 424.14
6/8/2016	Sommerville No. 245	\$ 135.00
1/30/2016	Spring No. 1105	\$ 141.00
4/20/2016	Sugar Land No. 1107	\$ 50.00
2/20/2016	Sweeney No. 873	\$ 50.00
2/12/2016	Texas City No. 626	\$ 31.00
1/21/2016	Trinty No. 186	\$ 25.00
12/30/2015	Velasco No. 220	\$ 20.00
3/17/2016	Waller No. 1047	\$ 70.18
1/21/2016	Willis No. 1017	\$ 100.00
1/17/2016	Wisteria No. 823	\$ 50.00
	<b>DISTRICT FOUR TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,077.01</b>

**INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
1618 SPECIAL PROJECTS  
DISTRICT FIVE DONATIONS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISTRICT FIVE CHAPTER/DONOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1/11/2016	Adah No. 49	\$ 100.00
1/25/2016	Alice No. 61	\$ 20.00
2/4/2016	Amistad No. 1115	\$ 70.00
2/12/2016	Austin No. 304	\$ 50.00
1/11/2016	Bandera No. 643	\$ 100.00
1/22/2016	Bexar No. 616	\$ 65.17
1/9/2016	Blanca No. 934	\$ 100.00
2/5/2016	Blanco No. 934	\$ 55.00
12/30/2015	Boerne No. 200	\$ 53.00
1/22/2016	Creedmoor No. 607	\$ 42.00
2/19/2016	Cuero No. 618	\$ 20.00
2/19/2016	Dripping Springs No. 860	\$ 121.25
1/7/2016	Edinburg No. 473	\$ 11.75
1/22/2016	Gonzales No. 403	\$ 20.00
12/30/2015	Hondo No. 404	\$ 55.00
12/30/2015	Kenedy No. 36	\$ 50.00
1/16/2016	Kerrville No. 24	\$ 112.65
1/20/2016	Kingsville No. 325	\$ 20.00
12/30/2015	Leaky No. 18	\$ 100.00
1/22/2016	Lockhart No. 210	\$ 25.00
12/30/2015	Luling No. 155	\$ 20.00
1/25/2016	Medina No. 988	\$ 20.00
1/22/2016	Oakville No. 521	\$ 15.00
1/25/2016	Pleasanton No. 133	\$ 20.00
1/20/2016	Poteet No. 913	\$ 25.00
1/9/2016	Prospect Hill No. 817	\$ 100.00
1/13/2016	San Angelo No. 10	\$ 20.00
1/22/2016	Schertz No. 911	\$ 43.60
2/22/2016	Violet No. 158	\$ 48.60
12/30/2015	Waelder No. 1023	\$ 20.00
12/30/2015	Wimodausis No. 141	\$ 25.00
1/26/2016	Yoakum No. 282	\$ 20.00
2/19/2016	Yorktown No. 945	\$ 31.00
2/25/2016	Texas No. 35	\$ 40.55
3/5/2016	Harlandale No. 750	\$ 60.00
6/11/2016	Alamo Heights No. 734	\$ 36.75
	<b>DISTRICT FIVE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,726.22</b>

**INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
1618 SPECIAL PROJECTS  
TOTALS BY DISTRICT**

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
District One	\$3,039.51
District Two	\$920.44
District Three	\$2,576.85
District Four	\$3,877.81
District Five	\$1,736.32
<b>2015-2016 DONATION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,150.93</b>



**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the Report of the International Headquarters Committee which has been seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? All vote with your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Betty, thank you dear one for a job well done. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Worthy Grand Matron, I've just been handed an attention note. Pick up for the Secretary's packets from the Grand Secretary's booth in the Vendor area before 9:30.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Did y'all hear that? You did or did not? If you didn't hear it, raise a card. I don't see any. I recognize Brother Ray Hertenberger, Chairman of the Purposes and Policies Committee.

**PGP Ray Hertenberger:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Good morning my Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of our Purposes and Policies Committee for 2015-2016, I want to extend to you, to thank you for extending to us the honor and privilege of serving on this Committee of Grand Chapter. Those serving on the Committee, I, Ray Hertenberger, Chairman representing District 4. Jimmie Lee McMahan, Past Grand Matron, representing District 1. Brother Trey Smith, Past Grand Patron, representing District 2. Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Past Grand Matron, representing District 3, and Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron, representing District 5. We met on January 22, 2015 along with the Board of Directors and the Corporate Board at the Hampton Inn in Waco. Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Associate Grand Matron and Brother Tom Murphy, Associate Grand Patron did an excellent job in presenting their Purposes and Policies and Humanitarian Program. All required documentation was in excellent order for all of their projects which required pre-funding and those that required no funding. One project that was concerning was the sale of the OES License plate which required an initial deposit of \$2,500.00 from the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron. This is to be re-paid to them as the project becomes profitable. There were some concerns earlier that were brought to our attention by the names and Committee members being published in the September Bulletin. Our Associate Grand Matron once elected as Worthy Grand Matron will be able to fill in all the blanks after the elections today and these will be published in the October Bulletin. The contact information for all of the Committees and everybody that you would normally see are in the Texas Who's Who publication that they have for a fundraising policy and they will be for sale. They are for sale. Also presented by the Board of Directors were two policy recommendations. One concerning the security of the network system in our Grand Chapter Office and the other for accountability of the Grand Secretary's Office. All the recommendations that were presented to us by the Associate Grand Matron, the Associate Grand Patron and the Board of Directors were all recommended by this Committee for approval at this Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron, a full complete report as presented by the Associate Grand Matron, the Associate Grand Patron and the Board of Directors has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary's Office for Publication in your final proceedings.

**(Recommendations on next pages)**

Requiring Funding:										
Committee	Item	Cost	Quantity	Advance	Donation	Gross	Profit	GC 25%	Net	Charity for Proceeds
Calendar	Calendar	\$1.40	2000	\$2,800.00	\$5.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$5,400.00	WGM Undesignated
	\$30.00 Pin	\$1.96	200	\$392.00	\$30.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,608.00	\$1,402.00	\$4,206.00	General Fund
	\$60.00 Pin	\$3.33	100	\$333.00	\$60.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,667.00	\$1,416.75	\$4,250.25	General Fund
	\$100.00 Pin	\$3.38	100	\$338.00	\$100.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,662.00	\$2,415.50	\$7,246.50	General Fund
Give Us Paws	\$125.00 Pin	\$2.76	200	\$552.00	\$125.00	\$25,000.00	\$24,448.00	\$6,112.00	\$18,336.00	General Fund
	Military Pin	\$1.13	600	\$678.00	\$5.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,322.00	\$580.50	\$1,741.50	Give Us Paws
Inspiring Cooks	Cookbook	\$6.40	1000	\$6,400.00	\$20.00	\$20,000.00	\$13,600.00	\$3,400.00	\$10,200.00	General Fund
										\$500.00 to TMRC for Family Day; \$500 to Bulletin for "prize"; \$5,000 to Grand Lodge; Rest to : GENERAL FUND
Masonic Family	Knives	\$6.00	600	\$3,600.00	\$25.00	\$15,000.00	\$11,400.00	\$2,850.00	\$8,550.00	General Fund
	Travel Book	\$2.00	1000	\$2,000.00	\$5.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$750.00	\$2,250.00	General Fund
Membership Visitation	WGM Music	\$1.50	500	\$750.00	\$5.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,750.00	\$437.50	\$1,312.50	WGM Undesignated
	WGP Music	\$1.50	500	\$750.00	\$5.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,750.00	\$437.50	\$1,312.50	WGM Undesignated
Proficiency	Stickers		3000	\$308.00	\$1.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,692.00	\$673.00	\$2,019.00	General Fund
										\$3,000 to IORG; \$3,000 to DeMolay; Rest to General Fund
Puppy Love	Stuffed Animal	\$3.90	1000	\$390.00	\$10.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,610.00	\$2,402.50	\$7,207.50	Shriner's Hospital for Children - Galveston Burn Unit
Save The Children	Sun Catcher Ornament	\$2.50	500	\$1,250.00	\$10.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$937.50	\$2,812.50	General Fund
	License Plates		800			\$17,600.00	\$17,600.00	\$4,400.00	\$13,200.00	General Fund
TEXAS -- Who's Who	Book	\$4.00	1000	\$4,000.00	\$10.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00	General Fund
	Travelling Snowflakes			\$490.00						

<b>Not Requiring Funding:</b>										
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Advance</b>	<b>Donation</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>GC 25%</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Charity for Proceeds</b>
An Event To Remember					\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00	25% to Burn Hospital 75% to General Fund
Bulletin Committee										General Fund
Change for Change					\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	\$750.00	General Fund
Endowed Membership	Stamp/Pin									General Fund
Fond Memories	Yearbook				\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$3,750.00	General Fund
Historical Highlights	Books		20		\$23.50	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$117.50	\$352.50	General Fund
"	Pages		50		\$3.25	\$162.50	\$162.50	\$40.63	\$121.87	General Fund
Name Badges			2000			\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	General Fund
OES Recycle					\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	General Fund
							\$148,691.50	\$37,172.88	\$111,518.62	

**PGP Ray Hertenberger:** Worthy Grand Matron on behalf of the Purposes and Policies Committee we recommend approval for the Purposes and Policies.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee which was seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? I recognize our Associate Grand Matron.

**AGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Ray, the amount that Tom and I funded was \$8,000.00 that was recommended, not \$2,500.00.

**PGP Ray Hertenberger:** Okay, thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Is there any further discussion? All in favor raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

**PGP Ray Hertenberger:** I want to thank my Committee for working with me on this project. Thank you very much.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Great job. Thank you all. I recognize Brother Bill Wyatt for the Financial Investment Report.

**PGP Bill Wyatt:** Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to take this time to thank you for this opportunity to serve on this Committee this year. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron I would like to thank both you and the Worthy Grand Patron and I also want to take this time to thank Brother David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron of Texas and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas and Pauline McClymonds for all their help this year. As Chairman of this Committee, I have attended most all of the Board meetings especially those that included the reports of the Investment Banker. I was furnished copies of the quarterly reports from them and supplied them to the other Committee Members. We want to thank the Board of Directors for their support and help this year. It has been an honor to serve you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and the membership of Texas. Bill Wyatt, I am the Chairman of this Committee, Brother David Dibrell and Pauline McClymonds. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** And I second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have a motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of the Financial Investment Committee. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? All in favor vote with your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) I recognize Sister Betty Benham for the report of Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee.

**PGM Betty Benham:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I think I see one of our Committee Members and if you are in the Assembly room when I introduce you in just a moment, please stand. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron for the honor of serving on the Title, Deeds and Properties Committee. According to our Code of Laws: The Titles, Deeds

and Properties Committee shall provide council 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 the records of the Titles thereto, and recommending Policies and Procedures in general. This Committee is composed of five (5) members, one from each of the five Districts and at this time, I would like to introduce them: District 1, Herb Garon, are you in the audience? I have not seen you. District 3, Donna Pope, I know you are in attendance. District 4 Paul Garner, District 5 Frank Kind and I am Betty Benham, Chairman. Worthy Grand Matron, the Committee did such an excellent job last year that nothing has been reported to this Committee this year and this concludes the Titles, Deeds and Properties Report. I move the acceptance of this report

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** And I second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you, Sister Betty. Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion and a second made by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) I recognize Brother Nelson Campbell, Chairman of Grievance and Appeals Committee. Carolyn Orum if you will make your way to the East. Delia Whitfield would you get your report back and make your way toward the East. We'll figure out somebody from the Museum Committee. Thank you.

**PGP Nelson Campbell:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the opportunity of serving on your Grievance and Appeals Committee. At this time, I'd like to introduce those that you included on this Committee. Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron of Texas and Jack Friend, Past Patron of New Braunfels Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron at your Installation the Installing Grand Chaplain prayed that peace and harmony would prevail during your Grand Chapter year. I just happened to be that Grand Chaplain, in case you forgot. (Laughter) It is with pleasure that your Grievances and Appeals Committee reports that no grievances or appeals were received by your Committee this past year. Respectfully submitted, I move adoption of this report.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard a motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee. Is there any discussion? Our Associate Grand Matron looked like she was headed to a microphone. That was scary. (Laughter) Is there any discussion? All in favor vote with your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you and thank you, the three of you, special ones for serving on that Committee. I recognize Brother David Dibrell and Brother Henry Martin for the report of the Tophats.

**PGP David Dibrell:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. The Texas Tophats has been established to support Brother Henry Martin in his journey to the General Grand East and to assist Wyoming in conducting the 50th General Grand Chapter Triennial Session in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2021. The Texas Tophats is the successor Committee or Corporation of the Texas Cardinals which performed similar activities for the 2012 Triennial Session in Fort Worth.

The Texas Tophats solicits memberships and offers jewelry and other merchandise as fundraising activities. We organized bus trips to Wyoming to meet with them and solicit help with manpower. In 2014, seventeen people travelled to Wyoming for their Grand Chapter and in 2015,

thirty members made the trek. Then in 2016 we had forty members make the bus trip to Wyoming. Wyoming bus trips historically have costs on a small amount and in 2015 almost broke even. In 2016 we actually made a small profit on the trip. The Texas Tophats also assists Henry Martin with necessary travel expenses in excess of the amount reimbursed by General Grand Chapter. In 2015-2016, merchandise sales totaled \$1,260. Joyce Gilbert directs the merchandise sales assisted by Willie Mae Shaw and five District Chairmen. During 2015-2016, memberships were sold for a total of \$5,325. These memberships and pins were sold at many Schools of Instruction during the year. Art Drescher directs the membership sales.

Total funds on hand are about \$363,000. The expected cost to conduct the 2018 General Grand Chapter Installation and the 2021 General Grand Chapter Triennial Session have not been determined by Wyoming and Texas will share those costs. I will remind you that whatever funds remain in Texas Tophats will be donated to the Grand Chapter of Texas in 2022 after all expenses have been tallied.

This is an exciting time for Texas as we prepare to have the first Most Worthy Grand Patron from Texas since 1934. We encourage all Texas members to plan now to attend Henry's Installation in Orlando on November 2, 2018. We're going to need a lot of help and we're hoping everyone in this room will plan to make the Orlando trip. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion and the second made by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of the Texas Tophats Incorporated. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your turquoise card. Hands down. Thank you. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried (One rap) Thank you Brother David and Brother Henry would you like to remark on this?

**RWAGP Henry Martin:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Distinguished Sisters and Brothers all. It's a privilege and an honor that I have to serve in General Grand Chapter and I thank you for that privilege. And I want you to know that I certainly appreciate all of the support that each of you has given to the Texas Tophats and to me personally. I look forward to serving you in General Grand Chapter and we are going to do the best job we can to make Texas proud. Thank you so much. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Would Sister Jacklin McCarn and any members of the Museum Committee please come to the East real fast. Sister Delia Whitfield if you would get your report and also report to the East. And while we are taking pictures, next up is going to be Carolyn Orum of the Education Fund Committee. I recognize Sister Carolyn Orum for the Education Fund Committee.

**Sister Carolyn Orum:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, my Sisters and Brothers. It is a pleasure to present the report of the Educational Fund Committee for your consideration.

Three members of the Education Fund Committee met on March 19, 2016 to review 38 applications for Scholarships. Of these applications, 28 were selected to receive \$750. each for a total of \$21,000.

We would like to extend our thanks to Diane Davidson, Ray Hargis, Ellen Pickrell and Kathy Paschal. Each of these individuals assisted us when we had questions regarding the duties of the Committee. We also extend our thanks to the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to serve on this Committee. Respectfully submitted, Diane Beckley, Chairman, Carolyn Orum, Donald Reynolds, Nancy Hardy and Paul Goodson. I move that we adopt this report.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion made by the Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee, seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your turquoise card. Thank you, hands down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you. I would like to ask that the Deputies, when you are instructed to get the boxes, not now, okay? When you are instructed to get the boxes for us to start our hand count election. Please look in those boxes. We just found another \$57.00 from the ESTARL donations made last evening. Please look in there and see if there are notes or trash or money. Thank you. I recognize Delia Whitfield for the OES Home Endowment Report.

**Sister Delia Whitfield:** Good morning. Thank you Sister Jerre for allowing us to serve in this Committee. This Committee is the Home Endowment Committee and there has been no activity in this Committee, therefore there is no report. I move the acceptance of this report. I already turned it in to the Grand Secretary.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** And I second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion the second by the Worthy Grand Matron to adopt the report of the Home Endowment Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your turquoise cards. Thank you, hands down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you Delia for a job well done. Anyone from the Museum Committee are you up here yet? I recognize Sister Bitsy Choate who is going to give us a partial report of the Museum Committee.

**Sister Bitsy Choate:** Worthy Grand Matron thank you so much. I see that Dewey has run off and left me. I was not expecting this but thank you for allowing us to serve on that. The Committee, District 1 was me, Barbara Wickham, Mathew Teague, Jacklin McCarn and Sharon Reynolds, and we did meet and sort out and you just don't know how much fun you can have digging through old boxes of stuff. But we spent five days looking in the boxes, in the cabinets and the pictures on the wall. We have not found anything missing. We have sorted out and placed a lot of the stuff on a table at the Eastern Star office so anybody that wants to look at it can. And Worthy Grand Matron, here is a copy of the inventory that he has made and I move that this report be adopted.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** I second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Sister Bitsy. We have a motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron that the report of the Museum Committee, as will be printed in the proceedings, be adopted. Is there any discussion? I have discussion. Brother Mackey Teague had to leave, his wife got sick and I told him "Hook 'em". So I wanted you to know why they are not here. All in favor of this motion, raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

(One rap) Thank you Sister Bitsy. I recognize Sister Rosemary Berry, Chairman of Jurisprudence.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Good morning. Sisters and Brothers as I mentioned to you yesterday, we have received two items of Emergency Legislation. Now by law we will need a majority vote of this membership to allow us to present this Emergency Legislation. So I move that we be allowed to present it.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** And I second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion made by our Jurisprudence Chairman and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron. All in favor raise your turquoise card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap)

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Membership I would just like to say thank you personally from me and my Committee for your attentiveness and for listening and for participating. This will be just a little bit more challenging because it's not printed. However, Lara, I want to thank you as the ladies present this Legislation that you will place it upon the screen so that our membership can see what we are talking about. I think you'll fully understand it but I also want to tell you that your Jurisprudence Committee has three signed copies of every item of Legislation that has been presented to you. So you're not voting off the screens except that helps you visually, at least I hope it will help you visually. At this time, I recognize Sister Jayne Yenger to present the first item of Emergency Legislation. Lara, you know which one is the first one? Okay, Darling, I'm sorry. It's the one regarding the Constitution. And Sister Jayne will share with you as she works through it and of course it will need a second vote next year at Grand Chapter. Sister Jayne.

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** Thank you Sister Rosemary. Good morning. Now as Sister Rosemary stated you will not find this in your Advanced Annual Reports so don't be like me and look for your Advanced Annual Reports, it's not there. But this is to amend the Constitution. And it can be found on Page 32 in your Constitution.

It now reads:

**“Whereas** the permanent Headquarters of the Grand Chapter Office is currently required by the Constitution to be located in Arlington, Texas, and

**Whereas** the Grand Chapter Office needs to be reasonably close to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in order to support our Ladies in residence at that facility, and

**Whereas** the price of Commercial Office space in Arlington, Texas is very expensive, and

**Whereas** there are more economically viable solutions for Commercial Office Space in the Dallas, Ft. Worth, Arlington Metropolitan area, and

**Whereas** the Grand Chapter of Texas should have greater flexibility in choosing an Office location in an effort to reduce costs.

We the undersigned propose the following Amendment which now reads:

“Business Headquarters: Permanent headquarters for the Grand Chapter Office shall be located in Arlington, Texas. In the Grand Chapter Office, all equipment and facilities suitable and necessary for the transactions of the office business of Grand Chapter and for the preservation of its records shall be maintained”.



Be Amended to Read:

“Business Headquarter: Permanent headquarters for the Grand Chapter of Texas Office shall be located in an economically viable location. In the Grand Chapter Office, all equipment and facilities suitable and necessary for the transactions of the office business of Grand Chapter and for the preservation of its records shall be maintained”.

This was submitted by the Board of Directors and we do have signed copies. Three signed copies. Now the rational is that, I'm going to give you just my rational which is that office space in Arlington is very expensive. This would allow a broader area and possibly more reasonable and better flexibility. We will need to look for office space when our contract comes up. I understand that possibly they are looking at an increase of where we are now. So this is why this is being presented at this time. Worthy Grand Matron, we find this to be in order and ask...

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Good job. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to accept Emergency Legislation for what's up on the Board. (Laughter) We've also got a second from the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? I recognize Pam Stewart.

**Sister Pam Stewart:** I understand that the way it was originally presented... I understand that you said when it was presented reasonable distance from the Home. That's not what that says. That says viable, it doesn't say reasonable distance. I'm a nurse. I've had to call on Medical Power of Attorney people to make decisions. The way I interpret that, you could put it in Alvin or Amarillo. It does not give a distance limit. I recognize Jayne Yenger.

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** I believe what I stated was that we would be looking for more reasonable rates.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. I recognize Brother Buddy Baker.

**PGP Buddy Baker:** Buddy Baker, Worthy Patron of Mart Chapter #109. My question is, didn't anyone listen to the Mayor of Tyler yesterday in his speech? Why not consider Tyler? I can't see just leaving it in the Metroplex. So that would be my recommendation and if we're saving money, let's go to where it's cheaper.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Brother Buddy. Is there anyone else that might be speaking against this? Is there anybody else that speaking? I'm sorry that was Buddy Baker from Mart Chapter #109. Thank you. And Pam Stewart, are you Texas City Chapter #626. Is there any further discussion? Please, let me caution each of you, when you are going to speak, please first state your name and your Chapter name and number. I recognize Gerry Sturtz.

**Sister Gerry Sturtz:** I'm Gerry Sturtz, Past Matron of Bay City Chapter #429, now Affiliated with Sugarland Chapter #1107. I was on the Committee to help find the location this past time and while we were looking we found several good locations in Dal Worthington which is just outside of the city limits. We were handicapped with a lot of locations we could have found, in and around Arlington but not in Arlington city limits. Therefore, I speak in favor of this Amendment.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Our next speaker, Sisters and Brothers, please, let's not be demonstrative. I appreciate that very, very much. I recognize, who was next? Keith Mike-worth? I'm sorry, the lady in the Southwest.

**Sister Barbara Gotcher:** I'm Barbara Gotcher, Past Matron of Bullard Chapter #972. My ques-tion is that it is not talking about being in Texas. We could go to Mexico, we could go to Wash-ington, D.C., we could go to Wyoming...

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Board of Directors. Board of Directors will you please stand. Who wrote this, Bob Royall? Go to the microphone and defend it. (One rap) Sisters and Brothers, we have a comment here from a member of Jurisprudence.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Sisters and Brothers, the Charter for the Grand Chapter of Texas states that all activities pertaining to the Grand Chapter of Texas will be in Texas. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. I recognize Bob Royall, member of the Board of Directors.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I am Bob Royall, Past Pa-tron of Huffman Chapter #1112 and current Worthy Patron of Huffman #1112. I would like to say thank you to Sister Rosemary for clarifying that. I couldn't have added anything better. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you.

**Brother Keith Mikeworth:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Keith Mikeworth, Midland Chapter #253. Our Grand Chapter Office not only has to take care of Grand Chapters business they are now beginning to gather our historical things and having them in the Grand Chapter office too. So it would be to our advantage to find a larger place that they could get and it would be probably what they are about paying now and hold more of our historical things.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Brother Keith. I recognize Mrs. Dunn.

**Sister Ann Dunn:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Ann Dunn, Past Matron of Shepherd Chapter #1003 and Livingston Chapter #1139, dual now with Cleveland #465. I want to address the question that one of the ladies had about it doesn't say, you know it just says viable location. In another section of our Constitution it says the office will be within a reasonable distance of the Masonic Retirement Home. So I think that that would cover a lot of peoples' questions about this. This doesn't say it in this section but it says it in another section. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Ann, I'm sorry, I went brain dead on your first name. I recog-nize, I think you were next.

**Sister Rhonda Holland:** I am speaking against it. My name is Rhonda Holland, I'm a Past Matron of Farmers Branch Chapter #687 and a dual member of Edwin J. Kiest #959. I'm speaking against this Amendment because I would like to see an Amendment to the Amend-ment because it should be centrally located. It takes an hour for me to drive somewhere within the Dallas area and if I would have to drive to El Paso to go to the Grand Chapter's Office or Amarillo, it needs to be centrally located for every member in the state of Texas. It needs to

be within the Dallas/Ft. Worthy Metroplex.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I recognize the gentleman in the Southwest.

**Brother Gene Blackmore:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sister and Brothers all. My name is Gene Blackmore, I'm a Past Patron of Balch Springs #1132. If it would be in order at this time, I would offer an Amendment to the Amendment to add "Within a reasonable distance from the TMRC".

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I recognize Sister Rosemary S. Berry.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Kind sir, no, no, no, no, no...don't leave the mic. I'm working with you. Three copies signed if you want to make an Amendment to this Amendment. We have to have three signed copies. We have to look at it as your Jurisprudence. Now that is going to detain us. You know, we're trying to move on for elections but if this is what you want sir, I'll honor that wish.

**Brother Gene Blackmore:** (could not hear the first part) And go with what you've got.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Thank you, kind sir.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** My kind of man, are you married? (Laughter) I recognize Sister Naomi, who was next? Was it Naomi or Jerry. I recognize Sister Naomi Wolfe.

**PGM Naomi Wolfe:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Naomi Wolfe, a Past Matron of Andral Van Chapter, plural with Arlington and Spring. First if y'all don't mind, I'll respond to the lady that she's going to need to have a place that she can drive that is convenient. I don't have a problem with driving from Hurst, out of Ft. Worth to Houston for my daytime Chapter. Just anything less than that would be fine for me but what I'd like to speak about is are we going move to rent something? I think we've reached the point that we've spent a small fortune paying for rent, the two places that we've moved so my recommendation is wherever we go, I'd like to see us purchase the home or purchase the office so that we'll know that we have a permanent place. That's my response. Thank you.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Thank you Sister Naomi. Naomi, I'd like to explain to you that the next thing coming up, the Resolution after we finally get through this one, is going to address that, okay sweet girl?

**PGM Naomi Wolfe:** Super good! I've been thinking we needed to do that for a long time. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I'm sorry, Jerry Saunders.

**Brother Jerry Saunders:** I'm Jerry Saunders, Past Patron of Port Neches #677 and Spurger #315. Ma'am as I understand the Grand Chapter Offices don't just serve the Dallas, Arlington, Ft. Worth area. They serve the entire state of Texas. We need to have an office that serves the state of Texas. Any location in the state of Texas that is economical to our Grand Chapter and meets our current funding and future funding expenses that we are going to have. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. I recognize Sister Iris Lowe.

**Sister Iris Lowe:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Iris Lowe, Past Matron of Brazoria Chapter #74, Clute City Chapter #1011 and Alvin Chapter #15. I call for the question.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, it will require your vote to allow us to stop discussion. This is an undebatable situation, I believe. All in favor, vote with the turquoise card. Hands down. All opposed, same sign. The motion to stop discussion has passed. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second made by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of Jurisprudence. Is there any discussion? We already did that, I'm sorry. What's next...we voted to stop discussion, I'm sorry. We must vote on the main motion. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard a motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of Jurisprudence. All in favor, vote with your turquoise cards. All opposed, turquoise cards. Motion carried. (One rap)

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and I would like to remind the membership that this will require a second vote at our next Session in 2017. I now present Sister Betty Friend for her Resolution.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I recognize Iris Lowe.

**Sister Iris Lowe:** I'm sorry, I thought we needed to vote on the last Legislation. We just voted to stop debate. Was it the report of Jurisprudence?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Iris we have voted and the motion passed. Sisters and Brothers, we have some members outside who are wanting to pick up Credentials and Register. Our law says that it closes at 9 o'clock and we're going to hold to what our law says. Now, I have no problem whatsoever in them picking up a souvenir badge, sticking a dues card in it and come on in. That's my decision. But they cannot pick up Credentials. I'm sorry. No I'm not sorry, that's what the law says. Thank you. Go ahead Betty. Wait, I'm sorry. I'm glad Betty loves me. Would the Arrangements and Executive Committee please start setting up the tables. We're going to start our Election. I'm sorry, thank you, Jurisprudence Chairman. Iris Lowe you were half right and I was half right. Sisters and Brothers, the Chapter Representatives. We've got to have a vote of the Chapter Representatives because this is a Constitutional change. So we have to have a vote. Would everybody please raise your pink cards so we can see where you are. Okay, thank you. Jurisprudence did you have a good look at this? Okay, for our second vote on the motion just past. Chapter Representatives only will vote for this. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of Jurisprudence Committee seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. There is no discussion. All in favor raise your hot pink cards. All opposed, hot pink cards. Thank you. Motion carried. (One rap) Okay, now we're legal on that. Betty, honey I've interrupted you seventeen times so would you go ahead. I'm sorry.

**PGM Betty Friend:** It's alright, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you. Now that you have passed that Emergency Legislation, you will see on the board, you will see that the next one is a Resolution. It is not an Amendment. It is a Resolution. And I will read it just in case you cannot see it.

**"Whereas** the current office space leased for the Grand Chapter Office is set to expire November 2017, and

**Whereas** the Grand Chapter must provide at least ninety days prior notice of any intention to move or not renew and lease, and

**Whereas** adequate time and research is needed to prepare a recommendation at the Grand Chapter at the 2017 Session.

We the undersigned (And that's the Board) respectfully move that a five-person Committee consisting of members of the Corporate Board and members of the Board of Directors be appointed for the express purpose of reviewing the terms of the current Grand Chapter Office lease agreement, negotiating the terms of said agreement, if the situation warrants or developing a plan of the election of the Grand Chapter Office. The Committee shall develop a forward plan and provide a recommendation for consideration by the membership at the 2017 Grand Chapter."

This is actually just appointing a Committee and your Worthy Grand Matron, the current or the new one, will appoint a Committee of the Corporate Board and the Board of Directors to research and see what they would like to present to you next year. Worthy Grand Matron, this Resolution is in proper order and is ready for consideration by the membership.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Resolution as presented. You have a motion to adopt this Resolution and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt the report of Jurisprudence. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If there is no discussion, all in favor vote with the turquoise card. All opposed, same turquoise card. Motion carried. (One rap) And it is my decision as the Worthy Grand Matron to tell our Associate Grand Matron that she's going to deal with this one. (Laughter) Thank you Sisters and Brothers. Alright, now. Does anyone have a seat beside them that there's not a body sitting in? Would the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels please, y'all hold your turquoise or your pink card up, hold something up to show that you have a vacant chair. Thank you. We've got adequate seating. Would the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels please direct people to sit in a vacant chair. We have overflow seating arranged for if we had to have it but it looks like we're doing fine. It appears to us that we can get everyone in here. But there's a bunch of chairs in the back of the room. I would ask that you please don't scooch back there in that back corner. I learned a new word this Grand Chapter Session, scooch.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Sisters and Brothers, (One rap) that was not me. That was your Worthy Grand Matron. (Laughter) Sisters and Brothers, this completes the Legislation for this Grand Chapter. (Applause) You have been a super, well studied, well attentive, generous membership. Just a little later this morning, the final compilation will be given to you by me but I wanted to personally thank every one of you so that we can keep moving this morning. God bless you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, we have now completed all those Committee Reports that are required by our Constitution. We will have our Deputies and District Deputies Report and our Grand Examiners will report at a later time today. I recognize Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, who is serving today as Election Judge.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, you know how important this time is so if you will pay very close attention to me we will as speed-

ily as I can and you know I can talk fast, get through with this. We hope that the Arrangements people will be very quiet putting up the chairs so that we will be ready to hit the gavel very quickly and be ready for the elections.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, my Distinguished Sisters and Brothers all. Sisters and Brothers, I would ask you how many are voting for the very first time at Grand Chapter? Will you please stand up and hold your cards? Wow, look at all of that. That is fantastic. Now Worthy Grand Matron I think that is marvelous. We know that these Sisters and Brothers are here for the good of the Order. Sisters and Brothers, my instructions are for you and for each of the voting delegates. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to serve this beautiful membership. Before we start with elections, let me state that the ballots will be counted by hand. This is at the direction of our Worthy Grand Matron to save Grand Chapter time and money. The printing cost and machine costs are so high and we will be saving our Grand Chapter Office and they have been super to work with me to get this done for you. And our membership is willing and ready to serve on the tables. Sisters and Brothers, our Code of Laws gives specific instructions for concerning elections. Let us briefly review them.

When making a nomination, only the name of the candidate, and the name, number and location of the Chapter to which the candidate belongs and the office for which nominated can be given. No member of the Grand Chapter shall be nominated for more than one Office at a Grand Chapter Session.

If only one candidate is nominated, the election is by acclamation, which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated, the election will proceed by the ballot to which the official ballot forms you were furnished to voting delegates during registration. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.

If, on any ballot, no candidate receives a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes will be dropped. If in case two or more candidates tie on the lowest number of votes, they will be dropped if there are more than two candidate running, the lowest will be dropped. Subject to these regulations, the election will proceed until a candidate receives a majority of all votes.

The results of all votes will be declared by the Presiding Officer.

Additionally, the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels have been instructed to according to the law, that no one is to be allowed to enter or leave Grand Chapter while the ballot is upon the floor unless it is deemed an emergency. Please be cooperative and understanding in this regard. Understand that the ones at the doors are only doing their duties and performing them faithfully to where they were assigned. Do not leave your seat without your Credentials. Your Credentials consist of; your envelope, your badge, and your current dues card. You will need these to reenter the Chapter room.

I would remind he Pages that all votes will be deposited inside the Grand Chapter room. Members caught outside during the ballot being declared open, will not be allowed to reenter unless the ballot is closed. The Assistant Grand Sentinel must step inside the room to cast their ballot. The boxes must not leave the Grand Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Sentinels

will be allowed to step inside the door where they are stationed, and they are all around the room, the Assistant Grand Warders will open the doors when the Pages approach. They will step in, deposit their ballot in the Tellers Box then return to their stations outside. Sisters and Brothers, we have members who will be required to continue their work. These are Credentials, Registration, First Aid and Information. These individuals will be allowed to approach the door in the South, in the second door, where they will approach the Assistant Grand Sentinels. The Assistant Grand Warders will be allowed to open the door and they will deposit their ballot. The Page will approach the door and only the First Aid, Credentials, Registration and Information will be allowed to step in and place their ballot in the box. The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels will ensure that no one is allowed to enter or leave when the ballot is open.

Now let me explain to you about the ballots. You were given a package with nine ballots. Your voting ballots consisted of voting candidates listed A, B, C and D and Yes and No, E, F, G, H and I. We still have those ballots which if we need them we will use them. We would respectively request that you keep the ballots as clean as possible. They will be hand counted by those who have been previously notified to assist at the table. This will cut down on the time that is needed and we'd like the ballots to be straight and clean. Your vote is important to your Chapter, to the candidate, and to the Order. Do not mark your ballot until you are instructed to do so by the Worthy Grand Matron. She will announce the color and the Letter and then you will mark, and declare the ballot open, and then you will mark your ballot at that time. On the screen you will be seeing a sample of the ballot. The colors are not exactly as they are because of the discrepancy of the color on the screen. So you will have an idea. But it will be a little lighter pink. You will circle, circle, the name you are voting for. To write in a name, write the name of your choice provided at the bottom of the ballot. A write in candidate can only be a Worthy Matron, a Worthy Patron, a Past Matron, a Past Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas to be counted. When voting for candidates, please vote for only one in each position. If you vote for two in a race, your vote is void. Please do not fold your ballots. When the ballots are collected we ask that you simply place the ballot face down in the box from the Pages.

Now, our Worthy Grand Matron has agreed since the seats are so close to each other that the Pages are going to be allowed to pass the ballot down the aisle just as you would be collecting in your church. So when the ballot box passes, simply place it face down and we would ask that the Pages are the only ones in the aisles during the collection of the ballot. We will not open the doors until all of the Pages have returned to the Grand Chapter Floor and are located at the Teller Tables and the collected Ballots are ready to be place. When the Ballot has been closed by the Worthy Grand Matron, the Pages will place the contents of the Ballot Box in front of the Tellers. We have four tables set up. We have Table 1, Table 2, Table 3 and Table 4. In a short time, our Worthy Grand Matron will call for the Tellers that will be used. They were mailed a card to be in place at 10:00 A.M. If more are needed, our Worthy Grand Matron is prepared for this and she has names ready. Let me repeat, no one can cast more than one ballot. Each ballot is placed face down in the box for security and secrecy. No one can leave the Chapter room and no one can deposit anyone else's ballot. After the Presiding Officer declares the ballot open and the nomination are completed, the Pages will begin to collect in the sections they have been assigned. When all ballots have been completed they will proceed to the Teller Tables placed in front of them. We will repeat the process.

Sisters and Brothers, you may mark with a pencil, a pen, a blue or black pen or a red pen but please don't mark it with lipstick. (Laughter) There will also be Monitor Table Judges...at least you're listening. There are Monitor Table Judges that are going to be at every table. They will observe the processing of the ballots. In case there is a question by the Teller, we will review the ballot and attempt to determine the voter's intent. As example, Sisters and Brothers, one may mark a ballot for one candidate and then change their mind and not erase it completely. And they may not erase it enough and the Tellers may look at it as two votes. But if we deem to understand what you are doing, we will count that vote. As we ask, please do not mark X's or check marks. Please circle the name. That it is clearly intended that the vote is specified for a candidate, we will count it. If there is a blank line, just write in the name and circle it if you are writing it in as your choice. Do not circle more than one box in any one race. If one position requires a second ballot the delegates will be instructed as to which ballot to use. The name of the remaining candidates will be given.

In previous years, we have been asked to segregate the voters from the non-voters. The Worthy Grand Matron again has decided that we will sit exactly where you are. Non-voters will stay in the position where you are at but you just won't have a ballot when it is passed by. Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, please remember that the non-voting delegates do not have a brown envelope. Their badges are clearly marked.

Let me repeat, remember your vote, you vote one time for each race. This ballot which is given to you is your ballot. It should always be in your possession.

We are requesting that no one be in back of the machine area. There are going to be four people back there. Mark Dieckmann, Sherrie Dieckmann, Julie Thomas and myself. If you have any questions regarding what is going on in this area, Sister Vi Griffin and Brother Ray Hertenberger have been appointed Monitors. You will go to these individuals, you will voice your concern and they will see me. Understand that these ballots will be counted at least twice. They will be counted by different Tellers so an accurate check can be done. Tellers, on the tables, your job has been made easier. You will just separate all names then count them. Placing the total of the name on your tally sheets. If there is a write in please place that on your tally sheet. You will count them and let me remind you, you will be moving to another table to check it twice. In case there is a discrepancy, the Teller Judges on each table will check those.

Worthy Grand Matron if you will designate your Monitors and your Tellers to be used for your election and take their places and we get our final report from Credentials, the Election Committee workers and all those on the Tellers, wish all the candidates good luck and may God bless each of you. Worthy Grand Matron, all things are now ready I do believe for your election.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Thank you Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon. Did you announce which table is which, Jimmie Lee? Yes.

In the front, Table 1, in the furthest Southeast corner, is Table 1. In the furthest in the Southwest corner is Table 2. In the furthest Northeast corner is Table 3. In the furthest Northwest corner is Table 4.



Table One	Alma Lynn Bane Trey Smith
Table Two	Mary Ruth White Art Drescher
Table Three	Cheryl Albrecht Bill Crews
Table Four	Joyce Gilbert Jerry Trees

If y'all will get in your places as Table Judge. At the Talley Table overseeing the adding machines will be Vi Griffin and Ray Hertenberger. Operating the adding machines will be Sherry Dieckmann, Mark Dieckmann,

Our Grand Representative of Manitoba, mailed out cards appointing the Tellers. I'm going to go through this very quickly because you already know who you are.

1. Mrs. Sharon Hill Adams
2. Mrs. Martha Ervin
3. Mrs. Martha Isbell
4. Mrs. Martha Clements
5. Mrs. Alma York
6. Mr. Ray Langley
7. Mr. Dwight Von Heeder
8. Mrs. Abigail "Abby" Foreman
9. Mrs. Sue Shoemaker
10. Mrs. Benita Bassett

Please report to Table 1. If you will report to Table 1 quickly, I'm going to Table 2. Each of you already know who you are if you picked up your mail.

#### Table 2

1. Mrs. Elaine Batchelor
2. Ms. Jo D. Dibrell
3. Mr. Kenneth Jackson
4. Mrs. Molly Cliett
5. Mrs. Marceline Crenshaw
6. Mr. Richard Hancock
7. Mrs. Norma Phillips
8. Mrs. Betty Scott
9. Mrs. Rebecca Dunn
10. Mr. Charles Whitfield

#### Table 3

1. Mr. Jack York
2. Mrs. Donna Harrington
3. Mrs. Marilyn McDonald

4. Mr. Jerry Wilson
5. Mr. Harry Jameson
6. Mr. Bill Rowland
7. Mrs. Karen Jackson Capio
8. Mrs. Nelly Somera
9. Mrs. Martha Isbell
10. Mrs. Cathy Sammons

Table 4

1. Mrs. Marialice Bailey
2. Mrs. Carol Coggins
3. Mrs. Mary Spell
4. Mr. Floyd Hall
5. Mr. Charles Kitchens
6. Mr. Daniel Pool
7. Mrs. Carolyn Bell
8. Mr. Michael Larson
9. Mr. Claude Ervin
10. Mrs. Cynthia Araiza

If each of you will take your places quickly and quietly we are starting the elections. It's 10 o'clock.

Will each of you which are placing your name in nomination and the one that is nominating you, please come to the East immediately and quietly if you could. Sisters and Brothers if you would be a little bit quiet while you are walking to your Tables and walking to the East. Sisters and Brothers, please. (One rap) Sisters and Brothers, good manners are nothing more than consideration of other people's feelings. We want to be kind and courteous to each one who's name is placed in nomination for any office. The pre-printed ballots have the names of those who have placed a resume in the OES Official Bulletin and in the Advanced Annual Report. Full resumes for the Office of Grand Secretary as required by our law, have been received and reviewed by me. If there are nominations from the floor for that Office, I need a resume to comply with our law.

Okay, have we got a full crew? Jimmie Lee? On Table 1, Jerre Miller. Is Table 1 full? How about Table 2? You're full? Good deal. Table 3, you're full? Table 4, you're full? We're good. Thank you.

I call on Sister Mary Calvert for the Credentials Report.

**Sister Mary Calvert:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. Good Morning.

Election Judges, the report of the Credentials Committee is:

We have 1,528 registered voters. We have 138 registered voters who have not picked up their credentials as of 9:00 this morning. This means we have 1,390 votes for election. Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials I'll like to express our appreciation

to you and the Worthy Grand Patron for allowing us to serve on this Committee. I'm hoping that our work on this Committee is to the satisfaction to you and the Worthy Grand Patron and to this membership. At this time, I'd like to introduce those that are here that served on this Committee who by the way, worked very, very hard at the jobs that they were performing. District 2 I have Janice Kelley and Peggy Ledinski, she was hiding. District 3 Jeri Young, District 4 Joan Groth, Judy Tucker from District 4, Alys Newsom from District 1. I had some more people here. I had a District 5 but I don't know where she is but she also worked very hard. And I did have two or three for one reason or another couldn't not be at this Grand Chapter. They sent their regrets. Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you again and I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** And I second the motion.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Sister Mary for that beautiful report and for a job well done. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to accept the Credentials Report. A second by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? All in favor of adopting the Credentials Report raise your turquoise cards. Hands down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Good job Committee. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers it is 10 o'clock and we begin our elections. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to begin the elections. You will direct him and the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels to enter or leave the Grand Chapter Room during the nominations and balloting process.

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. It is well. I recognize Sister Deniece Marshall for our Registration Report.

**Sister Deniece Marshall:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Registration Committee, both the Registration and Credentials Committees worked together to greet and welcome our membership. I would like to thank the membership for their support and cooperation. I would also like to thank our Registration Committee Members who assisted me with this task. They are: District 1, Kenlyn Lawrence, District 2, Faye Murphy, District 3 Martha Heffington, District 4, Dorris Clegg, Bill Henry, Janice Langford, and Brenda McDaniel. District 5, Colleen Asaro and Brenda Miller.

Our final Registration report is:

Total Pre -Registered Members	1,568
Registered at Grand Chapter	149
Out of State Residents	132
Grand Jurisdictions Represented	28
TMRC Residents	12
Chapters Represented	292
Total Grand Chapter Registration	1,861

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

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second made by the Worthy Grand Patron that we adopt the report of the Registration Committee. Is there any discussion?

All in favor vote with your turquoise cards. All opposed, turquoise card. Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you for a job well done and I mean this is a job. Thank you Deniece and your Committee. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for a job well done. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** 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 Jerre Lucas.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Jerre Lucas, Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. I place the name of Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, a Past Matron of Cypress Chapter #1102 for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Sister Sharon Mosmeyer has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. 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 Worthy Grand Matron say 'AYE'. (AYE) Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Sharon Mosmeyer you have been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

**AGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** With a heartfelt thank you and a tear in my eye, yes I do accept. (Applause)

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you and I return the gavel to you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Billy Clabaugh.

**Mr. Billy Clabaugh:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Billy Clabaugh, a Past Patron of Carthage Chapter No. 747. I place the name of Brother Tom Murphy, a Past Patron of Crockett Chapter No. 509 for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Brother Tom Murphy has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Patron. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Tom Murphy for the office of Worthy Grand Patron say 'AYE'. (Aye) Those opposed 'NO'. Brother Tom Murphy you have been elected Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

**Mr. Tom Murphy:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I do. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Sharon Mosmeyer.

**Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer:** I am Sharon Mosmeyer, a Past Matron of Cypress Chapter #1102. I wish to place the name of Melissa Hudman in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Matron. She is a Past Matron of Loyal Chapter #648.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sister Melissa Hudman has been nominated for the office of Associate

Grand Matron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Melissa Hudman for the office of Associate Grand Matron say 'AYE'. (Aye) Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Melissa Hudman you have been elected Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

**Mrs. Melissa Hudman:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I accept. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Boyd Kramer.

**Brother Boyd Kramer:** My name is Boyd Kramer, Worthy Patron of Adah Chapter #49 and it is a distinct honor for me to place in nomination Brother Rick Skidd, a Past Patron of Adah Chapter #49.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Boyd. Brother Rick Skidd has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Patron. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Rick Skidd for the office of Associate Grand Patron say 'AYE'. (Aye) Those opposed 'NO'. Brother Rick you have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

**Mr. Rick Skidd:** Sisters and Brothers it is with great honor and much appreciation that I accept your trust. I look forward to walking along side Sister Melissa and serving you, the membership. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Nancy Green.

**Sister Nancy Green:** I am Nancy Green, Worthy Matron of Garland Chapter #156. I have the pleasure of nominating Sister Alys Newsom, a Past Matron of Richardson Chapter #921 for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sister Alys Newsom has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary. Are there any other nominations? I recognize Sister Oleta Cornelius.

**Sister Oleta Cornelius:** I am Oleta Cornelius, Past Matron of Rule Chapter #989. I would like to place the name of Jan Clower Walker, Past Matron of Rule Chapter #989 for the office of Grand Secretary.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sister Jan Clower Walker has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary. Are there any other nominations? I recognize Sister Sharon Mosmeyer.

**AGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sharon Mosmeyer, a Past Matron of Cypress Chapter #1102 and I wish to place the name of Dr. Ellen Pickrell who is a Past Matron of Richardson Chapter #921 in nomination for the office of Grand Secretary.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sister Ellen Pickrell has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect. I would ask these three Sisters to come to the

center of the stage in the same order they were nominated. I am pleased to introduce Sister Alys Newsom, Jan Clower Walker and Ellen Pickrell. Thank you ladies. Best wishes to each of you.

If the Pages will go to the corner where Sister Jimmie Lee is, you may pick up the ballot boxes.

A reminder to the Warders and Sentinels, NO ONE is to enter or leave the Grand Chapter Room until I declare the ballot closed.

Will the Pages who are my Deputy Grand Matrons get your ballot box and go to wherever Jimmie Lee told you.

Sisters and Brothers, we will ballot on Ballot No. "C". That's "C" as in Charles and it is yellow as in Ruth. Please do not mark any other ballot. Thank you. If you use the wrong ballot, you've lost two ballots. Two of the names are on the pre-printed ballot, the third name will be a write in. I now declare Ballot open.

**PGM Jimmie Lee:** May I ask that you circle, if you write in either the first or last name, we will count them but please you must circle the name. Because you could be writing her name on that ballot...but you will circle the name you want us to count as your vote. They will be placed upon the screens and I believe we have signs to be placed in the East. Can we make that a little bit larger? So you see you're just writing the name on the bottom. I don't care where you write it on the bottom if your using the write in. This large space at the bottom. All of them have a large space at the bottom for that purpose.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, I have received the resume from Ellen Pickrell, the write in candidate and I do approve her candidacy.

**PGM Jimmie Lee:** Deputies you may start collecting those ballots. Collect those ballots now. Only ballots that have a name circled will be counted. You must circle your choice. Circle your choice for your ballot to count.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** One of our members has requested I read the resume of the write in candidate. Sisters and Brothers, I am sorry, we have complied with our law. I am not reading any of the resumes in order to be fair to each candidate who has placed their name in nomination. I now declare the ballot Open. (One rap)

**PGM Jimmie Lee:** Those collecting the ballot boxes, would you please bring your ballot boxes to Tables 1 and 2. Worthy Grand Matron, I believe we only have First Aid as the only one that is out. May we call for First Aid to come to the second door over here and deposit their ballots? They will be instructed at that time, Brother Warder, whenever First Aid comes to your door, you will explain to them that we are voting on Ballot "C" and there is a write in candidate and explain that to them and that it is to be circled. We cannot close this until we receive their ballots. Brother Warders and Sister Warders, I understand there is a question out there about the Sentinels outside the door. It is your duty to inform the one outside that is guarding the door to step in and cast their ballot. You are also instructed to give them information that you have obtained and that there is a write in. That's is all but fair to all of those who are also

doing their duties. Their ballot is important. Tell them to vote on Ballot “C”, you will tell them the name that has been added, and you will instruct them to circle. They will step in, one of the Pages will be standing there, ladies did you hear me, one of the ladies will be standing there ready to catch that ballot when they lay it in your box. So would everybody make sure that all of the doors have been checked and voted. Sisters and Brothers, did I not say if you were in here you got to vote, if you were outside you didn't get to vote? We have some individuals that are pushing the issue. I don't like pushing the issue. I push, you shove, we have a good time. Please if you are outside at the next ballot, do not insist that your ballot be put in that box. Those Warders and Sentinels were assigned a duty. They are our loving Brothers and Sisters. They are as important as you are sitting in that chair. I am no more important than they are. They have a right to do their duty. Those that are outside that are trying to vote that are not legal to do so because they are not in this room. I am sorry. They will be in here on the next ballot because we will open it and we will let them vote. They will come in and sit just like you and I. They will come in and they will have the privilege to vote but they knew at 10:00 that they needed to be in here because the law says we start and we had started. So Sisters and Brothers, please be understanding. Don't push the issue.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Could we have sound over here in the North?

**PGM Cheryl Albrecht:** Jimmie Lee. Jimmie Lee. Can you send a Page over to our Grand Organist, it has not been picked up? And she would like to have hers picked up. She's playing beautiful music over here for us. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Jimmie Lee do we have time for a song? Our Grand Choir Director. Now I told our Grand Choir Director we weren't going to have a small Choir, we were going to have a big Choir. So we have about fifteen hundred in here in our Choir and I appreciate each of you. I'm sorry Jerry, give me just a minute. Has everyone dropped their ballot in the box? (No) Okay, you don't have to yell, just raise your card. (Laughter) Thank you. There's one in the far back corner that I'm seeing. If your ballot has not been picked up, please wave a turquoise card if you can. Wave your handkerchief if you can but don't wave it my way. Anyone else that has not put their ballot in the box? Is there anyone else that has not dropped their ballot in the box? Does anyone see anyone who has not balloted? Sisters and Brothers, I now declare the ballot CLOSED. (One rap)

Now, Jerry Neuenschwander our Grand Choir Director will lead us in song.

**GCD Jerry Neuenschwander:** Will you turn to page 59. You'll see the songs near the back of the book, starting on page 56 and if you turn to page 59. You'll see a favorite called “Home on the Range”. Sister Dee Davis and I were talking, while your turning to that page, we feel like this might go into the Guinness Book of World Records as one of the largest Eastern Star Choirs that we've ever had. (Laughter) Everybody needs to sing because it says in the Bible that nobody needs to sing in tune. It just says “Make a Joyful Noise”.

**(“Home on the Range”  
Led by Jerry Neuenschwander)**

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Would a member of Executive Committee or Arrangements Committee, please go out and invite First Aid to come in and sit in the Deputies Section? Or wherever they can find a seat but I think they like to sit together. Put them up here close to

the Deputies or there are some vacant chairs right along this area. That way they won't have to be coming in and out.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Worthy Grand Matron, my suggestion to you is to open the doors for just a couple of minutes. We can have another song, but we are going to bring in Credentials, Registration, First Aid, Information, all Arrangements that are out in the hall if they want to vote. They will be brought in at this time and they will stay with us for a little while. How does that sound? Don't you think that's a good idea? And that way they're not just trying to sneak in and out on us.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Will the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels tell everyone outside if they want to vote, they need to come inside and then we'll close the doors.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Sisters and Brothers, are we having fun yet? That's a mixed answer. Brother Warders, Brother Sentinels, Sister Warders, Sister Sentinels please tell everyone that is outside the doors if they want to vote in this next election to enter at this time. We need you in, seated and we're ready to go again.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I'm sorry, I can't hear you. If you will go over to a microphone, we'll do our best to accommodate you. (Yelling from back of the room but couldn't understand) I still can't hear you. Thank you. Sister Jimmie Lee do you want another song? Alright, let's close the doors. Brother Grand Sentinel, please have the doors closed.

**Grand Sentinel:** Warders and Sentinels they want the doors closed at this time. Please close the doors now. Please close the doors and raise your signs. Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron the doors are secure.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Grand Sentinel. Sisters and Brothers in order to expedite the collection of ballots, I ask that no one be in the aisles except the Pages. They are the Deputy Grand Matrons in the beautiful turquoise jackets and black dresses. We will not open the doors until all of the Pages are on the arena floor at the Teller tables with the collected ballots. I now declare nominations open for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for 2016-2017 Grand Chapter year. I recognize Sister Jane Brookover.

**Sister Jane Brookover:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Jane Brookover, Worthy Matron of Canyon Lake Chapter 1103 and it is my honor to place in nomination the name of Lorrie Owens, a Past Matron and Endowed member of Canyon Lake Chapter#1103, for the office of Grand Treasurer for the 2016-2017 year.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Sister Lorrie Owens has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. Are there any other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Lorrie Owens for the office of 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 thank the membership for allowing me to serve you another year and I'll certainly do my best to do everything that you would appreciate. Thank you. (Applause)



**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Melissa Hudman.

**Sister Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Melissa Hudman, Past Matron of Loyal Chapter #648 and I'm happy to place in nomination the name of Carolyn Martin, a Past Matron of Palestine Chapter #395 for the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sister Carolyn Martin has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress. Are there any other nominations? Are there other nominations? I declare nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Carolyn Martin for the office of Grand Conductress say 'AYE'. (Aye) Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Carolyn you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

**Sister Carolyn Martin:** Worthy Grand Matron, I look forward to serving the membership with pleasure and thank you, I will accept. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Nominations are now open for the Office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Naomi Wolfe.

**Sister Naomi Wolfe:** My name is Naomi Wolfe, a Past Matron of Andral Van Chapter #741, Plural with Arlington Chapter #249 and Spring Chapter #1101. It is my honor and privilege to place the name of Laura Sharp, Andral Van Chapter #741 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Peggy Blackmon.

**Sister Peggy Blackmon:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Peggy Blackmon, Worthy Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023. It is my honor to nominate Sister Linda Winn-Christenson a Past Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023 for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Oh, I'm sorry, Associate Grand Conductress.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Peggy come over here so they can hear you.

**Sister Peggy Blackmon:** The whole thing? Worthy Grand Matron, I am Peggy Blackmon, Worthy Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023. It is my honor to nominate Sister Linda Winn-Christenson, a Past Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Sister Peggy. Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Peggy Land. What did I say? Did I say Peggy? I'm sorry, I recognize Sister Deborah Land. No wonder you didn't move.

**Sister Deborah Land:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Deborah Land, and I am the Worthy Matron of Midland Chapter #253 and I would like to place in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress, Carla Stringer, a Past Matron of Midland Chapter #253.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations. Hearing none, I declare the Nominations closed and we will proceed to elect. Sisters and Brothers, we are

going to use ballot “A” as in Apple. I now declare the ballot open. Ballot “A” is blue. Ballot “A”. If you use any other ballot, you are going to lose two because if you mess this one up you won’t get the next one either. Ballot “A” and it’s blue. (One rap) I would ask the three Sisters who have been nominated to come to the center of the Stage. In the order that you were nominated. It is my pleasure to introduce:

Sisters Laura Sharp  
Linda Winn-Christenson  
And Carla Stringer

Thank you Sisters for your willingness to serve. Let’s give them a hand. Thank you. (Applause) A reminder to the Warders and Sentinels, NO ONE is to enter or leave this Grand Chapter Room until the ballot has been declared closed. Make sure our doors are closed. We do have Credentials, Registration, First Aid and Information inside correct? Sisters and Brothers, our doors are closed. You cannot go in and out. I’m sorry. Jimmie Lee, I am correct that the ballots will go on Tables 3 and 4? Let’s thank these Deputy Grand Matrons for doing such a wonderful job. (Applause) Has everyone dropped their ballot in the box? Has everyone voted? We need a Page to go back to the second door. Just behind the partition and please pick up their ballots, but remember the doors are still closed. Alright now, has everyone voted? Has everyone voted? I believe they’re waiting on the Doctor to come from First Aid. Is that correct? But we have called him on the phone and he is coming to the door. (He’s here) Thank you. Has everybody voted? The doors must still remain closed.

I now declare the ballot closed. (One rap) The doors will remain sealed. Please close the back door. The far back door. Arthur Kenningston is that you back there? Make sure that back door is closed please. Kinsinger, I’m sorry. Would you go to a microphone whoever is hollering please? I can’t hear you.

**Some Sister:** Worthy Grand Matron we have a medical emergency outside and we don’t know where the Doctor is.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Would our First Aid gentleman, Dr. Fred. Dr. Fred would you go with whoever needs it? Thank you. Back to First Aid. Y’all please clear the way for Dr. Fred Quenzer. He is serving on First Aid and he is a doctor. Open the door and let Dr. Fred Quenzer out please. Is Evelyn Ross in the room? Would you go with Dr. Fred please? Who else is on First Aid in here? Will all of First Aid please go to First Aid. Thank you. Our First Aid Committee is so very, very important to us. (Applause) I know I said we’re keeping the doors closed. Now make sure they’re closed. When all else fails, we just have to apply a little bit of common sense. If there is any question in anyone’s mind. I requested that we not use all this computer stuff. I requested a paper ballot, surely and goodness we can mark four lines and a hash mark. I have also asked that we use an old timey adding machine with a tape so that we could compare our counts. I do not want any one of you leaving this Grand Chapter with one doubt in your mind. Thank you. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, we’re going to see if we can multi-task. I recognize, what is your name? (Laughter) Sister Rosemary Berry, Chairman of Jurisprudence.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Thank you, what is her name? (Laughter) Oh, the Worthy Grand Matron. Boy, I tell y’all, one more day and I think we all need to go home. Alright, Worthy Grand

Matron, this is the closing Report from your Jurisprudence Committee for 2015-2016. Sisters and Brothers...ma'am?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** May I go ahead?

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Anytime....(Laughter)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** But not next week! Our doors are still closed and we have closed the last ballot. We're going to open the doors in case some of our members need to get out, but you better not stay long. So would our Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels please open the doors. All of our ballots are on the Tables.

Okay Sisters and Brothers, I think you've had long enough. Sister Grand Warder, please inform the Grand Sentinel we are about to close the doors and have the doors shut. Sisters and Brothers please take your seats quickly and quietly. We're going to proceed with our elections. Sisters and Brothers, we've had adequate time please make sure our doors are closed because we're fixing to have an election. Would someone tell them to please come in, Ray?

**Sister Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secure.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Alright, we've got two Tellers still out and a Past Grand Matron. They best hurry because I've said all year, none of us are indispensable. Jerry, how about a beautiful song? A happy cheerful song. We don't want any sad singing.

**GCD Jerry Neusenschwander:** You know I think the most cheerful song is the first one we did, "Deep in the Heart of Texas". Would you like to do that one again?

**("Deep in the Heart of Texas  
Led by the Grand Choir Director, Jerry Neusenschwander)**

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Let's make absolute sure, Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel, make absolutely sure that our doors are closed.

**Sister Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, we have a question about First Aid because we do have some people from First Aid outside the door. Are they going to be allowed to vote outside the door?

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** They can come to the door. You can open the door and get their ballot.

**Sister Grand Warder:** Okay, you understand that First Aid can come to the door and ballot.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Not anybody else just because they want to go shopping. (Laughter) I'd like to go too. Okay, our doors are closed, are we good on that everybody? Alright, nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District 1 for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Joyce Champion.

**Sister Joyce Champion:** I am Joyce Champion, Worthy Matron of Gilmer Chapter #355. It is my honor to place the name in nomination of James Parker, for the Board of Directors, District 1.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you, thank you, Joyce. Are there other nominations? Brother James Parker has been nominated for the Board of Directors for District 1. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. I would ask that Brother James Parker come to the center of the stage. Brother James Parker you have been...I'm sorry, I'm pleased to introduce Brother James Parker whose name has been placed in nomination for the Board of Directors, District 1. Thank you. Brother James Parker has been nominated for the Board of Directors District 1. All in favor of Brother James Parker please let it be known by raising your turquoise cards. I'm sorry. That's an AYE. (Aye) Thank you. All opposed, same sign, 'NO'. Brother James Parker you have been elected as a member of the Board of Directors, District 1. Do you Accept?

**Mr. James Parker:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my honor to accept and I appreciate the support of the Grand Chapter and I'll do the best for you. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, we have an election. On ballot one, total votes cast 1,278. Number needed to elect, 640. Alys Newsom, 167. Jan Clower Walker, 296. Ellen Pickrell, 815. Please no demonstrative stuff. I now declare Sister Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary for the ensuing year. (Applause)

**Dr. Ellen Pickrell:** It is my pleasure to serve the membership this year. Thank you so much. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Now Sister Ellen you can go back to work. (Laughter) We are going to now have...nominations are now in order for the Board of Directors, District 5 for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Cladette Allen.

**Sister Cladette Allen:** My name is Cladette Allen. I'm a Past Matron of Travis Chapter #472. It is my honor to place the name in nomination, the name of Sister Phyllis Wilson, a Past and Present Matron of Travis Chapter #472 for Board of Directors, District 5.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Sister Phyllis Wilson's name has been place in nomination for the office of Board of Directors, District 5. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. Sister Phyllis? I am pleased to present Sister Phyllis Wilson. All in favor of electing Sister Phyllis Wilson let it be known by saying 'AYE'. (Aye) All opposed 'NO'. I now declare Sister Phyllis Wilson elected to the Board of Directors, District 5.

**Ms. Phyllis Wilson:** Worthy Grand Matron and membership, it is with a humble heart that I accept this position. I am just overwhelmed right now. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** You know, Sisters and Brothers, we don't have any law that says what order we have to elect in and we've got some people not working and they need to be working. I now declare nomination for the Office of the Board of Grand Examiners – Grand Examiner At-Large for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother James Parker... I'm sorry, Mr. Parker's already been elected. How about James Walker.

**Brother James Walker:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is James Walker, Worthy Patron of Farmers Branch #687 and it is my pleasure to place the name of Sister Shelley Walker, a Past

Matron of Farmers Branch Chapter #687 and Lewisville Chapter #935 for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner At-Large.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Linda Knowles.

**Sister Linda Knowles:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Linda Knowles, Past Matron of Hereford Chapter #312 and it is my great honor to place in nomination the name of Sister Sandy Alford, a Past Matron of A.E. Shirley #986 for the office of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner At-Large.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by ballot.

I would ask that these Sisters come to the center of the Stage. I am pleased to present Sister Shelley Walker and Sister Sandy Alford. Thank you ladies.

I now declare the Ballot open. We will ballot on Ballot "D" as in David and it is a green ballot. "D", green. A reminder to the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, no one is to enter or leave. First Aid can come to the door and stick your ballot box to where they can reach it. Please mark only one name on Ballot "D" which is colored green. Okay, has everyone voted on Ballot "D" green for the Board of Grand Examiners At-Large? Has everyone dropped their ballot in the box? I now declare the ballot closed. You will proceed to Tables 1 and 2 as instructed. I now declare the ballot closed. (One rap)

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, we had some Sentinels that had not balloted.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Well, where are they?

**Grand Warder:** Outside the doors.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Well, I'm sorry. It's already declared closed, Gail. I'm so sorry. That's why I asked several times if everyone has voted and it was good to go so I'm sorry. Please Assistant Grand Warder and Assistant Grand Sentinels, make sure that everyone has voted. Each of us has earned the right to cast a ballot in this Grand Chapter so please make sure. I'm sorry, once it's closed, it's closed. I can't un-spill milk. Sisters and Brothers, moving right along we're going to get the final report from Jurisprudence. This is one of our required Committees that must report. Sister Rosemary and your Committee.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and just to clarify a couple of minutes ago the teasing between the Worthy Grand Matron and me, we have been friends for forty years and so that tells you that we are not young and sometimes it does tell you that we can forget a name, but we won't forget each other. So, I know who she is and she knows who I am. So here's the recap of the Jurisprudence actions of this membership.

*Passed Amendments:*

Numbers 1, 3, 4, 5.

*Amendments Amended:*

Numbers 6, 7, 8

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*Amendments Withdrawn:*

Numbers 2, 9, 10

*Emergency Legislation:*

Number 1, Passed and will be due for a second reading in the 2017 Grand Chapter Session. The second was a Resolution and it passed.

Now as a matter of clean-up, which has been done in the past, your Jurisprudence Committee in conjunction with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Interim Grand Secretary found a lot of Amendments that are quite out dated and do not need to be continued printed to save pages in our Constitution and Code of Laws. Lara, will you please put these up on the board so that everyone will follow along. It is found in Chapter 15, in the back of your Constitution and Code of Laws. Beginning on page 188. Can all of you see these? This is nothing more than clean up. It's just very out dated. But I'm going to take the liberty to tell you what they are. The very first one and you know Lara, I cannot read that no more than Adam. So I'm going to try to following along on this sheet that I have. Beginning on 1988, At the 106th Annual Session deals with our Ladies who are in the Eastern Star Home. Remove it. At the 1992, 110th Annual Session deals with forms that are not current and we wanted to use them up and our Interim Grand Secretary informs me that everything now is on the internet and it's all fine, so we don't need that. 2004 at the 122nd Annual Session, deals with the directive of selling the Eastern Star Home. 2008, 126th Annual Session, deals with the possible re-districting of our state. That was never accomplished. 2008 at the 126th Session, deals with the support of our Sister Alma Lynn Bane for Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Now, let me see how we have this, Lara do we go on with the removals next. Have you got them listed as removing? Okay, in 2014, at the 132nd Annual Session, in support of Sister Alma Lynn Bane as Right Worthy Trustee. And finally to remove the Emergency Legislation done at the 133rd Annual Session in 2015 regarding the settlement of Litigation with the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Now I believe those are all under the remove. Now the ones we wish to leave or we think we should leave is the Emergency Legislation in 2011 at the 129th Session in support of Brother Henry S. Martin for Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. And we'd like to keep that in there until Brother Henry fully serves his term. The other one is at the 132nd Session in 2014 regarding applications for residency in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. We're still working on that. That was the Amendment the other day from the Report. So we're going to leave that one. Finally, the 130th Session in 2012 where any final funds from the 2021 General Grand Chapter be transferred back to the Grand Chapter of Texas. We need to leave that one until Brother Henry finishes. Lara did I get them all? Thank you. We're asking as a kindness from the membership to allow the Grand Secretary to please just take those out and save the ones we need. So Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we do so.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** We have a motion and a second from the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt this report? Is that right?

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** We want to vote on that first and then I'll close it. On removing those and it was seconded by Betty Friend of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** You have heard the motion and the second was made by Sister Betty Friend that we accept those recommendations. Is there any discussion? Are there any questions? We will proceed to vote. All in favor vote with the turquoise sign. Thank you, hands down. All opposed turquoise sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Sisters and Brothers, Grand

Warders and Grand Sentinels, if you will have the doors open please.

**PGM Rosemary Berry:** Okay Sisters and Brothers, we have one final statement to make and then your Jurisprudence Committee will be finished for the year. Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds one item of Unfinished Business that will be carried over to the 2017 Grand Chapter Session and that is Resolution No. 1. And that is the reviewing of the Grand Chapter Office lease for the coming year. Worthy Grand Matron and Jurisprudence Committee will you please stand? We want to say a grateful thank you to the membership and to you the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to serve in this capacity. Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee is through and you have done a job well done. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Before these special ones are seated I would ask this membership to thank this hard working Committee. They have worked all year long. (Applause)

**Sister Lois Taber:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Lois Taber, I'm Past Matron of Canyon Lake Chapter #1103. This is the first time in 43 years in the Star that I've been locked out of voting for taking a bathroom break. And I really am unhappy about it.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I'm sorry. I am so very sorry but thank you for letting us know that. Jimmie Lee can we start another one now? Not yet. Sisters and Brothers, if you would quickly be seated we will proceed with the rest of our elections. And if I might caution the Assistant Grand Warders, please, please, let the Assisting Grand Sentinels know what we are doing. They're outside the doors. They can't read our minds. So please tell them so we will not have another one lose a ballot like a previous member did and I'm so sorry that happened. But please tell them. I'm giving you adequate warning. We are about to start another election. Would you please let the Warders and Sentinels know to get everybody in. They want to vote. Could you let them know now please?

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, there is a long line at both ladies' restrooms.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Who's over there? Tom Christopher I think. Tom would you open the door and let people in and out? We're trying to make people as comfortable as we can and when you need to use the facilities, it's not comfortable. (Laughter) Please let our members in and out for just a few more minutes. The door I'm talking about is over here behind our Deputy Grand Matrons. The other door, the ramp is in the way. And Katrina, have you got help back there? You're okay? Thank you. If y'all will go to the West end, there are many, many more restrooms in the back. Men's and Women's both. Would our Grand Examiners come give their reports? Come give their Grand Examining Reports while we are waiting. Our Grand Examiners? I recognize Sister Phyllis Macon for the Report of the Grand Examiner, District 1.

**Grand Sentinel:** Excuse me Worthy Grand Matron. They need First Aid out front.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** First Aid out front right now please. Dr. Fred Quenzer. Dr. Fred just go. Just cut across the West, it's a whole lot quicker. Do we have another doctor? Thank you Fred. Thank you Paul.

**Sister Phyllis Macon:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members, past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

This was my first year to serve as the Grand Examiner of District 1 and what a privilege it has been. I attended all five schools in the District, giving perfect renditions of the Secret Work at each school. The members of District 1 are truly awesome.

In District One, there were five combined schools. There were 364 "A" Certificates and 1 "B" Certificate earned in District 1 this year. And for the record the Sister earning a "B" certificate came back at a later school and earned her "A" certificate.

I submit the following report for "A" Certificates:

Sections 1 & 2	at Gainesville	71
Sections 3, 6 & 7	at Tyler	72
Sections 4 & 5	at Garland	124
Section 8	at Marshall	51
Sections 9 & 10	at Gilmer	46

23 members earned their certificates for the first time this year.

A detailed report by Chapter is on file. Each Chapter has been forwarded a list of their members who have earned Certificates of Proficiency.

We were pleased to have the proficiency stickers available in the Examining Room. \$350.00 was donated to this project.

I was thrilled to present a check on behalf of District 1 to the Patriot Paws of Rockwall in the amount of \$1,000.00. This generous donation was made possible by your generosity, and I thank all who made donations and signed my tablecloth.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron: Your friendship and encouragement were truly appreciated, and I enjoyed traveling the School Schedule with you and with our Grand Esther, Sister Jane. And to Sister Diane Davidson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, we have worked together in many capacities throughout the years, and I thank you for your assistance this year. Thank you all.

To my co-workers who were there to answer my many questions, I say thank you. To Sister Tonya Foster, District Deputy Grand Matron, and the ten Deputies of District 1 - I enjoyed being in your sections and getting to know the membership even more. There were always volunteers waiting to assist in the Examining Room. Thank you for all your hard work and preparation which made my job easier. And my special thanks to each chapter for the honorary Memberships and for every courtesy extended. It is wonderful to have members becoming more proficient in their work and bringing enthusiasm to our Order.

To this membership, thank you for allowing me to serve Grand Chapter in this Office, and I



am looking forward to the upcoming School Schedule for 2016-2017.

It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and co-worker, Susan Dormady, Grand Examiner, District 2.

**Sister Susan Dormady:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all.

Thank you Sister Phyllis. That was a wonderful report from District 1. You had a great first year and I look forward to serving with you again next year.

I also want to thank again all those who served in the Examining Rooms, you were a big help and I appreciate your assistance. Thank you, membership, for allowing me to continue to serve you in this capacity. When I was fortunate enough to be elected to this position, I didn't think about the times I would be standing in front of a crowd of people having to give my rendition or give greetings or speak. But, I have to say, that you are not a "crowd of people;" you are my sisters and brothers and you have made this year as Grand Examiner one to remember. All of your encouragement and hugs make this the best of jobs. And I thank you.

Riding for the Brand this year has been exciting and interesting. With the extended school schedule, I hope everyone got the opportunity to attend one or more schools of learning. I very much enjoyed being able to travel the state and help the other Grand Examiners. Meeting members is always fun and helping the first timers is heartfelt and meaningful.

Worthy Grand Patron, what a fun time getting to know you and your wife better. You always kept me on the edge of my seat either with laughter or with awe. Thank you for sharing your life with us and showing the membership your love of Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron, we have known of each other for a long time. You are no stranger to District 2, especially since you started your Eastern Star life there. It was such a pleasure to see your open heart and the way you tried to help the membership of Texas learn more about the organization that you love so much. Thank you for that and I would like to thank you also for the weekend school schedule, as it truly helped those of us who have a job be able to attend gatherings all across the state. I can tell you that Riding for the Brand this year has left me with a few saddle sores. But I wouldn't have missed it. This might be your retirement party from being Worthy Grand Matron, but I know you will continue to work for the betterment of this Grand Chapter.

I am pleased to give the following report of certificates of proficiency for District Two:

District Two hosted 6 schools of instruction with a total of 140 "A" Proficiency Certificates and no "B" Certificates. The statistical report by section is listed below. A list of members who earned their Proficiency Certificates has been sent to each Chapter. District 2 donated \$223 to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. My heart overflows with this donation. Thank you so much for helping me support this cause.

The Statistical report by section:

Section	No. of Chapters	"A" Certificate	"B" Certificates	Total
1	1	4	0	1
2	3	22	0	22
3	1	6	0	6
4	3	14	0	14
5	1	0	0	0
6	2	16	0	16
7	3	23	0	23
8	6	43	0	43
10	2	12	0	12

This year we have tried to live by the Code of the West, and each Grand Examiner has "hitched their wagon" to the head trailblazer. Now comes the time to "unhitch our wagon" but to never forget to live the Code of the West which will bring respect, happiness, and loyal friends. Now, it is my pleasure to introduce my loyal friend, Sister Donna Noe, Grand Examiner, District 3.

**Grand Sentinel:** Excuse me Worthy Grand Matron, I need to make an announcement. Mr. Charles Jackson. Mr. Charles Jackson please go to the First Aid Room please.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you.

**Sister Donna Noe:** Thank you Sister Susan. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members, my sisters and brothers: It is my honor to present the report of the Grand Examiner of District 3. I have thoroughly enjoyed this year of service to our Order and especially to the members of District 3. Our love for the Order of the Eastern Star and each other is strong. John Wooden said "Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."

It was my honor and privilege to attend all of the schools in District 3, giving renditions of the Secret Work at each school. The greatest joy in serving as Grand Examiner is the time that we can spend with the membership, encouraging them to learn and become proficient in their work. I want to thank Sister Laura Sharp, Grand Examiner At Large, for helping me at the Waco school as I had to leave early. I appreciate you so much for doing this.

At the beginning of this Grand Chapter year, District 3 had 64 chapters.

A total of 334 "A" Certificates were earned in District 3 this year.

Section 1 - 133  
 Section 2 - 30  
 Section 3 - 19  
 Section 4 - 20  
 Section 6 - 17  
 Section 7 - 27  
 Section 8 - 48  
 Section 9 - 41

Section 10 - 23

TOTAL - 368

This total includes those exams taken in a different District.

No "B" certificates were earned this year. Twenty Three members earned their first certificate of proficiency this year.

I am so pleased to see members becoming more proficient in their work. The excitement shown by these members is very encouraging to me.

As always, we had proficiency stickers, the state of Texas available for purchase in the Examining Room. A total of \$385.00 was donated to the Worthy Grand Matrons project.

Thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to choose any of her charities. I chose the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas as my project for this year. Thanks to your generosity and a private donation, a check on behalf of District 3 in the amount of \$1,000.00 was given to the children's hospital.

I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their support this year. Your friendship and encouragement have meant a great deal to me. I enjoyed attending the school schedule with you.

To the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3, Sister Mildred Bolton: You are a dear friend and our travels together certainly strengthened our bond of friendship. To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 3: thank you for the efforts you made to make our schools successful and for all that you did to assist me in the Examining rooms. To Sister Jeannie Reiger: your Humanitarian programs were wonderful and I enjoyed being with you on the school trail as well. To my sister Examiners, I treasure our friendship, I thank you for your help with this year and I love each of you.

To the membership of Texas, thank you so much for the opportunity you have given me to serve Grand Chapter in this office this year. It has been a very rewarding year with wonderful memories that I will always treasure. The friends I have made during this year are ones that I will always cherish.

Sisters and Brothers, my interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.

It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and co-worker, Terri Rozell, Grand Examiner, District 4.

**Sister Terri Rozell:** Thank you, Sister Donna Noe, my friend and co-worker.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to congratulate the members of District Four for their dedication to our Order as seen in their ongoing study of the Secret Work, Ritual, Constitution and Code of Laws. They

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do this not only to earn their Proficiency Certificates but to have a better understanding of our beautiful Order.

As Grand Examiner of District Four I am proud and honored to give the following report for the Grand Chapter year 2015-2016.

Certificates of Proficiency Earned:

Section 1 - 41 A  
 Section 2 - 85 A and 1 B  
 Section 3 - 38 A  
 Section 4 - 67 A  
 Section 5 - 46 A  
 Section 6 - 42 A and 1 B  
 Section 7 - 46 A  
 Section 8 - 24 A  
 Section 9 - 20 A  
 Section 10 - 78 A

For a Grand Total of 487 "A" Certificates and 2 "B" Certificates. This year 26 members achieved an "A" Certificate and 1 achieved a "B" Certificate for the first time.

A detailed report has been given to the Grand Secretary, which includes a listing of the member's name from each chapter who has received their Proficiency Certificate this year. I have also mailed to each Chapter in District Four a list of the names of their members who were granted Certificates of Proficiency.

This year I chose as my Charity the Grand Chapter of Texas Education Fund. For a donation, the members of District Four signed my tablecloth and generously gave \$1,000 to go toward scholarships to deserving students.

A total of \$455 was raised from the sale of Proficiency Stickers.

To Sister Jerre Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your service to our Order this year. You truly love our Order and the members of Texas. Your knowledge of the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas is amazing. I have enjoyed getting to know you. Thank you for all the kindness and understanding you gave to me this year.

Brother Billy Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron, you have served the membership of Texas with love and kindness for our Order. It was a pleasure spending time with you during the School schedule. To you and Sister Jane, Grand Esther, thank you for the dedication you have given to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Sister Melanie Rayner, District Deputy Grand Matron. You brought enthusiasm and your teaching skills to our Schools of Instruction. I know that the membership enjoyed your instructions and always learned something new. Already friends it was fun sharing time with you on the School schedule.

to the Deputy Grand Matrons of District Four. Thank you for all you did to make this Grand Examiner feel welcome and at home. Each of your schools were well planned and enjoyed by all in attendance.

To the members of District Four. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Examiner. It truly is an honor and privilege. Your kindness warms my heart and brings so much joy to serving in this position. To all who assisted me in the exam rooms, thank you. Without you it would be difficult to ensure that every member has an opportunity to take their exam.

I would now like to introduce my co-worker, Sister Joan Miller, Grand Examiner of District Five.

**Sister Joan Miller:** Thank you, Sister Terri Rozell.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

It is a distinct honor to present my first report as Grand Examiner of District 5. What a privilege it has been for me to serve on the Board of Grand Examiners and represent District Five this past year. The success of this year was made possible by the support and encouragement of the members of this beautiful order.

There were 292 "A" Certificates earned this year in District 5. A complete report has been filed with the Grand Secretary's Office.

Section 1	6
Section 2	0
Section 3	43
Section 4	25
Section 5	13
Section 6	64
Section 7	83
Section 8	27
Section 9	12
Section 10	<u>19</u>
Total	292

Twenty-three members earned their certificates for the first time this year. Congratulations on your achievement!

We were pleased to have the proficiency stickers available in the Examining Room. \$246 was donated to this project.

I was pleased to present a total of \$1,524.00 to the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam in San Antonio. The generosity of the membership and the matching funds by two of our members was greatly appreciated! Thank you all for supporting my chosen project for District 5 this year.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for a year full of learning and experiencing new things along the District 5 "Trail Ride".

Janet Kramer, District Deputy Grand Matron, and the Deputies of District 5, thank you for all your hard work and preparations made on my behalf, you made me feel at home in each of your sections. Good job! To the Chapters in District 5, a big thank you for the honorary memberships, love gifts and all your courtesies. And I thank all those that took your time to assist in the Examining Rooms, I don't know what I would have done without you!

Again, to this awesome membership, thank you for allowing me to serve Grand Chapter in this office. This year was a dream come true and I look forward to traveling across the state and visiting with everyone in the Examining Room next year. I attended 5 of the 6 schools in District 5.

And thank you Sister Laura Sharp for taking over for me in Section 10 when my Mom passed away.

It is my pleasure to introduce my co-worker, Laura Sharp, Grand Examiner at Large, to give her report. Thank You.

**Sister Laura Sharp:** Thank you Sister Joan Miller. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members. It is with deep appreciation that I say thank you to this membership to serve this Grand Chapter as the Grand Examiner At-Large. Your love and continued support has helped me and for without it I would not have been able to serve in this capacity. As I attended the Schools, I was privileged to assist in the Examining Rooms and what a great joy it is to be with those members. This year, I was called to serve in District 2 and in District 5 for Susan Dormandy and Sister Joan Miller. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your year is coming to a close and I am sure you will soon be able to sit back and relax and reflect on the beautiful accomplishments you've received and have accomplished.

To the five District Grand Examiners, I have enjoyed serving with you on this Board of Grand Examiners. These lovely ladies do a tremendous job serving this Grand Chapter. If you will join with me at the podium here so that I can...

I would like to submit the following report of Certificates earned or reported at this Grand Chapter. District 1, I did 1. District 3 there were 6. There were 11 in District 4 and 1 in District 5 for a total of 19 Certificates. And I had 3 first timers. The Certificates issued were 9 on Thursday and Friday when I had the exam room open. And this is Respectfully submitted, Laura Sharp, Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner At-Large.

Worthy Grand Matron, I make a motion to adopt all the reports given by this Board of Grand Examiners. Laura Sharp, Grand Examiner At-Large, 2015-2016.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. You have heard the report of each of the Grand Examiners. Motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron that we accept this report. Is there any discussion? All in favor vote with the turquoise card. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) (Applause) Thank you ladies for a job well done.

Grand Marshal is where? Grand Marshal will you assist in lining up two special groups, the members from Texas Masonic Retirement Center first and then our next group will be our 50

year members. So if we could get those two groups ready, we'd appreciate it very much. Would all of you who fall in those two categories please meet the Grand Marshal, Linda Roy, wherever she goes. You know Sisters and Brothers, there are a few things that I never had any desire to do and I know that some of these District Deputies and Diane Davidson never had any desire to do and that was to be the monitors of our ladies' and men's rooms. There are plenty of ladies' rooms and men's rooms over on this side. There are plenty on this side. There are no lines, or if you want to go all the way to the West, there's no lines there either. So there's no reason why any of us should be locked out. Unless it's me...(Laughter)

Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels please have the doors closed because we are going to proceed with our elections. Never mind, thank you Grand Sentinel and Grand Warden. Would the Deputy Grand Matrons...we'll hold off on this election for a little while. Would the Deputy Grand Matrons meet my District Deputy and get lined up in numerical order. Y'all know how you go, you've done it all year.

Sister Grand Warden and Grand Sentinel, at 12:30 we will continue with our elections. So you've got eight minutes to tell people to get inside, outside or wherever they want to be. But we will close the doors at 12:30. Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, I would ask that each of you please be seated. We have two very special groups that we are going to be presenting. Sister Linda Roy, go ahead and bring in our Texas Masonic Retirement Center Members. (Applause) Linda are you ready? Thank you. Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, we are so happy to see each of you here with us this afternoon and are glad that you have taken advantage of residence in the TMRC's wonderful facility to make it your home. We are pleased that some of you decided to go on your own to TMRC and pleased that we could assist others. We pledge to you our continued support and look forward to visiting with you when we are in the Arlington area. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. To our lovely, loyal members residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. We are so very pleased to welcome you and to be honored by your presence at this Grand Chapter session. You have enriched each of our lives by your continued presence. May God Bless.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, due to our limited space...Do y'all want to come to the East? If you do, I'm going to bring you, if you don't I'm not. What do y'all want to do? Thank you. Loree made a decision for you. Membership, let's give these members a wonderful Texas welcome. (Applause) While our TMRC members are being seated, I do want to let you know that we have boxed lunches outside these doors, this way. So if you need anything, just take money. We want to thank Donna Ott for all that she has done to help our Texas Masonic Retirement Center Members. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I would ask that all who will be receiving their 50 or more years' recognition at this Grand Chapter, to follow Linda Roy as she lines our members up across the West. (Applause) (Three raps) Sister Grand Marshal, you will escort the 50 year members to the East. (Applause)

Members introducing themselves:

Iris Lowe, 50 years  
 Wanda Hoffman, 58 years  
 Lynn Kearney, 50 years  
 Barbara Cockrell, 52 years  
 Betty Friend, 50 years  
 Lillian Arrington, 50 years  
 Mary Alberts and I got 74 years in this Organization  
 Elizabeth Lachnitt, 50 years  
 Joy Wilson, 50 years  
 Simone Lambdin, 50 years  
 Bob Squires, 50 wonderful years  
 Arlene Squires, 52 years  
 Carolyn Tullos, 50 years  
 Cynthia Williams, 50 years  
 Mary Lou Luberto, Loyal Chapter 648, 51 years  
 Phyllis Wilson, Travis Chapter 472, 50 years  
 Shirley Gilbreath, Wimodausis Chapter 141, 55 years

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Your accomplishment of an impressive number of years in membership is a beacon of hope to those members who are just beginning their Eastern Star journey. I personally know what a wonderful feeling it is to be where you are on this stage because I was in this spot to be recognized for fifty years of membership, Jayne and Trey's year. We are gratified by your achievement and we honor you for your commitment and devotion to our Order.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** It is a great honor to have each of you with us today. Together you are our heritage, having served loyally for many years. Your guidance, counsel, and wisdom is greatly appreciated. May you continue to serve each of your subordinate chapters as well as Grand Chapter for many, many more years.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, let's show these members our deep appreciation. (Applause) (One rap) Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel could y'all have someone check and see if our members are back in the room? Because we'd like to continue our elections. Donna Hill Pope, thank you for bringing the TMRC members on the bus. We appreciate you so very, very much and love you the most. (Applause) Thank you Donna. Alright, are most of our members back in?

(Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels getting everyone in to close the doors)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** The doors are now closed. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1 for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Lara Nix.

**Sister Lara Nix:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Lara Nix, Worthy Matron and a Past Matron of Mesquite Chapter #887. I am pleased to place the name of Phyllis Macon, a Past Matron of Mesquite Chapter #887 for Board of Grand Examiners, District 1 for the ensuing year.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you, Lara. Are there other nominations? Are there other nomina-



tions? Hearing none, I declare the Nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Phyllis Macon for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1 say 'AYE'. (Aye) Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Phyllis, you have been elected for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Do you Accept?

**Sister Phyllis Macon:** Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept and I thank this membership for allowing me this privilege. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2 for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Lynda Klein.

**Sister Lynda Klein:** Worthy Grand Matron. I am Lynda Klein, a Past Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010 and it is my honor to place the name of Susan Dormandy, Worthy Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010 in nomination for the Board of Directors...Board of Grand Examiners, District 2.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. Sister Susan Dormandy has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2. All in favor of Sister Susan Dormandy for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2 say 'AYE'. (Aye) Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Susan Dormandy, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2. Do you Accept?

**Sister Susan Dormandy:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you. Yes, I do accept and thank you, membership for allowing me to serve another year. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3 for the ensuing year. I recognize Barbara Martin.

**Sister Barbara Martin:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Barbara Martin, Past Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter #835. I have the honor to nominate Sister Donna Noe, current Worthy Matron and a Past Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter #835 to the Board of Grand Examiner, District 3 for the ensuing year.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Donna Noe for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3 say 'AYE'. (Aye) Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Donna, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3. Do you Accept?

**Sister Donna Noe:** I do, Worthy Grand Matron and I thank this membership very much. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4 for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Carrie Miller.

**Sister Carrie Miller:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Carrie Miller, Worthy Matron of New Caney Chapter #1093. I have the pleasure of placing the name of Terri Rozell, a Past Matron of New

Caney Chapter #1093 in nomination for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, for the ensuing year.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Terri Rozell for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4 say 'AYE'. (Aye) Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Susan, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Do you Accept?

**Sister Terri Rozell:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and yes I do accept and thank you Texas membership electing me to serve in this position for another year. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5 for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Erika Spreen.

**Sister Erika Spreen:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Erika Spreen. I am Worthy Matron of Blanco Chapter #934. It is my great pleasure to nominate Sister Joan Miller, Past Matron and Endowed member of Blanco Chapter #934 for office of Grand Examiner, District 5.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Joan Miller for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5 say 'AYE' (Aye) Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Joan, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5. Do you Accept?

**Sister Joan Miller:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you, membership, for entrusting me for another year and I do appreciate it. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, we have now completed our ballots and we will continue with reports until we have election results. I believe we have two pending, isn't that right Jimmie Lee, wherever you are? Sister Grand Warder, you may inform the Grand Sentinel that the doors may be opened at this time. We will continue reports while we are waiting on the ballot results. Thank you Sisters and Brothers for your patience and understanding during this process. When we get results, I will announce them.

**Grand Warder:** Brother Grand Sentinel the doors may be opened at this time.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, thanks to such an efficient election judge, we do have in fact have an election. On the ballot for the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner At-Large. Total votes cast, 1,221.

Sandy Alford – 524  
Shelley Walker - 697

I declare Shelley Walker elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner At-Large. Please, no demonstrative stuff. (Applause) Sister Shelley, do you accept?

**Sister Shelley Walker:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Yes, I do. Thank you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. I now declare this ballot finished. (One rap) So we have one more ballot to complete. Guess what that one is?

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Worthy Grand Matron, you know the membership of Texas is the most special thing; they stay with you, they love you, and they will be with you. Sisters and Brothers, our Worthy Grand Matron and I have an answer, but I want you to do me a really big favor. I want you to hold up your card if you will stay with us until the Worthy Grand Matron let's her Deputies go through and your invitation is given. It's not going to be that much longer but if you will stay with us we might give you an answer. Will you stay with us? Will you hold up your card if you will stay with us? Sisters and Brothers, she said she was going to try to get you out of here at 2:00. You've had an election for a while but we wanted our 50 year members to be recognized and we wanted our members of TMRC. Worthy Grand Matron, your election people and members, your Tellers, your Judges, all say thank you for allowing us to do this. But I have something that I'd like to give you and I saw it and I thought of you.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Now that's scary.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Yeah, it is.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** This is to hang on my wall. It says "Boots and Bling, It's a Cowgirl Thing". (Laughter and Applause)

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Worthy Grand Patron, you are never left out. We've also got something for you and you know your Election Committee loves you. And we have just a little bit, because we'll be partners through thick and thin.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** Thank you.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Worthy Grand Matron, I know you would like them all to stay but sometimes they tell you stories in Grand Chapter, they leave anyway. But the bulk of them are going to stay because you know what? These lovely ladies that are lined up, up this ramp, this 43 feet long ramp, there's fifty of them and they want to let you know how much they appreciate what you did for them during the year. Worthy Grand Matron, it is my request that you give the totals. We have been through a little bit all afternoon, your Tellers, your individuals that have sat here on the floor, we hope that you are pleased. We hope that we have done what you wanted. Your Elections are finished.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. (Applause) From the time that I was a candidate I knew that when or if I did get elected, Jimmie Lee would be my Election Judge. I had all the faith in the world in her. Always did and always will. Thank you for a job well done. As I have stated many times through the years, "Good manners are nothing more than the consideration of other people's feelings." (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, we have an election for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Total number of votes cast 1,284. Necessary to elect 643.

Laura Sharp – 239 Carla Stringer – 264 Linda Winn-Christenson - 781 (Applause)

I declare Sister Linda R. Winn-Christenson your new Associate Grand Conductress. Sister

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Linda, do you accept? I think these tears mean that she accepts.

**Sister Linda Winn-Christenson:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a tremendously grateful heart to this membership that I gladly accept this position and promise to do my best to serve them and this Grand Chapter. Thank you all.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Sisters and Brothers. One of the tenants of the “Code of the West” is to keep you word. (Laughter) We have to have Chapter Representatives in order to carry on business. So we’ve got to finish our business so we can get Installations started at 5:30, Associate Grand Matron, is that correct? Well, I’ve still got another hour. (Laughter) I am so pleased and I thank these Tellers and Table Judges. Each of you has worked so hard and have been so efficient. We love and appreciate each of you. Thank you for your service to this Grand Chapter. (Applause) If y’all would sit down so we can get done we would deeply appreciate it. I am pleased to present the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 1, and my very special Landman friend, Tonya Foster.

**DDGM Tonya Foster:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Okay, we had a trial run and we can get everybody on the stage so here we go with a quick report from District 1.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to express my appreciation to our Worthy Grand Matron for the honor and privilege of serving the membership as well as choosing these 10 wonderful ladies to serve as your Deputy Grand Matrons.

It is with pride that I introduce the Deputy Grand Matrons (Tonya’s Tumbleweeds) of District One:

Mrs. Rhonda Elliott, Section One, and Mrs. Michelle White, Section Two, whose “Happy Trails Across Texas” school was held February 6, 2016 at the Gainesville Masonic Lodge #210 in Gainesville, Texas. There were 192 in attendance as well as our late night fire drill practice, but fun was had by all and a great school.

Mrs. Debbie O’Hara, Section Three; Mrs. Sherrie Fowler, Section Six; and Mrs. Diane Lackey, Section Seven, whose “Golden Saddles and Silver Spurs” school was held February 27, 2016 at the Sharon Shrine Center in Tyler, Texas. These ladies put 3 sections together from different parts of our District but had a great school. There were 229 in attendance.

Mrs. Ande Shoults, Section Four and Mrs. Debra Tarpley, Section Five, whose “Lassoing Knowledge” school was held on February 20, 2016 at the Hella Shrine in Garland Texas. These ladies lassoed up a great school. There were 244 in attendance.

Mrs. Lenda Reeves, Section Eight, the home section of the Worthy Grand Patron, whose “Blazing Stars” school was held on March 4, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Marshall, Texas. She blazed the trail to a great school. There were 215 in attendance.

Mrs. Carole McGee, Section Nine and Mrs. Moneica Kohn, Section Ten, whose “Archway to the Piney Woods” school was held on February 12, 2016 at the Bethesda Masonic Lodge

#142 in Gilmer, Texas Through the arches of the piney woods a great school was held. There were 220 in attendance.

Each of these schools were decorated with a western theme from chuck wagons for the meal to horseshoe archways. Thank you ladies for all your beautiful decorations and time spent making these schools so beautiful. You planned well and met the needs of all who attended to make these schools so great. I also want to thank you for your love and dedication to the order. You have made this a great year. Each of you had great schools and worked very hard to make this a wonderful year. I will always cherish the memories we have made on this trail drive. I want to thank each of you deputies for all your hard work on each of the Eastern Star Schools. We had a total attendance for the District One schools of 1100.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT 1

Chapters Assigned	84
Chapters Consolidated	2
Chapters Demised	0
Chapters instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	84
Schools Conducted	5
Schools Attended Officially	69
Schools Attended Unofficially	31
Letters Written	514
Miles Traveled	64,773

District 1 began the year with 84 chapters. Section 6 had two chapters to consolidate. Fairfield #331 consolidated with Buffalo #157 on October 13, 2015 and Wortham #96 consolidated with Corsicana #118 on January 5, 2016. District 1 now has 82 chapters.

On behalf of the Deputy Grand Matrons "Tonya's Tumbleweeds" and myself i would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing each of us to serve in this position as well as being your representative and serving the number one District.

Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for being a true gentleman and allowing us to tease you about "Poor John." Thank you for all you have done for the Order and sharing this year with the membership. Thank you , Daddy, and you know what you mean to me.

This has truly been the greatest year. As we saddled up and headed out on this trail drive, we were truly humbled to be serving this membership. As we rode for the brand I have loved meeting the membership of our beautiful Order. Thank you for every courtesy, the honorary memberships, the warm hugs and most of all, your love. The Tumbleweeds join me in saying thank you for all the courtesies you have shown to the office of Deputy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Matron. As we bring this trail drive to an end I want you to remember to Live Well... Laugh Often... Love Much... as we continue working for the Order of the Eastern Star.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tonya Foster  
District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1

**DDGM Sandy Alford:** Well, good evening Grand Chapter! And what a privilege and an honor it has been here this week. I cannot tell you how happy it has been for my friends and my family to have been here this week and what a journey it has been.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers all:

I would like to give a big “Thank You” to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for giving me the honor of serving my District as your District Deputy Grand Matron. This has been a life journey I have so enjoyed and have had the pleasure to meet and serve so many wonderful and amazing Sisters and Brothers across this great state of ours. District 2 is unique in that the area is more than a third the size of the state. Even though we might be few in number, our hearts are as Big as the Prairie skies! It has been such a privilege to work with 6 wonderful Deputy Grand Matrons.

It is with much pride that I would like to introduce you to these amazing ladies that call themselves “Sandy’s Barbed Wire Belles”! So, as I summarize our adventure, let me begin. Deputies of District 2, you will please stand when I get to your name.

It seems like it was just last week that we started our adventure and what an adventure it has been in District 2!!! This Trail Ride has certainly been quite the experience for all of us who have shared! Our Trail Hands started this ride as we saddled up to go “Boot Scootin’ across the Panhandle” in Amarillo with our trail boss Mrs. Linda Knowles of Sections 1, 2 and 3. Then what more can I say as we had a great time ridin’ and sing’ “Happy Trails” all the way to Abilene with the trail boss Mrs. Oleta Cornelius for Section 7. Even though there were some bumps along this trail, she stepped up and made it all work without a hitch!! Then it was back in the saddle for a “Mighty Fine School of Learning” as we rode into Lubbock with the trail boss Mrs. Anita Mead of Section 4. Can’t have a trail ride without “True Grit” to get us to Wichita Falls with our trail boss Mrs. Nettie Simpson, Sections 5 and 6. As we got back on the trail we headed for the “Horse Shoes on the Rio Grande” in El Paso with the trail boss Mrs. Cherri Macdonald of Section 10. To finish our trail ride we galloped all the way to Midland with our trail boss Mrs. Wanelle Mikeworth of Section 8 for a good ‘ol “West Texas Cattle Drive.” I want to say Thank You for a ride that took me personally over 35,000 miles and my Trail hands over 26,000 miles across the wide open spaces of District 2!!!

On behalf of our Deputy Grand Matrons of District 2, “Sandy’s Barbed Wire Belles,” and myself I would like to thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing each of us the opportunity of serving our wonderful Order in this position as well as being your representative of District 2. Total attendance for schools in District 2 for this year was 485.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT 2

Chapter Assigned	24	
Chapters Consolidated	3	
Chapters Demised	1	
Chapters Instituted	0	
Chapters Inspected	22	One Chapter is incomplete
Schools Attended Officially	21	
Schools Attended Unofficially	18	
Miles Traveled	64,887	

District 2 began with 24 Chapters. Section 1 had 2 Chapters. Pampa #65 consolidated with Amarillo Chapter #787 on June 1, 2016. Borger Chapter #811 demised April 5, 2016. That now dissolves Section 1 in District 2. Section 2 Texline Chapter #640 consolidated with Dumas Chapter #653 on November 5, 2015. Section 6 Petrolia Chapter #84 consolidated with Faith Chapter #713 on June 1, 2016.

To my “Barbed Wire Belles,” saying “thank you” just doesn’t seem to be adequate. Thank you for all of the honorary memberships, for every courtesy that was given, but most of all, thank you for some very special friendships that will last a lifetime!!! Anytime I have asked you to do a project, you were there without hesitation!!! Sometimes you could just read my mind on what I needed and it was there!! I want you to know how special you are and what you have meant to our Order of the Eastern Star!! We all know it takes everyone to make these schools a success and you ladies have made me, and I know our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron so very, very happy.

**DDGM Mildred Bolton:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all.

Worthy Grand Matron: It is with love and pride that I present the report for District 3. I want to thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the honor you have given me and the 10 Deputies of District 3 to serve the membership of our Order. It has been an honor and a delight to have worked with “My Colt Forty Fives” Deputy Grand Matrons of District 3. You have given us an exciting and fun year which we will all remember forever.

I have been blessed with the other Four District Deputy Grand Matrons that you chose to carry on the wonderful work of our Order. They are very special to me and I will always be thankful for the help they bestowed upon me, and their love and friendship. This I will always cherish.

Worthy Grand Patron: The Deputies of District 3 and I want to thank our Worthy Grand Patron for your wonderful leadership. You made this year so special with love and humor. Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter.

Grand Examiner: What can I say to our Grand Examiner of District 3, Sister Donna Noe, my friend and roommate? You taught us all how to learn our secret work and how to be kind and loving to each other. We will always cherish your hard work and your friendship. You are a very special lady.

Humanitarian Chairman: Sister Jeanie R. Reiger, what a joyful treasure you are. You worked hard to ride for the brand and to collect funds for our Order. You did your programs, each one different, with education and fun and we enjoyed each of them. You will always be in our hearts.

Secretaries: Diane Davidson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron; Elizabeth Wise, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron. These two ladies are so special to all of us. We hope we didn’t drive them crazy with all our questions. They both rode for the brand to the end. Thank you for your understanding and kindness.

Chapter Assigned	62
Chapters Consolidated	1
Chapters Demised	1
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	62
Schools Conducted	6
Schools Attended Officially	47
Schools Attended Unofficially	33
Letters Written	1,086
Miles Traveled	39,574

Wedgwood Chapter #756 Consolidated  
Moran Chapter #591 Demised

### SCHOOLS

Dec. 11 & 12	Section 2 & 3	Head Master's Lesson	Mineral Wells
	Mrs. Beverly Plante & Mrs. Glinda Tackett		
Jan. 1 & 2	Section 10	Water Hole #3	Hillsboro
	Mrs. Darlene Pelham		
Jan. 8 & 9	Section 1	Saddle Up	Ft. Worth
	Mrs. Sherry Thompson		
Jan 15 & 16	Sections 3 & 4	Lucky Horseshoes	Killeen
	Mrs. Grace Gibbard & Mrs. Gloria Mann		
Jan. 22 & 23	Sections 7 & 9	Crossing the Brazos at Waco	Waco
	Mrs. Tanya James & Mrs. Shirley Woodlock		
Jan. 29 & 30	Section 4 & 5	Campfire Memories	Coleman
	Mrs. Sherra Cate & Mrs. Martha Hackney		

Special Thanks to our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jerre Lucas, for assisting with demonstrations on the floor. Your teachings were outstanding.

On behalf of the 10 Deputies of District 3 and myself, I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for selecting these 10 Deputy Grand Matrons, "My Colt Forty Fives", and myself. Your choice has made a smooth working team for you and our Grand Chapter. We have enjoyed traveling and representing you this year. I am grateful that you gave us the opportunity to serve our great Order. I have been blessed with so many new friends and I will hold dear these wonderful memories forever.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the other 4 District Deputy Grand Matrons who have served with me this year and OH how much fun we have had together. The memories I will always hold dearly in my heart.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve you the membership and to have fun doing so. To all members of our Order, thank you so much for the many acts of courtesy, kindness, and the love you have shown me.

It is my pleasure to invite my friend and co-worker, sister Melanie Raynor, District Deputy



Grand Matron, District 4.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I have two announcements. If any of you donated to the Lighting the Trail or purchased candles in memory or in honor of someone that were on display last evening during the Memorial, please pick up your candles in front of the stage after this Session. The names are on the poster outside the Grand Chapter but you should know who you are. The other request that I would have, would the Executive and Arrangements Committee please gather up right over there close to where Jane is. If y'all would get ready. Jane, did you hear me? If you'll get everybody together.

**DDGM Melanie Rayner:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. it is my pleasure and with great pride that I present the report for District 4. I want to thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the honor you have given the Deputies of District 4 to serve the membership of our Order. It has been an honor and a delight to have worked with "The Magnificent Ten" Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4. It has been an exciting year and we will have memories to last a lifetime.

It is an honor to now recognize this group of dedicated Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4.

Mrs. Jeanette Melton, Mrs. Leila Cegielski, Mrs. Marcia Olson, and Mrs. Kristine King and the 38 chapters of District 4, Sections 4, 5, 7, and 9 held "The Trail Ride Begins" Eastern Star School in Houston, Texas on September 5, 2015 with 382 in attendance.

Mrs. Judy Brian and the 17 chapters of District 4, Section 2 held the "Branding the Trail" Eastern Star School in Vidor, Texas on September 12, 2015 with 169 in attendance.

Mrs. Patricia Faltesek and the 11 chapters of District 4, Section 10 held the "Campfire by the Bay" Eastern Star School in Texas City, Texas on September 19, 2015 with 159 in attendance.

Mrs. Mary Wells and Mrs. Glenda Murphy and the 19 chapters of District 4, Sections 1 and 3 held the "Blazing the OES Trail" Eastern Star School in Lufkin, Texas on September 26, 2015 with 266 in attendance.

Dr. Leonora Owre and Mrs. Mona Gaye Giles and the 14 chapters of District 4, Sections 6 and 8 held the "Deep in the Heart of Texas" Eastern Star School in Somerville, Texas on October 3, 2015 with 172 in attendance.

The Deputies of District 4 put on the District 4 Banquet on July 30 at Monument Inn Restaurant in Deer Park. We had a total of 192 in attendance.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT 4

Chapters Assigned	99
Chapters Consolidated	3
Chapters Demised	0
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	99
Schools Conducted	5
Schools Attended Officially	43

Schools Attended Unofficially	71
Letters Written	2,763
Miles Traveled	120,471

District 4 began the year with 99 chapters and ended with 96.

District 4 had three Consolidations. Rockdale #23 consolidated with Caldwell #976 effective June 1, 2016; Lake Jackson #1009 consolidated with Velasco #220 effective June 1, 2015. Bay City #380 consolidated with Sweeny #873 effective June 1, 2015.

Sister Jerre Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the membership as District Deputy Grand Matron for District Four. This has been an experience I will never forget and will always have wonderful memories of the members of District Four. Also, thank you for selecting ten wonderful Deputy Grand Matrons to work with. They have worked tirelessly to make your plans a reality and to serve their individual sections to the best of their abilities. I cannot begin to tell you how proud of them I am and how much I love them. Brother Billy Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a great privilege to work with you this year. You gave me encouragement along the way and had faith that I could accomplish all I needed to. Your love and laughter made this journey a special memory in my heart. To my fellow District Deputies, thank you for all of the fun, laughs, and encouragement you have provided. I have sincerely enjoyed all the time we have spent together. Finally, to the membership of District 4, thank you for all that you have done to make this past year a success; your tireless efforts to make each school great and your willingness to put the Order before self has been humbling and something I will never forget. The Magnificent Ten join me in saying thank you for all the courtesies you have shown to the office of Deputy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Matron.

It is now my pleasure to invite my friend and co-worker, Sister Janet Kramer, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5 to bring her report.

**DDGM Janet Kramer:** Thank you, Sister Melanie. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. It has been a great honor serving as DDGM D5 and working with Janet's Jewels. A few of my Jewels are unable to be with us at Grand Chapter this year. I have the pleasure of introducing my precious Deputy Grand Matrons. Mrs. Susan Neuenschwander, Section 3; Mrs. Barbara Nunley, Section 4; Mrs. Rebecca Shuler, Section 5; Mrs. Lilian Arrington, Section 6; Mrs. Monette Butler Littlepage, Section 7; and Mrs. Barbara Gilley, Section 8. My Jewels that are now part of my jewelry box. They have been a pleasure to work with and I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for choosing these hard working ladies that I have served with this year. Each of the Eastern Star Schools had a different flair and the Jewels did an outstanding job with the planning and execution of their plans. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I want to thank you for asking me to serve as District Deputy for District 5. I have learned so much as I assisted my Jewels, and worked with the membership. I wish to thank the membership for your support, encouragement and all the love you have showed to me and the DGM's this year. A total of 6 Eastern Star School of Instructions. Each one of these events had a different flavor and was enjoyed by all. I hope that everyone learned something new. I wish to thank the membership for all of their love, support, encouragement, prayers in the hallway and hugs, as you have made this year a journey, one I will never forget. How special and humbling it has been.

I wish to thank Joan Miller, Grand Examiner District 5 for all your support and encouragement that you have offered as we traveled the District 5 Roadways. You always appeared calm and collected, which kept me less nervous.

Big thank you to Diane Davidson and Ann Kelly for all that you did prior to this year, and continued as the year progressed. Your knowledge of Eastern Star is as overwhelming as our Worthy Grand Matron's. You have always been willing to share this with all of the Deputies.

To our Humanitarian Chairman, Marijo King, each of your presentations was different and enlightening. Thank you for traveling along with us in District 5.

All of the Deputies offer a warm hug and thank you to Bill Markins, our District Photographer, and his wife, Emma, for District 5 Secretary. They were always willing in any way to help. We all appreciate the pictures Bill took and gave us on a CD. Sister Gay Carnes, the Web Master and photographer. I couldn't have done some of my work without your assistance. Thank you.

I also wish to thank the "Pack Mules" as they call themselves, Ruby Langley, Brenda McDaniel, Marialice Bailey, and Sue Burt for always being at all of the Schools and selling the Grand Chapter and the WGM/WGP items, and always with a smile, I have to add.

As I traveled around this wonderful District, I have found that most Chapters make nice donations for scholarships, local charities and local schools, but I have found that there are some Chapters and Sections that work very well together to achieve more for their local communities. One of them is Section 8. They work all year planning, gathering and making items to take to the Corpus Christi Ronald McDonald House. In July each year, they take their handmade items, lap quilts, crocheted blankets, toys, pillow cases, pillows, household cleaning items, personal cleaning items, and over 150# of pull tabs. This is a tremendous undertaking and shows how if everyone works together, we can achieve more.

On July 30th, the Deputies and I hosted the District 5 Banquet with great success. Fun was had by all. Many photo opportunities were available. A cute skit written by Monette and Susan, with some input from others, had the Honorees and the attendees rolling in laughter.

Our ESTARL recipient was in attendance and is actually the Worthy Matron of Leakey Chapter. A well-spoken and deserving Sister as she continues her religious education.

It had been an honor and privilege to serve you the membership of District 5 and the membership of the entire state. You have all shown me and my jewels much love, with your simple acts of kindness, warm hugs, and wonderful smiles. It has made this year a wonderful, and enjoyable experience as we all "Rode for the Brand."

We were instructed to keep this short, so I just want to say that all of the data and numbers, names of schools and attendance will be submitted in the final report.

Thank you again and God Bless each of us.

## FINAL REPORT

It is with great pleasure to bring my final report for this Grand Chapter Year as we all "Rode for the Brand."

Janet's Jewels, the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5: Debbie McCullough, Section 1 & 2, no school was scheduled. As we started in District 5 on March 10, 2016 a fraternal Visit was held at Robert Lee-Bronte Chapter #187, where I gave some instruction prior to greetings by the Worthy Grand Matron. 35 Sisters and Brothers were present and 13 chapters represented.

Rebecca Shuler and the 5 Chapters of Section 5 along with Barbara Gilley and the 9 Chapters of Section 8 held the combined "Horseshoes Over Texas" Eastern Star School on March 12, in Lytle Texas. 98 members present, 47 chapters represented, 44 A Certificates with 3 first timers. A total of \$836.00 was donated at the Rob Morris auction. 7 Gold Stars for Ritualistic Excellence participation.

Susan Neuenschwander and the 6 Chapters of Section 3, along with Barbara Nunley and the 4 chapters of Section 4 held the combined "Saddlin' Up for Success" Eastern Star School on March 19, held in Del Rio, Texas. 102 members present, 30 chapters represented, 53 "A" Certificates, 4 First Timers, 14 Gold stars for Ritualistic Excellence participation. \$620.00 was donated from the Rob Morris Auction. Plus we had a tornado alarm happen during the Fraternal Visit. No one was injured.

We then traveled to Harlingen, TX where Gena Brimmer and the 3 chapters of Section 10 held the "Ropin' in the Rio Grande Valley" Eastern Star School on March 31, 2016. 56 members present, 19 Chapters represented. 9 "A" Certificates given and 3 Gold Stars for Ritualistic Excellence given.

From the Valley we traveled to Austin, where Lilian Arrington and the 8 chapters of Section 6 held the "Round Up Time in the Capital" Eastern Star School on April 2. 162 members present, 86 Chapters represented. Total of 42 "A" Certificates given, with 5 First Timers. 5 Gold Stars awarded for Ritualistic Excellence. A total of \$761.50 was raised for the Rob Morris Auction.

We then traveled to Kingsville where Cindy Hajek and the 5 Chapters of Section 9 held the "Spring Round Up" at the Eastern Star School on April 9. 65 members with 24 chapters represented. 14 "A" Certificates given and 8 Gold Stars awarded for Ritualistic Excellence. A total of \$338.00 obtained with the Rob Morris Auction. Our DGM scheduled the school when the Navy Thunderbirds were performing at the Naval station. SO this was an extra special treat for me and I hope many others.

Next we came home to our WGM's Section. Monette Littlepage along with the 10 chapters of Section 7 held the "San Antonio Stars in the Western Sky" Eastern Star School on April 16. 311 members present, 128 Chapters represented. A total of 79 "A" certificates given, with 13 First Times. 17 Gold Stars given for Ritualistic Excellence. \$982.00 collected for the Rob Morris Auction.

A total of 6 Eastern Star Schools. Each one of these events had a different flavor and was enjoyed by all. I wish to thank the membership for all of their love, support, encouragement,

prayers in the hallway and hugs, as you have made this year a journey, one I will never forget. How special and humbling it has been.

Statistical Report for District Five:

Chapters Assigned	53
Chapters Demised	0
Chapters Consolidated	2
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	53
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	6
Schools Attended Officially	14
Schools Attended Unofficially	53
Letters and emails Written	7,587
Miles Traveled	74,696.6

District 5 began the year with 53 Chapters, and ended the year with 51 chapter. In section 9, Kingsville Chapter #325 consolidated with Alice Chapter #61 and Mathis Chapter consolidated with Aransas Pass #162.

Janet's Jewels join me in extending our heartfelt appreciation for your support and love. We want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the great leadership, support and friendship you have given to all the Deputies of District 5. You have filled this year with enjoyable and memorable memories and some crazy happenings.

Section 8 includes Luling #155, Yoakum #282, Gonzales #403, Waelder #1023, Yorktown #945, Violet #158, Curer #618 and Kenedy #36. This is the full report of donations as requested to be submitted:

Pull tabs	193 lbs.	
Toiletries	62 lbs.	
Hand made Bears	39	
Heart Pillows	68	
Totes	28	
Pillowcases	69	
Quilts, Afghans & Blankets	65	
Stuffed Animals	36	(plus a trash bag full)
Pillows	15	
Toys	10	
Tooth Brush Kits	21	
Shampoo	12 lbs.	
Cash donation (Cuero Chapter)	\$535.00	by Texas Trust Bank

Like I said, all hands make wonderful work and bring great joy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Kramer, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5, 2015-2016

Worthy Grand Matron, I move to approve all the reports of the District Deputy Grand Matrons.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to accept all of the reports of each of the Districts and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron. All in favor vote with the turquoise cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, how pleased I am that our law allows for us to accept many of our Committee reports as will be printed in the Proceedings without having to present them at our Session. Out of love and respect for our members and the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy grand Patron-Elect, it is my decision to invoke that law. Therefore, we will be allowing time to prepare for Installation, possibly have lunch and enjoy the Installation without being rushed!

Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the members of the Executive and Arrangement Committees in back of Esther's station.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** To each of you thank you for all you have done in preparing for this Session, the execution of this Session has been beyond any of our expectations and I thank you for all of the hard work and all the long hours you've spent. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, all this group and I had to go on were previous numbers. Historically we have been dropping attendance at Grand Chapter to the tune of about 300 a year. We were going to be delighted if we had 1,500. I believe we topped out at 1,874. (Applause) I told several of them they better start getting ten penny nails because we were going to have to start hanging people on the nails outside. This Worthy Grand Matron cannot begin to tell each of you what a great job you have done. You have made so many trips to Tyler that I stopped counting and to San Angelo before that and to Austin before that and to San Marcos before that, and to Arlington, and to Waco. Fourteen different places were considered before the decision was made to come to the Rose Garden of Texas. When Billy and Jane and Tonya and Charlie and I came to Tyler, I had already been here once before but they had not. When we came to Tyler, we knew this was the place we needed to be for the benefit of the membership. We had a \$94.00 contracted rate for hotel rooms. We knew that we didn't even have to go to \$30.00 on any of our Banquet tickets. And how very pleased I have been. Each of you, some of you, have a lot more trips to go. So many of our places are not affordable to our membership. Each of you have done your jobs so very professionally. So thank you. I don't think any of you, except maybe the Sound people, have done this before. Each of you standing here brought different abilities to the table. Each of you has been so very kind and have kept me in the loop every inch along the way. (Three raps) Would the membership please assist me in thanking the hardest working group in all of Grand Chapter. (Applause) (One rap) Thank you so very much. You know how very much I love each of you. Okay, you can go back and do your job some more now. (Laughter)

Thank you Grand Organist. What a beautiful job you have done. And I thank you for all you have done for this Worthy Grand Matron. I'm very appreciative of your talents. Thank you for sharing. (Applause)

Sister Sharon, before I bring your Executive group up here to issue the invitation, do you

have any announcements you would like to make?

**AGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** The Installation starts at 5:00, it says 5:30 but 5:30 is when the actual Installation starts. The Musical Prelude will start at 5:00 and then the processional will start at 5:15 and so I would like for the members to come and enjoy the Musical Prelude at 5:00 tonight.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you. I would ask that Brother Paul Garner come to the East with his group to issue the invitation to the “135th Grand Chapter Session.”

I am so pleased to present Brother Paul Garner and the crew.

**Brother Paul Garner:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all. I am Paul Garner, Executive Chairman of 2016-2017 Executive Committee for the “135th A Year of Inspiration Grand Chapter Session” in the Woodlands, Texas. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I know we are about to put our first footprints in the snow as we board our “Snowflake Express” southbound towards the Woodlands but first I would like to say what a great year this has been under your leadership and what a wonderful Grand Chapter you have had this year. It has been a pleasure to work with your Executive Committee and your Arrangements Team as we prepare for our Installation tonight. Your “Ride for the Brand” Session has been both beautiful and a blessing to all the membership and I know we all thank you for the “Ride” and we wish you “Happy Trails”. Sisters and Brothers, there’s a blizzard coming in the Lone Star State and it’s targeted for the Houston area next August. The forecast is for flurries of fun, snowbanks of joy and the storm of Inspiration. You don’t want to miss this once in a lifetime snowstorm in summer. So, All Aboard! The train leaves tonight and it will wind its way through our great state this year. Stopping along the way to Inspire and to be Inspired. As we all know, Sister Sharon has picked the snowflake as her emblem. Her theme is “A Year of Inspiration” and all of her Worthy Matrons are called Inspirations. She asks us all to be inspired to think and act boldly as we are inspired to become everything we have the potential to become. Both in our lives as Eastern Star members, within our individual Chapters as we lead them and at Grand Chapter as she leads us. We have all heard that no two snowflakes are alike. Each snowflake takes the perfect form for the maximum efficiency and effectiveness for its particular journey. Along this journey, some snowflakes collide. Some join together and some are influenced by wind and some by temperature. There are so many transitions and changes that take place along the journey of the snowflake but no matter what the transition, the snowflake always finds itself perfectly shaped for its particular journey. Sisters and Brothers, as I reflect upon the beautiful grand orchestration of God’s purposes in our lives, I find a parallel between the snowflake and us. As we are about to embark on this new Eastern Star year, under the leadership and Inspiration of Sister Sharon and Brother Tom, let us think of what God’s great plan has in store for each of us and know that we are all perfectly formed by Him for our snowflake journey through this year’s journey through Inspiration. Will all the members of District 4 that are not standing, please stand if you are in the audience? (Yells and applause) I would like to introduce the rest of the members of the 2016-2017 Executive Committee:

Sister Yvonne Wunsche, Treasurer  
Sister Melba Jean Hanna, Secretary

And I would also like to introduce Brother Sam Cooper our Arrangements Chairman and

Brother Jim Leftwich, Arrangements, Co-Chairman

We are so excited about next year's Session and we are working hard for you the membership to make it as "Snowy" as possible. We are going to hold our Session at the Woodlands, Waterway Marriott in Town Center in the Woodlands, Texas. The Convention Center and Hotel is all under one roof with free garage parking and air conditioned walkways. Our Grand Chapter Room, the Banquet Room, Vendors and meeting spaces are all accessible right off of the Hotel elevators. For those that want to venture out the amenities include the Woodlands Mall, Market Street and the Woodlands Waterway that are literally right outside the door with shopping and over thirty-five restaurants within walking distance. We also have a trolley and water taxis in the Woodlands area that can take you to Hughes Landing and other locals in Town Center. We look forward to seeing you there. So without further ado, let's get the snow on the road and the train on the tracks. Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron elect, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer and Worthy Grand Patron elect, Brother Tom Murphy and the 2016-2017 Executive Committee, I move that the "135th Year of Inspiration Grand Chapter Session" be held at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott in the Woodlands, Texas on August 17- August 19, 2017.

**WGP Billy Clabaugh:** And I second.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion as expressed, I'm not going to tell it to you again. And a second by the Worthy Grand Patron. All in favor vote with the turquoise cards this year. All opposed, turquoise cards. Motion carried. (One rap)

**Brother Paul Garner:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank y'all. Okay, if y'all will walk fast I'll make my 2:00 goal. If y'all can walk... I started to say walk and talk at the same time but y'all are doing that. If y'all can walk quietly, we have some special presentations that many of you want to hear.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the following Sisters and Brothers in the West.

Sister Janet Kramer  
Sister Gail Fuller  
Sister Vickie Mathews  
Sister Jane Hudson  
Brother Randy Martin  
Sister Jane Clabaugh  
Sister Brenda McDaniel  
Brother Sammy Peach  
Sister Cladette Allen

**GC Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present those as requested.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, please show your appreciation and our appreciation for the dedication of these Sisters and Brothers. (Applause) I'm just going to read one Commission, still shooting for 2:00.



Whereas, the Grand Chapter of 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, confirms by the appointment, reception of the Grand Representative from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapter to the other. Therefore, be known that as evidence of trust and confidence we by these presents, do constitute and appoint.

Janet Kramer	Arizona
Gail Fuller	Australia
Vickie Mathews	Bolivia
Jane Hudson	Mississippi
Randy Martin	Montana
Jane Clabaugh	Oregon
Brenda McDaniel	Sao Paulo – Brazil
Sammy Peach	South Carolina
Cladette Allen	South Dakota

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representatives to the East.

Gail Fuller	Australia
Janet Kramer	Arizona, Boyd will present the pin on Janet.
Vickie Mathews	Bolivia
Jane Hudson	Mississippi
Randy Martin	Montana
Jane Clabaugh	Oregon, Billy will pin hers on her.
Brenda McDaniel	Sao Paulo, Brazil, Sunny Wise to pin
Sammy Peach	South Carolina
Cladette Allen	South Dakota

Sisters and Brothers you will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room or go back to work as the case may be.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Today we have concluded our business and have written yet another chapter in the history of the Texas Grand Chapter and our great Order. Thank you for all the courtesies extended to the office of Worthy Grand Patron and to Jane and me. I hope that I have been able to bring a smile to your faces. I hope that I have not failed you in any way, meeting your expectations of me. I hope that I have been as loving and kind to you the membership as you have been to me. I will never forget this year. Thank you and remember “If every member were just like me, what kind of Chapter would my Chapter be?” Thank you. (Standing ovation and applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Special thanks to the membership of Texas. It is difficult thing to say to the membership of Texas how much you mean to me. You are the very best. You are the reason for our efforts. As I have traveled in Eastern Star as an active member for 54 years and

before I could even vote in Grand Chapter, I have tried to follow the tenants that were taught to me by my parents.

Live each day with courage,  
Take pride in what you do,  
Finish what you start,  
Do what must be done,  
Be tough but fair,  
When you make a promise, keep it,  
Ride for the Brand,  
Talk less, say more,  
Remember some things are not for sale,  
Know where to draw the line.

This membership has been so very good and so very kind to this Worthy Grand Matron. I am so very humbled by this membership. I have tried in my every thought and action to think what is best for the membership. I thank you for all that you are doing for your Chapter, your Section, your District and the state of Texas. I thank you Sisters and Brothers. (Standing ovation and applause)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Let us join in singing our closing ode “Happy Trails” led by our Grand Choir Director.

### *Happy Trails*

Some trails are happy ones, others are blue  
It's the way you ride the trail that counts;  
Here's a happy one for you.  
Happy trails to you, until we meet again.  
Happy trails to you, keep smiling until then.  
Who cares about the clouds when we're together?  
Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.  
Happy trails to you till we meet again.  
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Who cares about the clouds when we're together?  
Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.  
Happy trails to you, till we meet again.

Diane Davidson will bring the benediction for the 134th Session of the Grand Chapter. Diane. (Three raps)

**Diane Davidson:** Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we pause with humble hearts at the close of this “Ride for the Brand 134th Session of Grand Chapter” to acknowledge and give You thanks for all our blessings that we have enjoyed this week and for the blessing of seeing our leaders’ dreams accomplished. Now as we go our separate ways, we pray that You will watch over our new leaders and strengthen them with Your love and power and lead them in the coming year for the betterment of our Star. And Bless this membership as they continue to serve the Star we follow. We give You praise in all things. In Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this “Ride for the Brand – Trails of Change” Session from LABOR to REST and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

**Grand Warder:** (WITH RAPS) Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this “Ride for the Brand – Trails of Change” Grand Chapter from LABOR to REST and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

**Grand Sentinel:** There will be no interruptions.

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. (Three raps)

### (Closing of the Bible)

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** I now call the “Ride for the Brand” 134th Session of this Grand Chapter from LABOR to REST until 5:00 PM tonight at which time we will have our Installation of Officers for 2016-2017. (One rap) Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**Grand Warder:** Brother Grand Sentinel, this Grand Chapter Session is called from LABOR to REST until 5:00 PM. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** To this wonderful membership who have contributed their time and efforts for a successful session, please accept my deepest gratitude. Thank you for staying with us so we could complete our business. We will now have our retiring drill led by our Grand Marshal and Brother Steve DeVillier will have a special presentation. (One rap)

**Brother Steve DeVillier:** Sisters and Brothers,

These officers have served this year with joy and love.  
Seeking their strength and guidance always from our Lord above.  
We are all truly blessed to have each other's trust and loyalty.  
So let us honor always our pledge of fidelity.  
Their badges now will be laid to rest  
with prayerful hope that this year they have each done their best.  
The crossed swords preserve our security,  
while the peaceful dove insures pure harmony.  
We share Electa's cup of hospitality  
and Martha's broken column and her trustful faith of immortality.  
The crown and scepter teaches true loyalty,  
the golden sheaf the lesson of patient constancy.  
The sword and veil for solemn vows obeyed.  
And the organist lyre for all the sweet music played.  
The crossed batons of cheerful courtesy  
and the open Bible, almighty God's word to see.  
The baton of leadership, that is always fair,

the scroll and baton for plans made with care.  
The crossed keys will keep our funds secure,  
and the crossed pens will write the records that will endure.  
The star within the star divine guidance doth show,  
The effulgent sun that makes our principles glow.  
The square and compasses for our most cherished ties  
And the gavel within where careful authority lies.  
One year ago from the altar they received them  
And on the altar now they leave them.

My Sisters and Brothers, may this year's heritage forever reflect that these officers performed their duties with love and respect. (Applause)

**(Closing of the 134th Grand Chapter Session at 1:58 p.m.)**

**135th Installation of Grand Officers 2016-2017  
Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star  
Harvey Convention Center, Tyler, Texas  
Saturday, September 3, 2016  
“A Year of Inspiration”**

**Sister Sharon Mosmeyer – Worthy Grand Matron Elect  
Brother Tom Murphy – Worthy Grand Patron Elect**

**Musical Prelude**

**Mrs. Jackie Stogner**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Big Spring Chapter #67**

**Master of Ceremonies**

**Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler  
Past Grand Matron**

**Mr. Jerry L. Martin  
Past Grand Patron**

**Processional Grand Marshal**

**Mrs. Betty Benham  
Past Grand Matron**

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Sisters and Brothers and Friends, if you will please take your seats at this time. Good evening and welcome to the 135th Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. I am pleased to share the Masters of Ceremonies duties tonight with my Worthy Grand Patron from 2005. It is great to be working together again. On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, and our Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, Brother Tom Murphy, we extend their sincere and heart felt appreciation for your presence tonight. Throughout this evening, we have enjoyed the wonderful piano music provided by Sister Jackie Stogner, Past Matron of Big Spring Chapter No. 67. Sister Jackie, God has blessed you with a wonderful talent, and we appreciate you sharing it with us tonight. Sisters and Brothers, let's show our appreciation to Sister Jackie. (Applause)

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** Our 134th Grand Chapter year has created great clouds of trail dust as the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have been riding fast and hard all over Texas to emblazon the Order of the Eastern Star brand. Processional Marshal, it is my honor and privilege to invite you to present our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. William H. Clabaugh to the East.

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Jerre S. Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother William H. Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Worthy Grand Matron, it is my privilege to present you with your gavel and ask you to call this session to order.

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** Sisters and Brothers, I now call the 134th Session of the Grand Chapter

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of Texas to order. (One rap)

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the following Distinguished Members to their places of honor:

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the General Grand Chapter Elected Officer.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the General Grand Chapter Elected Officers.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Present Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to their places of honor.

**PGM Betty Benham:** Sister Karen, there are no present Worthy Grand Matrons or Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions but there are Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Processional Grand Marshal, you will present Texas' own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to their place of honor.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in their place of honor.

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** Processional Grand Marshal, you will escort the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Texas, and the Grand Lodge Officers Past and Present. The Grand Master will be brought to the East and the other Grand Officers will be seated in a place of honor.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present our State Presiding Officers of other Fraternal Organizations to the East.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Distinguished Guests of other Fraternal Organizations.

**PGM Betty Benham:** This is the family.

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the family. Just for clarification since it was not in my book and couldn't get a good look at them, this is the family of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the family of the Worthy Grand Patron-elect.

**PGM Betty Benham:** We have the Chapter members of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect.

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the members of our Worthy Grand Matron-elects Chapter members at a special place of honor.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the members of the Worthy Grand Patron-elect, his Chapter members to a place of honor.

Thank you Processional Grand Marshal. You did a beautiful job. (Applause)

At this time, we will have the presentation of our Grand Chapter Sweetheart. It is with pleasure that I introduce Mrs. Helen Sanderford, escorted by Mr. Jerl Blalack. (Applause)

We will now have the presentation of our Grand Chapter Mom and Dad. It is with pleasure that I present Mrs. Betty Martin, Grand Chapter Mom and Mr. Jerry L. Martin, Grand Chapter Dad. (Applause)

The 2016-2017 members of the Board of Grand Examiners are:

Mrs. Phyllis Macon, District 1, escorted by Mr. Carrol Macon,  
 Mrs. Susan Dormady, District 2, escorted by Mr. Bill Dormady,  
 Mrs. Donna Noe, District 3, escorted by Mr. Jeff Parry,  
 Mrs. Terri Rozell, District 4, escorted by Mr. Paul Halpin,  
 Mrs. Joan Miller, District 5, escorted by Mr. Terry Miller,  
 Mrs. Shelley Walker, Grand Examiner at-Large, escorted by Mr. James Walker.

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** We will now have the members of the Board of Directors are:

Mr. Ray Hargis, District 1, escorted by Mrs. Linda Hargis,  
 Mr. James Parker, District 1, escorted by Mrs. Xanthe (Santee) Parker,  
 Mrs. Audri Rowell, District 2, escorted by Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt,  
 Mrs. Deborah Land, District 2, escorted by Mr. Don Austin,  
 Mrs. Jean Hobbs, District 3, escorted by Mr. Bruce Hobbs,  
 Mrs. Barbara Martin, District 3, escorted by Mr. Doyle Martin,  
 Mrs. Debi Fincher, District 4, escorted by Mr. Mike Fincher,  
 Mr. Robert Royall, Jr., District 4, escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Royall,  
 Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild, District 5, escorted by Mr. William "Bill" Crews,  
 Mrs. Phyllis Wilson, District 5, escorted by Garvid Wilson.

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** It is my pleasure to present the 2016-2017 Grand Officers:

Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Betty Fogarty, escorted by Mr. Derrell Fogarty,  
 Grand Sentinel, Mr. Dallas Alford, escorted by Mrs. Sandy Alford  
 Grand Warder, Mr. Don Lawrence, escorted by Mrs. Kenlyn Lawrence,  
 Grand Electa, Mrs. Monette Littlepage, escorted by Mr. Terry Littlepage,  
 Grand Martha, Mrs. Susie Rodgers, escorted by Mr. Allen Rodgers,  
 Grand Esther, Mrs. Glenda Murphy, escorted by Mr. Scott Sory,  
 Grand Ruth, Mrs. Mary Bond, escorted by Mr. Bradley Grimmitt  
 Grand Adah, Mrs. Kathy Paschal, escorted by Mr. Joe Paschal,

**MC Jerry L. Martin:**

Grand Organist, Mrs. Susan Smith, escorted by Mr. Daniel Caldwell,  
 Grand Marshal, Mrs. Glenda Klemm, escorted by Mr. William "Bill" Klemm,

Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Laura Geyer, escorted by Mr. Jeff Geyer,  
 Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Linda Winn Christenson escorted by  
 Mr. Vic Christenson  
 Grand Conductress, Mrs. Carolyn Martin, escorted by Mr. Henry Martin,  
 Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Lorrie Owens, escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens,  
 Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Escorted by Mr. David Dibrell  
 Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Richard "Rick" Skidd, escorted by Mrs. Doris Davis.

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:**

Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Melissa Hudman, escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman,

**MC Jerry L. Martin:**

Worthy Grand Patron-elect, Mr. Thomas R. Murphy, escorted by Mrs. Nancy Reynolds,

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:**

Worthy Grand Matron-elect, Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, escorted by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer.

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** It is with pleasure that I introduce Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron of Texas, for the presentation of our Star Point Emblems.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers and Friends all. Five Distinguished heroines play an important role in the Order of the Eastern Star. Where they represent the virtues incorporated by the teachings of our Order. Taking part in these presentations are five wonderful and loving Past Grand Matrons, escorted by five distinguished Past Grand Patrons who served with our loving ladies during their year as Worthy Grand Matron. They were a team. They represent the five Districts of Texas. And I am pleased to present those who will be assisting me in the Emblem presentation. Adah, Sister Joyce Gilbert, Necrology Committee of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Brother Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Ruth, Sister Bess Caldwell, Eastern Star Journal of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by William "Bill" Wyatt, Jr., Past Grand Patron of Texas and Esther, Sister Jayne Yenger, Ambassador to Germany of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Brother Trey Smith, ESTARL Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Martha, Sister Mary Ruth White, Regenerative Medicine Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Brother K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., First Responder Committee, Chairman, of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Electa, Sister Doris Hester, a Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Brother Jack Guy, Service Dog Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Assisting Grand Marshal, Sister Betty Benham, would you please assume your places under the direction of those assisting to their assigned stations.

The Altar is the center of our labyrinth resting upon the word of God. To us the light in the direction of our eternal journey through life as individuals and as part of Grand Chapter. God our heavenly Father, creator of all things has placed the pages of our Bible many remarkable women. From those pages, Dr. Morris, our founder, has founded and drawn five who were



reverent and we refer to as the Heroines of our Order. They were chosen to represent special virtues which Dr. Morris felt would direct the members to a fuller more beautiful life. He attached to each Star Point a color, a flower and an emblem. An emblem which individualizes what a country or an Organization stands for. Within our Chapter an emblem can be many things and made of many different materials; wood, glass, stone, metals of gold or silver or even a tiny snowflake can be symbolic. Reminding us of our beautiful Order and the word of God. Dr. Morris used symbols to uplift and enrich the lessons portrayed by each of the Heroines of our Order. All of our ceremonies are woven around the Bible creating the beautiful lessons of the Star Points.

The first point of our Star is Adah and its beautiful color is heavenly blue and it represents the daughter. Adah was known as fidelity, loyalty and teaches us to be faithful to the convictions of right and duty. The emblem is the sword and veil united, symbolizing her willingness to give her life so that her father could fulfill his promise made to God. The emblem is now being placed by Joyce, escorted by Brother Jerry.

Ruth is the second point of our Star and represents the widow. The Star Point is taken from the second Chapter of Ruth. One of the most beautiful stories ever written. Her color is yellow and she is known for her constancy. She left her home and her friends to follow Naomi in poverty to a land of strangers. There to provide for herself and her mother-in-law as a gleaner in the fields. The emblem is the sheaf of golden grain. The emblem is now being placed by Sister Bess, escorted by Brother Bill.

The third point of our Star is white for the heroic Esther. Esther represents the wife. The white ray sends out a light of purity, joy and to all ways guided by unselfish love for the lives of others. The crown and scepter united together symbolizes the elegance and splendor of the reigning queen who was compelled to offer her life to save her people from death. The emblem is being placed by Sister Jayne, escorted by Brother Trey.

The green ray of our Star is Martha and represents the Sister. The emblem is the broken column a symbol of outstanding power of faith in eternal life. As an expression of an emblem of trustful faith that is greater than knowledge. We receive the words "Whosoever believeth in me shall never die". The deepest sorrow is relieved by a trustful faith in God. The emblem is being placed by Sister Mary Ruth, escorted by Brother Art.

The fifth point of our Star is Electa and glows as red as a rose. The red ray represents the mother a reflection of love. The cup is an emblem of hospitality, generosity and charity. Red is the color of fervency a symbol of devoted truth which characterizes the love of God's children. Electa shows love through her many acts of kindness and her practice of the love of God. The greatest commandment that we "Love one another". The emblem is placed by Sister Doris, escorted by Brother Jack.

As we think upon the virtues of these Heroines, let us recall that they all have one thing in common. Unselfish love. Adah was motivated by the love of her father. Ruth by the love of her mother-in-law. Esther by the love of her kindred and friends. Martha by the love of Jesus and her brother. Electa by the love of God and her fellow man. So let us be inspired by the Heroines. Follow in their pathways of unselfish love, loyalty, hospitality and service to all.

Sister Assisting Grand Marshal, you will direct the retirement of these wonderful Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons at this time.

Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, thank you for the honor and the privilege that you have given to each of us by participating in your special night and your wonderful life. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** The Holy Bible is the source for all the lessons taught by the Heroines of our Order, and the name of the Order is also derived from a verse found therein. The Bible used tonight is a very special gift, given to the Worthy Grand Matron by her husband Gary Mosmeyer, to commemorate her year as Worthy Grand Matron. The Bible Marker and Bible Cover were made by Mrs. Yvonne Smith, Past Matron of Zapata Chapter No. 1106. The Altar cloth and kneeling bench were made by Mrs. Rita Lytle and her Daughter, Mrs. Martha Lytle Bettis, both are Past Matrons of Spring Chapter No. 1105. The Bible and Bible Cover and Marker are being presented tonight by Ms. Taylor Ward, Miss Reagan Finley, and Miss Mikayla Ward, grand-daughters and with the help of Missy Harley Faith Schmidt, Great Granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect.

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** We are grateful that the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, has since the inception of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, allowed the Square and Compasses to be placed upon the Bibles in every Chapter in Texas. The Square and Compasses being used tonight rested upon the Bible during the 2005 Session when I was Worthy Grand Patron and our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect was our Grand Marshal. And when I was installed as Grand Master of Masons in Texas, they rested upon the George Washington Inaugural Bible. The George Washington Inaugural Bible is the one on which he took his oath of office as the first President of the United States. The Square and Compasses are being presented tonight by Mr. Justin Rogers and Mr. Will Finley, Grandsons of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect.

**Karen Morgenthaler:** It is now my pleasure to introduce Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron of Texas, who will be the narrator for our flag presentation.

**PGP Ray Hertenberger:** Throughout history, flags have been used to show allegiance to a country or a cause. Battles have been fought as people have passionately protected the standards of their nation. We will now have the presentation of the flags. (Three raps) Join with me as we salute the flag of our country as the United States Flag is presented. The flag of the United States of America, the Star Spangled Banner, our flag. The symbol of freedom around the world. The flag that stands for liberty wherever it may wave. Born in conflict, she inspires a great nation. Our red, white and blue is still giving inspiration to a great nation with her 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 Stars and Stripes of our country's flag is Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron of Texas. (One rap)

The Canadian flag from our 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. Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

No other state has such a heritage of sacrifice for freedom as Texas. Having served also as 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 states flag is Mr. Gene Carnes, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

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 faith and keeps us ever mindful of our Father's love for us and our love for him. Our Christian flag is presented by Mr. Bill Crews, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

An emblematic Star on a background of white reminds us of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love that should adorn the lives of all members of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Eastern Star flag is presented by Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr., General Grand Chapter Committee, Support Our First Responders, Chairman and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The Masonic flag honors our Masonic Brothers as a foundation of our Fraternal family. Our Masonic flag will be presented by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer, Past Patron of Cypress Chapter #1102 and Waller Chapter #1047.

**(Great grand-daughter calls out for Grandpa Gary. Laughter)**

**PGP Ray Hertenberger:** Sisters and Brothers join with me as we Pledge Allegiance to flag of our Country after which we will sing our National Anthem. (Three raps)

**Pledge of Allegiance  
"Star Spangled Banner"**

Please remain standing as we will sing "O'Canada".

**"O'Canada"**

Sisters and Brothers, let us pledge allegiance to the Flag of our State.

**Pledge Allegiance to the Texas Flag  
(One rap)**

**WGM Jerre Lucas:** (Three raps) Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

**(Grand Conductress attends at the Altar)**

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Sisters, Brothers and Friends, please remain standing. Our invocation will be offered by Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**PGP Buddy Baker:** Let us join hands and go to the Lord with me. Our gracious heavenly Father, thank you for this glorious day, for the opportunity to live in a land where we might freely assemble as Sisters and Brothers and friends to celebrate this fraternity. Grant a special

portion of thy grace upon this assembly. We ask your loving care be upon our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect and their official family. Endue them with strength, wisdom, and beauty. Protect them in their travels and guide their footsteps in ways of pleasantness and paths of peace. May all their labors be pleasing in Thy sight. These things we ask in Thy holy name. Amen (Amen)

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** (One rap) We will now have the welcome and greetings from Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Past Grands of Texas.

**PMWGM Rennie Ofton:** Will the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to stand with me. Sister Sharon Mosmeyer and Brother Tom Murphy, you have given the Past Grand Matrons a special honor to bring a message to this wonderful membership. Each of us who stands before you tried to the best of our ability to keep our order strong but we know, without a doubt, you, the membership, with your loyalty to each of us and earnest desire to serve for the good of our Order and in turn, our Grand Chapter of Texas contributed greatly to any of the successes we might have accomplished. We thank each member – old and young – who is here tonight for the love and support to us in the past. To you, Sharon and Tom, we further encourage this same membership to help you accomplish the dreams for your special year. Under your leadership, we know they will! We Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons pledge our love and support in the same manner and wish both of you a blessed and wonderful trip throughout the 2016-2017 adventure as you serve our Order. May God bless us all as we transfer the strength of our Order to our service to mankind. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Thank you Sister Rennie. The Worthy Grand Matron-Elect has the freedom to choose the Installing Grand Officers for her installation, and she has selected the following: Installing Grand Officer, Mrs. Vi Griffin, Past Grand Matron, Assisting Installing Grand Officer, Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Jurisprudence, Chairman of General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Patron. Installing Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Past Grand Matron, Installing Grand Organist, Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry, Past Grand Matron, Installing Grand Secretary Pro-Tem, Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron. Will the Installing Officers please assume their places? Everyone we are going to have a short recess while we prepare for the Installation.

### **135TH INSTALLATION OF 2016—2017 GRAND OFFICERS**

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished members, each one of you, family and Friends, it is such an honor to stand in this place tonight and to be a part of this exciting, once in a lifetime, never to be seen again, 135th Installation of Grand Officers. Each installation, though in the book it's exactly the same as it was the year before, and the year before, and the year before, it is different each year as each Worthy Grand Matron-Elect adds her own unique style to the installation ceremony. Sister Sharon and Brother Tom have assembled an outstanding group to assist in this ceremony this evening. They have been previously introduced and I present them to you again. Assisting Installing Grand Officer, Brother H. Lee Stallings, Installing Grand Chaplain, Sister Betty Friend, Installing Grand Marshal, Sister Cheryl

Albrecht, Installing Grand Organist, Sister Rosemary S. Berry and Installing Grand Secretary Pro-Tem, Sister Nancy Brown. Installing Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers to be installed into the Grand Chapter room

**(Installation of Grand Officers)**

**(Installing Grand Marshal proclaims the new Officers Installed)**

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible. (Three raps)

**(Grand Conductress closes the Bible)**

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** (One rap) The arch of chairs in the West will be removed at this time. We will now have a musical presentation of one of the Worthy Grand Matron's favorite songs by Mrs. Lesa Smith, PM of Handley Chapter No. 617. The Worthy Grand Matron dedicates this song to the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas. Sister Lesa.

**Lesa Smith sings "Wind Beneath My Wings"**

(Applause)

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Thank you Sister Lesa, what a wonderful voice you have. Sisters and Brothers, Texas is always proud of their Past Grands who serve the General Grand Chapter, and tonight we are especially honored to have with us one who is serving in the elected officers line, Mr. Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter. Brother Henry, would you please bring greetings?

**RWAGP Henry Martin:** Thank you Sister Karen. It is certainly an honor tonight to be asked to bring greetings from General Grand Chapter. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron has asked me to express to Sister Sharon and to Brother Tom, her very best wishes for a most successful and enjoyable year as you lead the Grand Chapter of Texas. You know an Installation is always a special time in the life of any Grand Chapter because it's the beginning of a new year. With new expectations and the promise of great accomplishments. And I know that's what our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have in mind for Texas. We have to admit that our Order today has some challenges with the declining membership. But I would also suggest to you tonight that these challenges not be seen as obstacles but rather as opportunities that are not insurmountable but can be dealt with effectively with good leadership and planning. I know the capabilities of our leaders this year and I'm confident that they are the type that will address these challenges directly and head on. In our ritual, we encourage our new members by saying the work of our Order is worthy of our earnest labors. We often forget that this admonition applies not only to those new members but to all of us. I know that this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will be exerting their earnest labors during this upcoming year of service and that is what this Order that we all love, needs. Worthy Grand Matron Sister Sharon and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom, you know those titles sound pretty good. I know this membership will make this an unforgettable and enjoyable year for both of you. And I want to wish for you the most productive year possible. If there is anything that I can do for you just know that I'm only a phone call away. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** Thank you Brother Henry. The Grand Lodge of Texas grants the right for us to operate in the State of Texas, and has given us the special privilege of using their emblem, the square and compasses, upon the Holy Bible in every Chapter in Texas. When I was Grand Master, I had a Grand Senior Warden that worked real hard and I hope he's not going to hold it against me tonight. So it is my great honor and privilege to present to you, my friend, my Brother, my Grand Master; Most Worshipful Wendell P. Miller, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Most Worshipful Sir, would you please bring us greetings.

**MW Wendell Miller:** Thank you very much of having the privilege of appearing before you. And Brother Martin is probably some of the reason I'm here. So he gets part of the credit or blame, whichever happens. I congratulate you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. We all have challenges and obstacles that come to us but you know Henry Ford was quite an innovative guy and when he was presented with a challenge, whether you think you can or you can't, you're right. And that kind of fits where we are today. And I thought I would bring some of the Brothers up to speed a little bit. And Lincoln was a pretty good guy. He did some things, he said "you know a good talk should have an attention getting beginning and a dynamic closing and keep them as close together as possible". So we'll try to do that. But I had heard a story about this man and woman that had been married and some of you that are in here have been married for fifty – fifty-five years or so, but they had fought like cats and dogs all their lives. So, Brothers this is to you. They hadn't really gotten along at all but she made a deal some years ago and she stuck to it. Well, lo and behold, one day she died before he did. She got to the pearly gates and she was talking to St. Peter and said "What do I need to do to come in?". He said "You need to spell a word for me". She said "I'll do the best I can." He said "Spell love". She said "L O V E". He said "Well, come on in". She had been there for a while and it was so peaceful and nice to just get away from the festivities of life that she was enjoying herself immensely. A few months had gone by and she thought she'd go back up and see how St. Peter was doing. Well, she walked back up and she was visiting with him and he said "Would you do something for me?" She said "Well, if I can". He said "Would you watch the gate? I have a couple of errands I need to run." She said "I will but what do I do?" He said "Just the same thing we did with you". She said "Okay, I'll do my best". Lo and behold she hadn't been there thirty minutes until her husband showed up and she thought 'oh my'. He said "You know Honey, I've just missed you so much and everything. I just couldn't stand to be without you so I just gave up and died." And he said "What do I need to do to come into heaven?" She said "Well, you need to spell a word for me." He said "Okay, I'll try. What's the word?" She said "Czechoslovakia". (Laughter) Be afraid Brothers. But we do have challenges, challenges are only an opportunity that are given to you. If you face that challenge head on, we all look at membership and I would submit to you that we could improve our membership but we certainly do not need to lower our standards at all. We don't have to do that. (Applause) One of the worst words in the English language is "change". And sometimes we get rooted in what we've done for so long that we overlook where we are going. So we need to look at what we're doing and if something's not working, quit. Do something else. Try something different. I don't know if most of you Sisters have been made aware of it or not but we're doing an Open House this year on October 23 and you're invited. I don't know if the Lodges have told you that but you are. It's in the Proclamation I wrote. And we want all the Appendant Bodies to be there and be prepared to say something about your Organization, what you do and what you stand for. You need to set goals and objectives. Because if you don't have them, you'll never know when you get there. That sounds like a management thing,

I know, but it's a necessary thing if you are going to see any Organization grow and prosper. You have a product like none other especially to the young women to teach them moral lessons and certainly we need that today. We have an opportunity to show what we do. There's no real secrets even in Masonry. The biggest secret we have is that there's not any. (Laughter) Not with the internet. But we live with in a little bit different world than we did a few years ago. I can look out here and see a few that you used Big Chief tables and pencils. You didn't have a calculator. Oh, course I said back in the sixties that we mowed the grass instead of smoking it. (Laughter) I'm not sure where we are today. But are we really as committed to our Organizations as the ones that went before us? I'm not sure that we are. I was in McAllen doing a hundred-year anniversary. I asked them "Do you know what your dues were in 1916?" The secretary said "Yes, I do". They were \$4.00. That seems like a Starbucks coffee today, maybe a cheap one. But \$4.00 in 1916 was a lot of money. The average guy that had a pretty good job made \$400.00 a year. Do we commit two to three day's salary to support our Lodges today? Probably not. And I would submit to you, I was glad to see you looking at raising some of your fees, because we can't live on grandpa's money anymore. We just can't do it. I see Lodges and they come up and charge a small amount of dues and wonder why they're broke and can't pay their electric bill. We need to adapt ourselves to the environment that we are in. We can do that. But it's going to take the work of all of us. And in closing I'll say, you know really it's not the journey that we take, whether we're going somewhere or whatever we are doing. We don't need to worry too much about the journey. What we need to be concerned about is the destination. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Our Masonic Youth are a vital part of growing our Order, and the Masonic Order. We are pleased to have the two recognized Masonic youth organizations in Texas with us tonight. It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Lawrence "Larry" Tucker, State Dad of Texas DeMolay; who is representing Mr. Michael L. Sampson, Executive Officer of Texas. Brother Larry, would you bring greetings and introduce the State Master Councilor.

**Mr. Larry Tucker:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my privilege to represent Mr. Michael L. Sampson, our Executive Officer. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we congratulate you on your Installation and offer you our Best Wishes for a great year of service to our Grand Chapter. It is now my privilege to present Brother Christopher James Little, State Master Councilor to bring greetings on behalf of Texas DeMolay. Brother Chris.

**Mr. Christopher Little:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Past Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Grand Officers Past and Present, Distinguished East, Members and Visitors. I would like to thank the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star for having us. I am here representing the Texas DeMolay Association and with me, you've already met, our Texas State Dad Larry Tucker and our State Senior Councilor, Cole Spicer. Congratulations to the newly installed Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mosmeyer and Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Murphy. I hope everything that you two planned comes to fruition. After seeing the Installation service, I have no doubt that your Order is in great hands. The Texas DeMolay Association just had our Conclave about a month ago where I was elected to serve as State Master Councilor and I've been in DeMolay for about seven years and every DeMolay that I have known, or just about every DeMolay, has become a member of the Masonic Body. Whether it be Blue Lodge and OES or all the way up to Scottish and York Rite. However, while DeMolay helps shape the young minds of the men today, to help them become

the leaders of tomorrow, over the past ninety-seven years, we couldn't have gotten here without the care and support that all of you have given to us. Some of you are advisors. Many of you are mentors. And every single person in this room is the image of the Order of Eastern Star to every young man in the twenty-five Chapters across the great state of Texas. You have helped us at every turn and if ever you need any assistance we are there for our Masonic Family. Just as you have been there for us. Once again, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you and God bless you. (Applause)

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** Thank you Larry and Christopher for your greetings. And Christopher, let's have a good hand for him. That guy is really good. (Applause) The other Masonic Youth Organization is the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. When these girls take to the floor they brighten our hearts, and bring a smile to our face. To bring greetings at this time is Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and Member of the House of Gold.

**Mrs. Marlene Dibrell:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my very Distinguished Grand East, my wonderful Sisters and Brothers.

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I bring Greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. It is easy to feel the *inspiration* in this room as members of Eastern Star are introduced to new and exciting programs planned for the membership this upcoming Grand Chapter year. We have spent hours watching the Olympics during the past weeks. We have watched athletes who have taken their dreams, worked hard for years as they have practiced to achieve their Olympic vision. They have studied and learned and they've grown to utter perfection in their particular field of athletics. They strived for the best, they have gone for the gold and they have not settled for less. Their dedication has inspired each of us. Each time that I have observed the five Olympic rings, my mind has been taken to the symbolism of the Order of the Eastern Star and the five lessons of the heroines of our Order and how these lessons give a richer meaning and purpose to our lives. I realize the influence of our Eastern Star membership on our Rainbow Organization and how you, as members have supported our girls with you love, your presence, your monetary help, of course, and your selfless service to our Order. Thank you for your sincere dedication, the inspiration of your influence, and the positive impact that this brings to the lives our young ladies. Thank you, Eastern Star, for setting a gold standard for others to follow.

In Rainbow - we ***Dream, Believe, Inspire, Learn, and Grow*** – and the key word here is ***INSPIRE!***

Walt Disney said that *“you can dream, create, design, and build the most wonderful place in the world, but it requires people to make the dream a reality.”*

Thank you for being mentors to our girls, for helping our girls and our Assemblies dream, believe, learn and grow. It is because of your interest in our youth that they are able to dream, and then achieve a reality that is more than they ever dreamed of. Our girls are blessed to be part of this Fraternal Family. Our girls upon attaining their 18th birthday aspire to the next step, and that is becoming members of Eastern Star. So thank each of you, sincerely, for your mentorship, the inspiration that you are to our young ladies and the influence and impact that you have on their lives.



Worthy Grand Matron, as a former Mother Advisor, and Worthy Grand Patron, as you stand together in support of Rainbow, thank you for your personal interest. With the power of love that you exhibit in your lives, our girls are positioned to jump farther and go faster, set their dreams to greater heights believe and grow and learn, always striving to be the best they can be, and then... learning that their best can become even better. Going for the gold!

*There is a ripple effect in all that we do.  
What you do touches me and what I do touches you.*

May we each continue to touch each other with the influence and impact of our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star as we each strive to be the best we can be and share in service and love to all we meet. And to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we wish for you a stellar Grand Chapter year, a year that is filled with safe travels and loving memories that will last a lifetime. We eagerly and excitedly anticipate the new year and are confident that your service will be a genuine inspiration to our membership. Thank you for this privilege. (Applause)

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** And now to bring greetings and introduce the Worthy Grand Advisor, and other Rainbow girls present tonight is Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

**Mrs. Jo Ann Weaver:** Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, our Distinguished East and my Sisters and Brothers. It is with pleasure that I bring greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and all the Assemblies in Texas Rainbow. Thank you for the privilege that you have extended to me to participate in this beautiful Installation. We are honored to be part of this special celebration. Texas Rainbow would like to thank you for being our sponsoring bodies. For supporting our young ladies with your friendship, your dedication, your commitment and your service. Thank you for being a part of our youth movement and true and faithful friends of Rainbow. Together we help our young ladies understand the values of the lessons within our Fraternal Organizations. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are looking forward to helping you in any way possible as we know you will continue to support Texas Rainbow for this 2016-2017 Grand Chapter year. We do hope to be a part of your many accomplishments. We extend our invitation to you to the 2017 Grand Assembly Session in Waco as we look forward to honoring you at that time. Now, with great joy and much excitement, I invite the Rainbow Girls of Texas to enter this Grand Chapter room. (Applause)

Sister Drill Leader, you will conduct the Grand Worthy Advisor, Ms. Becky Simon to the Altar. (Applause)

Sister Drill Leader, you will conduct the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer and the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Tom Murphy to the Altar.

**[Bible Presentation by the Grand Worthy Advisor, Ms. Becky Simon]**  
(Applause)

**(Singing of the Rainbow Song “My Rainbow”)** (Applause)

**Mrs. JoAnn Weaver:** Sister Drill Leader, please conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East. Thank you Rainbow Girls for coming from all over this wonderful state. For your beautiful presentation this evening. You are incredible young ladies and remember that you each have a very special place in my heart. You are now dismissed. (Applause)

**(Rainbow Girls retiring Drill)**

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** Let's have one more round of applause for those beautiful Rainbow Girls. (Applause) What you just witnessed from these young ladies and what you witnessed with Christopher, is a prime example of what these Organizations can do for our youth. And they are to be commended. You know Sister Karen, we've been at these podiums for a long time tonight and I am remembering the long Saturday session of our year, when about two o'clock in the afternoon and we hadn't eaten since 6:30 in the morning, you said "Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside", then left the stage. Well, I ran those Board of Directors Reports and I ran some Grand Examiner Reports. Twenty minutes, twenty-five minutes, I'm thinking my goodness, nature calls, huh? (Laughter) Finally after about forty minutes you came back. I tendered you the gavel I walked over to your podium and I whispered in your ear, "Where have you been?" She said "I was hungry and I just ate two hot dogs backstage." I said, "Did you bring me one?" and you replied, "Get back to your podium". You're not going to do that to me tonight, are you? (Laughter)

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Just ignore him please, I always did. Sisters and Brothers, the Installation of Officers is over and we have a new Worthy Grand Matron and a new Past Grand Matron, so I believe a change of jewels is in order. The Worthy Grand Matrons traveling jewel is being presented by Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Past Grand Matron.

**PGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Sister Karen, Worthy Grand Matron. The Grand Chapter of Texas owns two beautiful Worthy Grand Matron jewels. The Board of Directors graciously voted to allow me to have both. One old, which the very first Worthy Grand Matron of Texas wore. Another, the new one, was purchased in the 1930's. I am pleased to present both these jewels to you. The shiny new one I pin on you and present the one from the 1800's. It is yours also. I wish for you a very, very happy year. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** Presenting the Worthy Grand Patron's traveling jewel will be Mr. William "Billy" Clabaugh, Past Grand Patron.

**PGP Billy Clabaugh:** Brother Tom, I don't have two jewels to give you. (Laughter) As a matter of fact this one just says "Grand Patron". It doesn't even say Worthy yet. But I would like to present this to you and I hope that you wear it and have as much pleasure as I did. (Applause)

**WGP Tom Murphy:** Thank you Brother Billy and I hope to wear this badge with as much dignity and honor as you did and serve this Grand Order of ours. (Applause)

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Sister Jerre, would you stand by me at the podium for just a short while please? Would Mr. Joe Frazier and Mrs. Diana Frazier Payer please come to the podium and make the presentation of the Past Grand Matron's jewel.

**Mrs. Diana Frazier Payer:** Our Grandfather, Mr. Joe Brooks Speers, who many of you knew, was a 32nd Degree Master Mason. He worked tirelessly in his service to the Masonic Order and its family Organizations. Our mother has followed his example. I have no doubt he has been watching over this 134th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas with great joy. In the last fifty-four years my mother has been a member of this great Organization. She has given countless hours of service to this Organization and its members. To serve as Worthy Grand Matron to the Order of the Eastern Star is an incredible honor. It is also an incredible commitment and sacrifice. Here's a brief summary, Mom, of your year. In the last twelve months, 65,000 miles traveled, 40 cities, 38 Schools, 7,500 members attending those schools, 1,875 members attending this Grand Chapter. (Applause) And most importantly 500 new members initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star. (Applause) Mom, you have made your parents, your husband, your Brother and Sisters, your children and your grand-children very, very proud. It is with love that we present to you this Past Grand Matron pin. It has a wonderful history to it. May you wear it with pride.

**Mr. Joe Frazier:** So she kind of knew about that and she knows me, I like to surprise her with a little something. So, I'd like to start out by thanking everyone in this room for being a part of my Mom's Eastern Star family. She's always been about family. We grew up in that Masonic Home that she talks about, you know we rarely had a holiday dinner without 30, 40, 50 people. We had strong family. And so in commemoration of the Eastern Star family, her year in service and the support of her family, we commissioned a special ring for her. I can tell you I've seen every possible form of horseshoe in the past year that I care to see. (Laughter) But we did commission one final ring and it is her horseshoe with an Eastern Star on top and around each of the stars are the birthstones of her five siblings. Her Sisters, her Brother, we all commissioned this. My birthstone and Diana's are on the side. (Applause)

**PGM Jerre Lucas:** Worthy Grand Matron, I do so appreciate your allowing my children, Joe Frazier and Diana Frazier Payer to present this fabulous Past Grand Matron pin. As my favorite daughter said, this pin has much history. The center of this Past Grand Matron jewel originated with Mrs. Lucille Dufner. A Past Grand Matron from District 5. Mrs. Dufner bequeathed it to Ms. Frances Key Herrin who was my own Worthy Grand Matron who served in 1970-1971, also District 5. Frances Herrin died from complications from Alzheimer's. Frances and Fredrick Herrin added some embellishments to this jewel. Then in the spring of 2015 just before I had to have the picture made for my music, Frances Herrin's daughter, Mrs. Robbie Routh Serpico, presented this to me from she and her mother. My children added a few more jewels to make it my own. These two fine people are the parents of the most beautiful, smartest, greatest grandchildren on earth. I am pleased to welcome two of my Sisters, also, who are with us this evening. I thank my entire family for the loving support they have shown through the years. As parents, we can do a lot of things but I can tell you, you cannot fake good children. I thank you for this beautiful horseshoe ring, a surprise, it couldn't be more beautiful or more meaningful. Thank you sweet ones. You know how much I love you and we'll spend a little bit more time together. Thank you Sisters and Brothers and thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** Mrs. Jane Clabaugh, would you please come to the podium and make the presentation of the Past Grand Patron's jewel.

**Mrs. Jane Clabaugh:** Billy, you know we would have loved to have the whole family here but

there's a whole bunch of them and they couldn't come. Now quit looking at it. (Laughter) I have those that are here with me today, two of our very, very special friends. We want to tell you how proud we are of you. And even though the boys are not here, they've text "Tell Daddy we love him". We'd like to present you this Past Grand Patron's pin and you know what's the best thing about this? It's Past. (Laughter) We love you more than you'll ever know and we're proud.

**PGP Billy Clabaugh:** Thank you. Thank you.

**Mrs. Jane Clabaugh:** I forgot to say something. (Laughter) Honey, this is where the cowboy rides away! (Laughter and applause)

**PGP Billy Clabaugh:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for this opportunity to have my family up here and to receive this. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Every Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron puts their own special touch on their Grand Chapter year, and tonight the Past Grands will reveal some of those very special touches. Presenting the dedication of the Worthy Grand Matron's year will be Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, By-Laws, Chairman of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**PGM Alma Lynn Bane: Worthy Grand Matron's Dedication of the Year.**

And she states to us: I am honored and so very privileged to dedicate this year to:

**My husband and family:** Without you I am but a mere pebble in the sand. You have lifted me up and molded me. Thank you for understanding the time I have spent away from you. I love and appreciate you more than I can say here. You already know!

**The Members of Cypress Chapter #1102:** Look what changes have happened in a mere 31+ years I have been a member there. I remember the scared candidate, and most of you do, too. Thank you for the love, support, encouragement and all the "work" you have done for me to attain this place of service. I love each one of you.

**Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas:** You have my undying respect for eternity. You each have helped me in so many ways, this paper is too small to list. I want you to know I appreciate each one of you and now understand the dedication you have given. I hope I will measure up, my best I give!

**The Membership of Eastern Star:** Each of you have helped to place me in this place of service and I am humbled and honored to represent you. I am looking forward to all of us working together in the 2016-2017 year to make OES in Texas stronger, more visible and certainly more benevolent in our good deeds. YOU "Inspire" me! (Applause)

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Our Worthy Grand Matron has given her Worthy Matrons the title of "Inspirations". Bringing the message to her "Inspirations" will be Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron.

**PGM Naomi Wolfe:** How honored I am to give the Inspirations from our Worthy Grand Matron.

### MESSAGE TO THE INSPIRATIONS

I dreamed a wondrous dream one day,  
 Of friends so fine and true,  
 Who'd walked with me 'mid sunny skies  
 And skies no longer blue.  
 Friends who'd fill my life with light  
 And joys so rich and fine;  
 Who'd fill me with happiness divine  
 As I clasped their hands in mine.  
 Who'd all my faults would know,  
 Yet be my friends and stay;  
 With whom I'd roam and talk and plan  
 Along life's winding way.  
 I dreamed this wondrous dream, you see,  
 With ne'er a thought it might come true;  
 But God looked down and smiled on me  
 And I found those friends in you.

I hope you will be "Inspired" in this year of service, and look to the membership, especially in your Chapters, and remember the gift that has been given to you. The friendships and loving memories that you will make this year, as you serve as Worthy Matrons, will last throughout your lifetime and be an "Inspiration" to you.

As we work together this year to "Inspire" the membership, I would like you to remember that I am thinking of you and that my prayer for you is that the poem above will also become part of your life as you are surrounded by Eastern Star friendships.

Much love and Star Love, Sharon Mosmeyer, your Worthy Grand Matron.

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** The dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron's year will be presented by Mr. David B. Dibrell, Youth Committee of General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Patron.

**PGP David Dibrell:** The Worthy Grand Patron wishes to dedicate this year of service to:

First of all, to the Membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas You have continually shown your love for our Great Order. All of you are our "Inspiration". You "Inspire" us to want to serve you the best we can.

Next he dedicates this year of service to the Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons – Thank you for your words of encouragement. You have walked this way before and I look to you for continued support and guidance.

He wishes to dedicate this year of service to the membership of his Parent Chapter, Crockett # 509 and my Plural Chapter, Palestine #395. Thank you all for your support, prayers, and love.

To his Loving Wife Glenda – Her constant Love, Support, and Encouragement provide a Great Light in my Life.

Finally, he dedicates this year of service to his Family, who he hopes they know that he Loves them, thanks them for all your support.

Thomas R. (Tom) Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron (Applause)

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** The Worthy Grand Patron has selected the title of “Conductors” for the Worthy Patrons of the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter year. The Worthy Grand Patron’s message to the “Conductors” will be presented by Mr. Tommy Griffin.

**Mr. Tommy Griffin:** (From the Worthy Grand Patron) It is an honor to have been selected by Sister Sharon Mosmeyer and to work with her this past year. I pledge my unconditional support to her as we fill these stations of honor. As we being this new year of Eastern Star, I ask for each member to work with us as we offer our best to the Subordinate Chapters, the Grand Chapter, and the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. I look forward with great anticipation to riding the Eastern Star Train through this year’s Snowstorm as we visit and serve the membership across this great state.

Thomas R. “Tom” Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron.

Tom I’m proud to be one of your Conductors, but I gotta tell you that all the Masons in Texas are proud of you and the honor that has been bestowed upon you tonight. We love you Brother.

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Presenting the Worthy Grand Matron’s Colors, Flowers, and Emblems is Mr. William “Bill” Wyatt, Past Grand Patron.

**PGP Bill Wyatt:** What an honor this is.

The **THEME** this year is  
Inspiring others, “A Year of Inspiration”

**AIM:**

I hope that Eastern Star in Texas will be “inspired” to be a stronger organization and that together we will accomplish great things.

**EMBLEM:** Snowflake

No two snowflakes are the same, and individually they are one of Nature’s most fragile things, but when they stick together they create a blanket and cover almost anything, a miracle from Heaven!

**COLORS:** White, Light Blue, Silver

**FLOWER:** Lilies

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** The presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron’s scriptures will be given by Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**PGM Effie Mae Davis:** Our Worthy Grand Matron’s favorite scriptures:

From Numbers 6:24-26. The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make His face to shine

upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

I Corinthians 13:4-8. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Philippians 4:13. I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.

Joshua 1:9. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Presenting the Worthy Grand Patron's scriptures is Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**PGP Nelson Campbell:** These are the Bible verses for the Worthy Grand Patron.

ROMANS 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 16: 13-14 Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in Love.

1 John 3:11 For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** Music touches our hearts in many different ways. To tell us how the Worthy Grand Matron's music will touch our hearts is Mr. Trey Smith, ESTARL Committee of General Grand Chapter.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Isn't it wonderful to have snow in September and to have beautiful music as well. There is not enough paper on this earth to thank these three wonderful members for my March. Each of you have made a contribution to this wondrous piece of work, and it makes me smile when I hear it played. I can just feel the flurries of snow and the excitement in the music which I have loved all my life. It brings much happiness to me and I hope the members of Eastern Star will enjoy it. Susie, you have put in my favorites and I will especially remember your love and dedication to me and to the OES Membership. (Susan Smith, Daniel Caldwell, Bill Rhyan)

To the Inspirations: I have named this March "*The Inspiration's March*" because I wanted each Worthy Matron this year to enjoy it; and to feel like this March is part of their year, too. Music has always been an "Inspiration" me. I played French Horn for 6 years and during that time music grew to be part of my life. Music inspires me to be happy, carefree, and gives me peace. I hope the membership enjoy it as much as I do!

**(Susan Smith Played “The Inspiration’s March”)**

(Applause)

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** The dedication of the Worthy Grand Patrons music will be given by Mr. Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona.

**PGP Bill Rhyan:** The Worthy Grand Patron’s March, “*The Conductor’s March*”. This March is dedicated to our membership, who, like the railroad have joined communities together. Our hard working membership makes our Order stronger. Selections for the March include “I’ll Fly Away”, “God Bless America”, “Toy Trains”, and an original march by Brother Daniel Caldwell. The hymns included give us solace, while the upbeat train songs keep us moving forward together as one.

This music was created by the artistry of Brother Daniel Caldwell with assistance from Brother Bill Rhyan and Sister Susan Smith. Daniel captured the “Enthusiasm” I wanted to project to the membership and that I will take with me as we travel the State on our OES Express. I am forever grateful for their talent in pulling the March together.

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** The Worthy Grand Patron’s music, “The Conductor’s March” was written by and will performed by Mr. Daniel Caldwell.

**(Daniel Caldwell, “The Conductor’s March”)**

(Applause)

**WGP Tom Murphy:** Thank you Daniel, very much.

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** The presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron’s Humanitarian Program will be presented by Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Necrology Committee, Chairman of General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**PGM Joyce Gilbert:** Her Humanitarian Program begins with scripture. Matthew 5:16: “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Clouds release liquid water droplets that freeze in temperatures below 32 degrees. When the frozen droplets come together, the molecules crystallize into a lattice around a nucleus. The ice particle continues to grow and forms branches out to form corners. Gravity pulls these white dazzlers down from the sky, often stuck together in clusters that we call snowflakes. Snowflakes have branches because of the way the molecules stick together in a lattice formation around the nucleus. Because each of the branches of the snowflake grows in the same temperature, the snowflake’s branches are identical to each other. While all branches of a snowflake look the same, no two snowflakes do. This is because all snowflakes that form are exposed to different temperatures and take different paths through the clouds – meaning each snowflake has its own unique path of formation. As the branches of a snowflake grow, we as members grow and all come together in our areas to form Chapters. As each branch of a snowflake is identical to another our Chapters are identical in nature and form clusters, the Order of the Eastern Star. We all stick together (like clusters of snowflakes) for our common goal of helping humanity in our benevolent projects. While we all work to accomplish a common goal, we are identical to each other, but as we get a closer look, we are really all



very different and unique in our own way, and no two of us are alike. While each snowflake may not be strong just by itself, a large group of snowflakes can create a miracle. We as Eastern Stars, as we are grouped together, can create a miracle. We are unique to our convictions in life.

We, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, want to give more to those that need help. Everyone can give something whether it is time, money or some other way of helping others. Helping others includes the times when you visit the sick, run errands for someone who is unable or even when you just offer your umbrella to someone on a rainy snowy day.

This Grand Chapter year, 2016-2017, will be dedicated to helping others, for by helping others, we help ourselves. The Humanitarian Projects are for helping others. Each Chapter is encouraged to be 100% by donating \$1.00 per member as listed on the 2016 Annual Report. A colored ribbon: Blue for 100%, Yellow for 200%, White for 300%, Green for 400%, Red for 500% will be given to the chapters. Additional donations may be made for any Contributions, Memorials, Honorariums, etc. and may be made throughout the year and will be added to the Chapter's percentage. The donating chapter may designate which of these projects they wish their donation to be contributed to:

**F FUNDAMENTALS** — Texas Masonic Retirement Center Caring for our ladies has been our ongoing project for many, many years. The Texas Masonic Retirement Center is our “home” for the ladies. Caring for our ladies is part of our “Fundamental” beginnings.

**L LOVE OUR SPIRIT** — E S T A R L

Our Faith is carried on through the ones dedicated to teaching our religion. The Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership continues to help those who are dedicated toward those goals. We are “loving our spirit” in helping to continue schooling for religious leaders.

**A ALL HELP** — General Fund

Our organization cannot function without funds in our General Fund. So that our continued support is in effect, our General Fund needs to be continually supported. Let's “All Help”.

**K KINDNESS** — Benevolent Aid

Helping our Brothers and Sisters when they are in need is a great part of our primary concerns. Emergency Aid, Temporary Aid, and/or Long Term Aid is available for our members as needed. What better way can we show “Kindness”? (Applause)

**E EDUCATION**

Our education scholarships help with continuing education after high school for our members, spouses, children, and grandchildren. In this way we can help them achieve their goals, and continue to glorify our Father, as stated in Matthew 5:16.

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** Sister Vi Griffin, would you join me? Sisters and Brothers, Sister Vi would like to make a presentation to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, those of us who have been selected as participants in this evening's exciting, exciting Installation are so grateful to you for this honor and privilege and I would invite them to please stand with me. All of you who participated. Because we know that you are about to embark on an exciting journey and we want you to accept this token of our esteem and love for you

both to kind of help you on your way. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we know that you tell us that you love us but we want you to know that we love you more. Have a wonderful year. (Applause)

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Thank you so much and it's not possible that you love us more. That's not possible at all. Thank you again for your dedication and your helping out tonight.

**WGP Tom Murphy:** I would also like to thank the Installing Officers. Thank you for your help. Thank you for helping put on such a Grand Installation.

**Brother Gary Mosmeyer:** These flowers looked real good a few hours ago but they've kind of wilted in this air conditioned building. Anyway we are proud of you and the kids have something for you. I started it, they finished it which is good. They don't mess things up as bad as I do.

**Mr. Mark Ward:** Can I say something? I don't know if I can look at you while I do this. But we also want to say thank you and I'm reminded everyday how thankful we all are. And when I watch the news I see things like national athletes that won't stand for the flag, won't stand for our National Anthem. We see politicians that feel that the only way they can get ahead is by bringing somebody else down. And they all say that they are trying to send a message. They're trying to make a point. Well, let me tell you how my Mom makes some points and sends a message. She's kind. She looks for the best in people. She brings out the best in people. She respects the men and women that fight for our country and most of all, she loves God, she loves her family and she loves her community. So I say thank you to the amazing message that you send to all of us every day and we love you very much.

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Thank you son.

**Mr. Mark Ward:** So I'm supposed to read this. We have a gift first.

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Ohhhh, Arthur Drescher guess what it is? Thank you.

**Mr. Mark Ward:** And we also got together and I'm just going to read this to you. "In recognition to the generous and loving contribution by her family in her honor, Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer will be recorded in the General Grand Chapter, Order to the Eastern Star, Book of Honor. International Eastern Star Headquarters, Washington, D.C. Hall of Honor."

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Thank you. Those are my babies. They grew up. These are from my Worthy Grand Patron and his Pages, aren't they nice? Thank you so much, I appreciate it. (Applause)

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** At this time, I have the honor and distinct privilege to introduce a true gentleman; a hard worker for our Order, and also for the Masonic Fraternity. And that would be our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Thomas R. Murphy. Brother Tom, would you please bring us greetings?

**WGP Tom Murphy:** Wow, what a day. Worthy Grand Matron, that sounds good. Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Installed General Grand Chapter Of-

ficers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members, Honored Guests, my Sisters and Brothers and friends. I don't know the words to express to you the sentiment that fills my heart. I'd like to express my deep appreciation to the membership of Texas for their support and confidence in advancing me to the office of Worthy Grand Patron. It doesn't sound right yet. I accept this position with a heart full of gratitude, fully realizing the many responsibilities that I must assume in the performance of the duties of my office. I wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, for the great privilege of serving this year by her side. Glenda and I have grown to love Sharon and her husband Gary, and look forward to a continued friendship long after this year in the Grand East. As I stand in this place of service of our beautiful Order, I'm reminded of the words spoken by Brother Ralph Davis in 1983 and again by Brother Kenneth Gregory in 1997. Those were "I thought when I was installed as Worthy Grand Patron that I would set the world on fire. Then I realized that the Worthy Grand Matron has all the matches". (Laughter) With all the snowflakes falling this year I just hope she has a large box of matches to keep us all warm during the blizzard of 2016-2017. No one walks this way alone. I have many to thank for their help and support. The incredible friendships I've made with the members of this wonderful Order and the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas will never be forgotten. To the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofon, thank you for your help and support. To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, thank you all for your words of encouragement. You have walked this way before and I will look to you for direction and guidance. To the Installing Grand Officers, thank you all so very much and I've just lost my place... (Laughter) You have given each of the Installed Grand Officers and myself a moment to remember forever. And I do appreciate that. To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Mr. Wendell Miller. Thank you for your presence here tonight it is an honor to have you here with us tonight. There are two special groups of people who have supported and helped me. Would the members of my parent Chapter, Crockett #509, please stand? Is there any left? (Laughter) They're scattered everywhere. And the plural Chapter Palestine #395. I wish to thank you all very much for the support, the friendship and the help and the continued support that I hope you will give me this coming year. If I may have all the members of District 4, Section 3 and District 1, Section 6 please stand. Thank you all also for your continued support and help. Thank you all so very much. (Applause) It is a distinct pleasure to have some of my family here tonight and some of our friends from Crockett in here tonight. Would they please stand? You all have to get up. I've got son, Scott Sory and his wife Pam. Scott was Glenda's escort tonight. I have Tim and Debbie Woodson, Brother-in-Law in and Sister-in-Law. And then our good friends, of course they're Glenda's cousins, Chris and Kitty which we often get mistaken as "Kiss and Kritty". Chris and Kitty von Doenhoff from Crockett. Thank you all very much. (Applause) I hope you all understand that I won't be able to attend all the family gatherings this coming year as Glenda and I will both be a little busy travelling. Know that Glenda and I both love you very much. I love you all very much. Would my wife Glenda please stand? Glenda will serve as our Grand Esther this year. She is truly the love of my life. She has given me constant support and encouragement on this journey and I love you. (Applause) My Sisters and Brothers, I love the Order of the Eastern Star. I love what we stand for and I'm proud of our past. I'm enthusiastic about our future because there are many of you working hard to keep our Order moving forward. My wish is for the Inspirations and the Conductors to take their Chapters into the communities to be recognized and with pride and a smile on their faces, tell all that they meet "I am a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Let me tell you who we are and what we do". With our General Grand Chapters programs and our own Texas Grand Chapter

programs this year you can become involved with your communities. First Responders with the First Responder coins, the Veterans with our Service Dog Program, the Youth through Rainbow and DeMolay, and all of our Benevolent work as an example of how our Order can affect communities. Crockett, Texas had a new minister come to the Presbyterian Church in Crockett. Not a very large town. But they welcomed the new minister. This young minister is Chad Lawson. I don't know if you remember him from last year, he gave the speech during the ESTARL Program. He was supported by our ESTARL monies from the Order of the Eastern Star. As Sister Sharon and I travel this great state of Texas this year on our "Snow Train", we look forward to meeting with you and helping you whenever we can. I ask that you pray for us as we travel this pathway together. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon, thank you again for the great opportunity to serve the members of our Grand Chapter of Texas alongside you. To all the members, my wish for every one of you is "May your sun rise on a beautiful morning, may it set on a peaceful evening, and may happiness blanket each moment in between." Thank you, I love you all. (Standing ovation and Applause)

**MC Karen Morgenthaler:** This is a very special moment for me as I present a lady whom I have watched over the years grow from Worthy Matron, Deputy Grand Matron, District Deputy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Conductress, to now the leader of our Order. I am talking about none other than our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Sharon Mosmeyer. Sister Sharon, would you please bring us greetings.

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** I didn't write this in my speech but thank you to my grandkids. I know this is boring for you and I appreciate you being here and I just love you so much. And I know you love me because you're here tonight. Thank you. It's almost over, babies, it's almost over. (Laughter) About thirty-two plus years ago, Gary came home from a Masonic meeting and said "I want to join Eastern Star." My answer was "What is Eastern Star?" And so this story began. In my wildest dreams I could not have dreamt of an evening like tonight or even imagined how I would feel at this very moment. Standing at the altar before you, the membership, and making the pledges to you has touched my heart and my soul beyond measure. I am incredibly honored to be your Worthy Grand Matron and I pledge to you to do my very best. I have tried over the years to speak to you from my heart but as you can see, I'm reading this tonight. My feelings are all on my sleeve tonight and I don't want to stand at this podium and blubber for tonight so it's a perfect night and I don't want to mess it up or forget something that is so important. When my children were little I would always tell them...oh wait, strike that part out. I can't tell that part, my kids are here. (Laughter) I would like to introduce to you my children, my daughter Lori Finley. Please stand so everyone can see you. My son Mark and Daughter-in-Law, Chrissy Ward. Please stand. My grand guys, Justin and Will and Justin's not here, I know he had to work. My grand girls, Taylor, Reagan and Michela and my little great-grand, Harley girl. She calls me Great-Gran. Isn't she cute? I love you so much. (Applause) Aren't they cute? Thank you. Now I also have...(Members going awwwww) She just loves her Paw-Paw. Also have my older Brother Fred and his wife Kathy. Please stand, Fred. My baby brother Jeff and Toni and my "babyist" little sister Lynn and her husband Tom. And well, there you have it. These are the loves of my life. These are the reasons why I am the person I am. I grew them, they grew me. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for being here tonight. It would not be the same without you being here tonight. And I love and appreciate so much for your love and support. Without you, I am nothing. I can't say more. It'll make me cry. Anyway, you already know. Also, my great-daughter's best friend Kent is here tonight. Kent would you please stand. Thank you for the things that you do for my "Missy".

(Applause) Of course there are ones that I want to thank tonight. Why? Because Eastern Star takes a team effort and we are a team. The M & M Team. The Mosmeyer/Murphy. Would you two please stand? You too Gary. You're part of the M & M Team. You too Glenda. Tom and Glenda, you will never know the comfort you have given me. Just know that you Tom, are by my side, at my back, pulling me forward. And you Glenda are the strength that binds the four of us together. Gary is our entertainer as he keeps us laughing probably because I'm knocking him over. But his strength lifts me up. Glenda, remember years ago when I told you "God has a plan for us." And at that time, I had no idea that we would be on this path. But his strength is here because He did have a plan for us and it came to me in a dream. I love you, please help me thank the M & M Team. (Applause) In a fairy tale a long time ago in a land far, far away, that is what it seems like to me when I think of my Parent Chapter Cypress. Will the members of Cypress please stand? A long time ago because it seems like I've been a member all my life. In a land far away because when I'm with my Cypress Chapter it is a sanctuary far, far away in a protective haven. They support, encourage and most of all they love me. I want each of you to know that I miss you when I'm not at the meetings. I miss not hearing about your families, your grandkids or just hearing about your everyday lives. I will miss you this next year but I am looking forward to catching up with all of your lives. Thank you for all you have done for me. For thinking of me, for praying for me and just for being there when I needed a friend to listen. I love each of you, please continue to stand. Now will the members of my Dual Chapter, Waller, please stand. I have only been a member there for eight years but each of you holds a special place in my heart and I will miss seeing you at Waller also. Thank you each one for being here tonight and all that you have done for me. Please continue to stand, this group is going to grow. Let's add "Snow Friends" would you please join this group. All over the room. Paul Garner, my Executive Chairman, Sam Cooper, Jim Leftwich, Melba Jean, Yvonne, all part of the Executive Committee, Regina Garner and all of the team that helped put all this together. Who made it snow in Tyler in early September in 2016. You will go down in history. It is breathtakingly beautiful in this room and everywhere I look I see more snow. You made all my dreams truly come true. All of these that are standing are my support. My encouragement. If I said I needed to rope the moon, they would go about figuring out how they were going to get it accomplished. You are the greatest. There's not enough time for me to express how I feel toward you but I love and appreciate every single one of you. Please help me thank them. (Applause) To Sister Karen Morgenthaler, my Worthy Grand Matron of 2004-2005, quite possibly you started this journey for me when you asked me to be your Grand Marshal. I know being Master of Ceremonies was a little bit out of your comfort box but I wanted you to do it and I wanted you to be the first person that was here at this stage when we came in. I appreciate you so very much. Thank you. (Applause) (Some little voice calls out "Great-Gran") Also I have an apology to make to you, Karen. My Who's Who book does not have a Chairman for the Grievance and Appeals and that was your title but somehow when it got sorted, the title Chairman came off but I'll fix that. To Jerry and Betty Martin, thank you for being the Master of Ceremonies tonight. Brother Jerry your expertise and gift of gab was just perfect for this job and I knew it would be. And Betty Martin, Grand Chapter Mom, I promise to be good. Please don't put me in the time-out corner. I'll be good. And Dad, I still need to go on that date and I need the keys to the car and money for a date. (Laughter) (He said "Clean your room") Thank you so much. I love and appreciate you. To my Installing Grand Officers Team, you were chosen because of the space you hold in my heart. Vi, Lee, Betty, Cheryl, Rosemary and Nancy. I appreciate each one of you and thank you so much for what you have given tonight and the work that you will continue to give to Eastern Star. Thank you so much. To the Elected Grand Officers and Elected Board Members,

you have been chosen by the membership and were great choices. You are capable, determined and I am thrilled that we will be working together. I have always said "God has a plan for you", I believe we are all part of God's plan to be right where we are tonight. You are each in the right place and I pray for your continued safety. I want you to know that I looking forward to us working together and making Eastern Star better in Texas and stronger. To my nine Appointed Officers, Laura, Glenda, Susan, Kathy, Mary, Susie, Monette, Don and Dallas. I have already told you, each one was chosen for a different reason. You have a special place in my heart and have for quite some time. Hold on! Here we go! To the General Grand Chapter family and Past Grands of Texas, wow, I had no idea. You are awesome. I remember when I was first a member and how afraid I was to even come to talk to one of you. You're encourage, dedication and willingness to go beyond and to help Eastern Star in Texas is above the bar in my book. Each of you is an important gift in my Eastern Star life. Thank you for being here tonight and for participating in the greetings. Thank you Rennie. Thank you Henry. To Rainbow and DeMolay members here tonight, your Bible presentation and the Drill were so very special to me. Thank you Becky and Chris. It was awesome. That is a new word for outstanding. Both words work great tonight for your performances. Many years ago, my daughter Lori and my son Mark were in Rainbow and DeMolay. These Organizations are close to my heart and my "Puppy Love" project will benefit those two Organizations. To the Leaders of those Organizations, good work. You are doing a marvelous job and I appreciate so much you being here tonight and thank you for your dedication to those two Organizations. To each of the Installation participants tonight thank you. Each time I thought of a job, your face was in my mind. Each of you are special to me and I appreciate so much you being a part of this very auspicious occasion. Music is what inspires me. Thank you Jackie for your musical prelude. Thank you Lesa for your beautiful song. Thank you Susan and Daniel and Bill Rhyan. You are an inspiration to me. Thank you for your talents and for sharing it with me tonight. To my Deputies, please stand. I want to see those beautiful faces over there and plus I just want to see if you are still awake. (Laughter) You are awesome. To my District Deputies, I can't wait for us to travel together and for us to form those everlasting bonds. To my Deputy Grand Matrons, I have no doubt that you will perform your duties to the most perfect degree. That means you will just do your best. That's all we can do and if we do our best then it will be perfect. I'm excited to see each of you and I'm excited to see what you have in store at your schools. It's going to be exciting. Come see! Thank you. (Applause) To the Inspirations and Conductors, I'm looking forward to hearing all you are doing in your Chapters. My Committee "One Degree, I Can Make a Difference" will help your Chapters and do more as a group and it will help your members work together for a common goal. Encourage your members, inspire your members, and continue to grow the bond of friendship in your Chapters. You are setting the example for the members. Go. Do. Be proud. You inspire them, they inspire you. That's how it works. I was at Reagan's school and the sign in the foyer said "One Degree, I Can Make a Difference". Water is hot at 211 degrees and that's kind of like what it feels like in here right now. (Laughter) Water boils at 212 degrees. When water boils, it creates steam and steam can power a train. Only one small degree can make a huge difference. The members of Eastern Star can make a difference in humanity in the world. Let's go and see what we can accomplish. Our other projects will support the military with "Give us Paws", "Save the Children" will benefit the Shriners Hospital for children in Galveston. They save children's lives there you know. We will support our Masons by attending their Open House, TMRC Family Day, Grand Lodge and any other events that we are able to attend and participate in. Thank you Grand Master, Wendall Miller for your greetings and being here tonight. And a big great thank you to the Grand Lodge of Texas, Past Grand Masters and the Masons here. You inspire me. We will

have “An Event to Remember” on March 18th at the Grand Lodge Auditorium in Waco. You must come. It will be an event to remember and it will benefit the burn hospital in Galveston. I believe there will be guests there that you do not want to miss. Come and see how we can make a difference. Let’s work but let’s have some fun. Come to Mayfest and watch me and Tom participate in a three-legged race. No, I’m not going to sit in the dunking booth, but maybe Tom will. (Laughter) I think you’re going to have to hit the target pretty hard to see him drop. See a Snowman in the water. Do you know what you call a melted snowman? He probably melted here tonight. A puddle. (Laughter) Lastly, Gandhi said “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Let’s lose ourselves in the service of others. Let’s work for humanity in all of our Humanitarian Projects, including ESTARL, Education Scholarships, Benevolent Aid. My theme this year is “A Year of Inspiration”. I want to inspire you to be a better person. Not just in Eastern Star but in your everyday life. I believe you, the real you, is what you bring to Eastern Star. What inspires you? Each one of us has a different thing that inspires us. Challenge yourself to work harder, love more and be a better person. You can do it. You can make a difference. Make that one degree. When I see you work and accomplish your goals it inspires me to work harder to accomplish my goals. Again, that is how it works. You inspire me, I inspire you. Thank you again for being here tonight and for being a part of this year’s “A Year of Inspiration”. Thank you. (Standing ovation and Applause)

**MC Jerry L. Martin:** Our Installation will be closed with a benediction given by Mr. Carl Larson, Past Grand Patron of Connecticut.

**PGP Carl Larson:** Sisters, Brothers, Friends, please join hands. Dear Lord, as this Grand Chapter comes to a close may we always remember the lessons that you have taught us through the heroines of our Order. Please keep your comforting hands on our First Responders and our Military as they provide the freedom that we hold dear. We ask that you watch over this new Grand Family as they begin their year of service to this Grand Chapter. And just as you fill us with wonder when a blanket of new snow falls upon the earth which inspires song, fun, laughter and togetherness we ask that you blanket Sister Sharon, Brother Tom and the newly Elected and Appointed Officers with blessings of inspiration, fun, togetherness and safety as they travel this great state of Texas and abroad. Finally, Sisters and Brothers, “May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon the earths fields, until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand.” Amen. (Amen)

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Thank you so much for attending our Installation of Officers. We must close our Grand Chapter Session now, so all those who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will please retire. We still have to close, so please take your seats.

Grand Warder, you will see that the doors are secure.

**Grand Warder:** The doors are secure.

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the order. Deputies can you go check dues cards please?

### (Proving the Chapter)

It is well. (One rap)

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We will now have presentations. I recognize the Chairman of the Board and the Board of Directors.

**Sister Audri Rowell:** Worthy Grand Matron, here is two sets of keys. You know where the van is. You've seen it and its brand new. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron will you join us over here? Your Credit Card is in the mail. (Laughter) On behalf of the Board, we have this love gift for you. And please know that we are behind you in whatever you need. Just pick up the phone and call. Thank you. (Applause) And it has a full tank of gas.

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** I would like to say thank you to my Board of Directors for my vehicle and the Credit Card and of course this love gift. But I would like to thank the membership because that van comes to us from you and I and Tom will both appreciate riding in it and travelling and actually representing you. So you inspired me by giving me the van and I'm going to inspire you by going and doing and being out there for you and with you. So thank you, the membership and thank you the Board of Directors. (Applause)

Okay, now I hope someone tells me if I've forgotten anything because I'm fixing to say that there's announcements. We're having a breakfast in the morning at 8:00 a.m. for the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Linda Winn. We are looking forward to that. And I invite the General Grand Chapter Family, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board members, Grand Examiners to all attend the meeting that we'll have after that for the Deputies.

I would like to meet with all candidates for 2016-2017 at 7:30 a.m. before the Breakfast in the dining room...not sure WHERE in the dining room...I think it's going to be back here, is that correct? So once they have the dining room set up in the morning, just look for me. We'll meet in the corner for just a few minutes.

Sister Grand Marshall. you will retire the Flag of our Country. (Three raps)

**(Grand Marshal retires the Flag)**

(One rap) Sister Associate Grand Matron, do you know of any further business to come before the Grand Chapter at this time?

It is well. Let us unite in singing our Closing Ode "Evening Prayer" (Three raps)

**("Evening Prayer")**

Let us unite in prayer.

**(Grand Chaplain gives the prayer)**

Our Grand Chaplain was a little caught off guard by that prayer because the Bible is not open. So I've already made a big huge colossal mistake so I now declare the Chapter closed. (One rap) Is that okay since the Bible was closed? (Sure)



I now declare this Grand Chapter Session, the “Riding for the Brand” Session closed. (One rap) Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

We will have a quick retiring drill.

**Mr. Robert Royall:**

My Sisters and Brothers, our Grand Chapter now must close,  
Let’s put our cares to sweet repose.

We’ll place our jewels by the holy book,  
Into whose pages we reverently look.

And from this book, the light of our star  
Will shine on those near and far.

The Grand Warder & Grand Sentinel, guards on our door...  
Keep our proceedings safe on the Grand Chapter floor.

The stories of Grand Adah and Grand Ruth of old...  
The lessons of fidelity and constancy are told.

While Grand Esther teaches us about unselfish loyalty...  
Grand Martha shares her trusted faith in immortality.

Grand Electa with a virtuous life of charity and hospitality...  
Teaches us to “love one another” with all of our fervency.

While our Grand Organist’s music makes our ceremonies very impressive...  
It is the grace and dignity of our Grand Marshal that makes our processions most effective.

Our Grand Chaplain leads us in our devotions about God’s love...  
So that our actions will help us meet at the “Grand Chapter above”.

Our Associate Grand Conductress assists with every active duty...  
So that our rites and ceremonies are conducted so smoothly.

Our Grand Conductress throws Sisterly courtesy and dignity...  
Around our guests and visitors with love and tender civility.

Our Grand Treasurer preserves our funds for future prosperity...  
And pays them out upon request and proper authority.

Our Grand Secretary makes a record of our proceedings complete...  
With a faithful performance that is both prompt and discreet.

Our Associate Grand Patron is always ready to fill a higher position...

Preparing for that day when it's time for him to make his transition.

Our Associate Grand Matron stands always ready to assist the Worthy Grand Matron....  
As she plans and prepares daily for the next generation.

Our Worthy Grand Patron holds our most exalted position as our Brother...  
With honor and distinction, he is our "Conductor" and like no other.

And finally, our beloved Worthy Grand Matron, with her leadership, kindness, and a smile  
upon her face ...is our brightest star and an "inspiration" to all with elegance and grace.

Forever high may we hold our creed,  
For the jewels of this book are all that we need,

To guide ourselves and our Grand Chapter so dear,  
Our Sisters and Brothers through the year!

**(End of the 134th Grand Chapter Session – "Ride for the Brand" and  
135th Installation of Officers)**

**APPENDIX**



**LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-2015**

Year	WORTHY		ASSOCIATE		ASSOCIATE		GRAND		GRAND	
	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND 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	†Mrs. A. McGregor	†Mrs. A. McGregor	
1885	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P. Hawkins	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Carr Forest	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. M. Hightower	†Mrs. M. Hightower	†Mrs. M. Hightower	
1886	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P.H. Stevens	†Mrs. Sullie Wayde	†Mrs. Sullie Wayde	†D.H. Hightower	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. Schwartz	†Mrs. A. Schwartz	†Mrs. A. Schwartz	
1887	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner	†Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner	†Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner	
1888	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†J.B. Snodgrass	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh	
1889	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	*Mrs. Jennie Cassill	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh	
1891	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†L.L. Miller	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	
1892	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†J.L. Miller	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†J.W. Febbaum	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	
1893	†Mrs. P.C. Harris	†Tom Murrah	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†D. Ludlow	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Kate Birch	
1894	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	
1895	†Mrs. Sadie A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	
1896	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh	
1897	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†J.T. Aichinson	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh	
1898	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†S.D. Moore	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	
1899	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	
1900	†Mrs. Agnes V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	
1901	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	
1902	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. A. Walker	†Mrs. A. Walker	†P.S. Park	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	
1903	†Mrs. Alma M. Walker	†P.S. Park	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	
1904	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	
1905	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	
1906	†Mrs. Mollie E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	
1907	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†J.H. Anderson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	
1908	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†C.H. Thorn	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	
1909	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†G.W. Glascock	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson	†Mrs. Anna Johnson	†Mrs. Anna Johnson	
1910	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson	†Mrs. Anna Johnson	†Mrs. Anna Johnson	
1911	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	
1912	†Dr. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	
1913	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	
1914	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson	
1915	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson	
1916	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson	
1917	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson	
1918	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson	
1919	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson	

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Year	WORTHY		ASSOCIATE		ASSOCIATE		GRAND		GRAND	
	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	TREASURER	TREASURER	TREASURER	
1920	†Mrs. Margaret L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†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	†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	†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	†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	†Miss W.I. Pierson			
1925	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss W.I. Pierson			
1926	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Mrs. LuLu LeFan	†L.E. Tennison	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†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	†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	†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	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1930	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1931	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1932	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Mrs. Rose Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1933	†Mrs. Rose E. Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1934	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1935	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1936	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1937	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1938	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1939	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1940	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Mrs. Viva Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1941	†Mrs. Viva S. Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1942	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1943	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard	†E.B. Gauntt	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1944	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker	†E.B. Gauntt	†Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Mrs. Margery Wofford			
1945	†Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl	†Miss Blanche Earl			
1946	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl	†Miss Blanche Earl			
1947	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl	†Miss Blanche Earl			
1948	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl	†Miss Blanche Earl			
1949	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Flora Best Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1951	†Mrs. Flora Best Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1952	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1953	†Mrs. Mary E. Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	†Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1954	†Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Ed. Sharpe	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1955	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Dr. Russell Holt	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1956	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Ruby Enloe		†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			

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	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. Theima McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	†Mrs. Theima 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. Amy Goebel	†E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goetee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1964	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1965	†Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1966	†Mrs. Nancy Bailey	†Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Nancy Bailey	†Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1967	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	†J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	†J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1968	†Mrs. Sally Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Frances Herrin	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1969	†Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1970	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1971	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†C.A. Bill <sup>†</sup> Holmes	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†C.A. Bill <sup>†</sup> Holmes	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1972	†Mrs. Theima Joyce Alsop	†Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Theima Joyce Alsop	†Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1973	†Mrs. Patricia Major Neimast	†O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Patricia Major Neimast	†O.D. Christian	†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	†O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1976	†Mrs. Mary M. Brown	†Perry Smithwick	†Mrs. Mary Brown	†Perry Smithwick	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1977	†Mrs. Rennie Oton	†Murray Watson, Jr.	†Mrs. Rennie Oton	†Murray Watson, Jr.	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1978	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†T.L. Weaver	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†T.L. Weaver	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1979	†Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Leslie G. Burnett	†Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Leslie G. Burnett	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1980	†Mrs. Elise Hammack	†Thurman H. Perry	†Mrs. Elise Hammack	†Thurman H. Perry	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1981	†Mrs. Lois Bell	†Oliver B. Chamberlin	†Mrs. Lois Bell	†Oliver B. Chamberlin	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton			
1982	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	†Gene Belk	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	†Gene Belk	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			
1983	†Mrs. Beulah Speer	†Ralph A. Davis	†Mrs. Beulah Speer	†Ralph A. Davis	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			
1984	†Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Wayne P. Jones	†Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Wayne P. Jones	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			
1985	†Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	†Arnold Paul	†Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	†Arnold Paul	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			
1986	†Mrs. Sherrill Cain	†Leonard M. Ellington	†Mrs. Sherrill Cain	†Leonard M. Ellington	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			
1987	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	†Harry G. Cunningham	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	†Harry G. Cunningham	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			
1988	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	†Joe E. Jeffers	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	†Joe E. Jeffers	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			
1989	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	†Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	†Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			
1990	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Glenn Whitaker	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Glenn Whitaker	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			
1991	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Garland Rattan	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Garland Rattan	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			
1992		†Leland Benefield		†Leland Benefield	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			
1993		†Leland Benefield		†Leland Benefield	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong			

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	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. Betty Prater		
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. Bess Caldwell	Ray Hertenberger	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2008	Mrs. Bess Caldwell	Bill Wyatt	Mrs. Mary Ruth White	Bill Wyatt	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2009	Mrs. Mary Ruth White	Mr. David Dibrell	Mrs. Vi Griffin	K. Arthur Dresher	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2010	Mrs. Vi Griffin	Mr. Bill Crews	Mrs. Annette Curry	Mr. Arthur Dresher	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2011	Mrs. Annette Curry	Mr. Bill Crews	Mrs. Jayne Yenger	Mr. David Dibrell	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2012	Mrs. Jayne Yenger	Mr. Trey Smith	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht	Mr. Bill Crews	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2013	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht	Mr. George Gwaltney	Mrs. Jerre Lucas	Mr. Trey Smith	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2014	Mrs. Jerre Lucas	Mr. Billy Clabaugh	Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer	Mr. George Gwaltney	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
2015		Mr. Billy Clabaugh		Mr. Billy Clabaugh	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		
				Mr. Thomas R. Murphy	†Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater		

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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, a Texas nonprofit organization, which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of August 31, 2016 and 2015, 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, 2016 and 2015, 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.*

March 13, 2017

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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, 2016 and 2015

<b>ASSETS</b>		
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 292,160	\$ 322,022
Interest receivable	77,242	81,592
Merchandise inventory	7,960	11,278
Prepaid expenses and other	<u>148,813</u>	<u>88,203</u>
Total current assets	<u>526,175</u>	<u>503,095</u>
Investments	1,368,264	1,636,624
Net property and equipment	37,909	10,553
Investments held in trust	3,583,700	3,345,094
Endowment investments	<u>14,447,268</u>	<u>14,117,291</u>
Total other assets	<u>19,437,141</u>	<u>19,109,562</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 19,963,316</u>	<u>\$ 19,612,657</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 81,653	\$ 127,546
Accrued lawsuit settlement	-	200,000
Deferred revenue	<u>288,451</u>	<u>168,825</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>370,104</u>	<u>496,371</u>
Funds held for others	<u>3,583,700</u>	<u>3,345,094</u>
Total other liabilities	<u>3,583,700</u>	<u>3,345,094</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	6,208,900	5,989,580
Permanently restricted	<u>9,800,612</u>	<u>9,781,612</u>
Total net assets	<u>16,009,512</u>	<u>15,771,192</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 19,963,316</u>	<u>\$ 19,612,657</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

Consolidated Statements of Activities  
For the Years Ended August 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>		
Revenue		
Gifts and donations	\$ 331,369	\$ 532,569
Dues	277,398	290,913
Grand Session revenue	-	161,435
Bulletin & supply sales	99,051	103,875
Investment income	481,972	410,252
Unrealized gains (losses)	411,606	(557,823)
Net realized gains	<u>85,696</u>	<u>154,842</u>
 Total unrestricted revenue	 <u>1,687,092</u>	 <u>1,096,063</u>
 Operating expenses		
Program services		
Care of elderly members	734,229	809,826
Educational scholarships	44,750	53,000
Benevolence	76,020	96,292
Fraternal activities	168,657	301,987
Supporting services		
Management and general	417,669	388,631
Fundraising	<u>26,447</u>	<u>44,386</u>
 Total operating expenses	 <u>1,467,772</u>	 <u>1,694,122</u>
 <b>Increase (Decrease) in Operating Net Assets</b>	 <u>219,320</u>	 <u>(598,059)</u>
Other expense		
Lawsuit settlement	<u>-</u>	<u>(200,000)</u>
 <b>Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	 <u>219,320</u>	 <u>(798,059)</u>
 <b>Changes in Permanently Restricted Net Assets</b>		
Contributions	<u>19,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>
 <b>Increase in Permanently Restricted Net Assets</b>	 <u>19,000</u>	 <u>110,000</u>
 <b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	 238,320	 (688,059)
Net assets at beginning of the year	<u>15,771,192</u>	<u>16,459,251</u>
Net assets at end of the year	<u>\$ 16,009,512</u>	<u>\$ 15,771,192</u>

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**  
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
For the Years Ended August 31, 2016 and 2015

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash received from donors, dues, memberships and other	\$ 830,762	\$ 972,964
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(1,716,853)	(1,652,250)
Interest received	<u>290,046</u>	<u>137,089</u>
Net cash utilized by operating activities	<u>(596,045)</u>	<u>(542,197)</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase of fixed assets	(37,500)	(11,080)
Purchase of marketable securities	-	(6,322)
Proceeds from sales of investments	<u>584,683</u>	<u>425,948</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>547,183</u>	<u>408,546</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		
Contributions for endowment	<u>19,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>19,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>
<b>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	(29,862)	(23,651)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>322,022</u>	<u>345,673</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 292,160</u>	<u>\$ 322,022</u>

**Reconciliation of Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets to  
Net Cash Utilized by Operating Activities**

<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 238,320</u>	<u>\$ (688,059)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash utilized by operating activities		
Depreciation	10,144	10,955
Unrealized (gains) losses on investments	(411,606)	557,823
Investment income and realized gains on investments	(481,972)	(565,094)
Contributions to endowment	(19,000)	(110,000)
Investment fees	47,278	49,566
Change in interest receivable	4,350	9,027
Change in inventory	3,318	837
Change in prepaid expenses	(60,610)	(9,847)
Change in other assets	-	(695)
Change in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(45,893)	191,056
Change in deferred revenue	<u>119,626</u>	<u>12,234</u>
Total adjustments	<u>(834,365)</u>	<u>145,862</u>
<b>Net Cash Utilized by Operating Activities</b>	<u>\$ (596,045)</u>	<u>\$ (542,197)</u>

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**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, 2016

	Care of Elderly	Educational Scholarships	Benevolence	Fraternal Activities	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses
Personnel costs							
Compensation	\$ 3,681			\$ 6,681		\$ 102,871	\$ 113,233
Payroll taxes	146			265		4,077	4,488
	<u>3,827</u>			<u>6,946</u>		<u>106,948</u>	<u>117,721</u>
Care of the elderly							
Allowance to home members	8,330						8,330
Funeral							
Infirmary and TMRC housing	708,347						708,347
Scholarships		44,750					44,750
Benevolence							
Chapter benevolence			49,574				49,574
Special funds			26,446		26,447		52,893
Fraternal activities							
Grand officer's expense				7,000			7,000
Grand session expense				53,600			53,600
Past Grand Matron/ Patron Jewels				1,500			1,500
General Grand Chapter per capita				24,606			24,606
Postage	56			7,411		7,987	15,454
Printing				27,737			27,737
Supplies				1,629		14,809	16,438
GGC International Headquarters				4,585			4,585
Management and general							
Auto				15,798		831	16,629
Depreciation	1,015			507		8,622	10,144
Insurance	5,637			2,818		47,910	56,365
Investment trust fees						50,167	50,167
Audit and taxes						30,735	30,735
Legal and professional						2,172	2,172
Computers and technology						52,083	52,083
Office supplies				3,954		8,302	12,256
Other	465			4,025		25,847	30,337
Rent	5,077			5,803		43,153	54,033
Repairs and maintenance	429			3,650		3,650	4,294
Telephone	274			137		2,329	2,740
Utilities	772			386		6,565	7,723
Bank Fees						5,559	5,559
Sale of Property							
	<u>730,402</u>	<u>44,750</u>	<u>76,020</u>	<u>161,711</u>	<u>26,447</u>	<u>310,721</u>	<u>1,350,051</u>
	\$ <u>734,229</u>	\$ <u>44,750</u>	\$ <u>76,020</u>	\$ <u>168,657</u>	\$ <u>26,447</u>	\$ <u>417,669</u>	\$ <u>1,467,772</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, 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
Chapter benevolence	-	-	44,386	-	44,386	-	88,772
Special funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fraternal activities	-	-	-	12,275	-	-	12,275
Grand officer's expense	-	-	-	156,655	-	-	156,655
Grand session expense	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Past Grand Matron/ Grand Patron Jewels	-	-	-	27,356	-	-	27,356
General Grand Chapter per capita	-	-	-	6,924	-	-	6,924
Postage	226	-	-	57,762	-	7,514	14,664
Printing	-	-	-	1,964	-	-	1,964
Supplies	-	-	-	5,265	-	23,740	25,704
GGC International Headquarters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management and general							
Auto	-	-	-	4,323	-	228	4,551
Depreciation	1,096	-	-	548	-	9,312	10,956
Insurance	5,900	-	-	2,950	-	50,149	58,999
Investment trust fees	-	-	-	-	-	49,566	49,566
Audit and taxes	-	-	-	-	-	29,410	29,410
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	-	6,608	6,608
Computers and technology	-	-	-	-	-	22,528	22,528
Office supplies	-	-	-	4,207	-	5,660	9,867
Other	118	-	-	5,095	-	2,184	7,397
Rent	4,449	-	-	6,559	-	37,812	48,820
Repairs and maintenance	260	-	-	130	-	2,208	2,598
Telephone	298	-	-	149	-	2,532	2,979
Utilities	646	-	-	323	-	5,495	6,464
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	-	2,344	2,344
Sale of Property	-	-	-	-	-	16,208	16,208
	<u>805,090</u>	<u>53,000</u>	<u>96,292</u>	<u>293,985</u>	<u>44,386</u>	<u>273,498</u>	<u>1,566,251</u>
	\$ 809,826	\$ 53,000	\$ 96,292	\$ 301,987	\$ 44,386	\$ 388,631	\$ 1,694,122





*Ratloff & Associates, P.C.*  
*Certified Public Accountants*

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
ON SUPPLEMENTARY 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, 2016 and 2015, and our report thereon dated March 13, 2017, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those consolidated financial statements appears on page one. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The consolidating statements of financial position and consolidating statements of activities included herein on pages 18 to 21 are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are 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.

*Ratloff & Associates, P.C.*

March 13, 2017

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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, 2016

**ASSETS**

	Chapter	Home	Eliminations	Consolidated
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 291,208	\$ 952	\$ -	\$ 292,160
Interest receivable	77,240	2	-	77,242
Receivable from Chapter	-	100,842	(100,842)	-
Merchandise inventory	7,960	-	-	7,960
Prepaid expenses and other	148,791	22	-	148,813
	<u>525,199</u>	<u>101,818</u>	<u>(100,842)</u>	<u>526,175</u>
Total current assets				
Investments	617,903	750,361	-	1,368,264
Net property and equipment	37,909	-	-	37,909
Investments held in trust	3,583,700	-	-	3,583,700
Endowment investments	14,447,268	-	-	14,447,268
	<u>18,686,780</u>	<u>750,361</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,437,141</u>
Total other assets				
Total Assets	<u>\$ 19,211,979</u>	<u>\$ 852,179</u>	<u>\$ (100,842)</u>	<u>\$ 19,963,316</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 31,531	\$ 50,122	\$ -	\$ 81,653
Payable to home	100,842	-	(100,842)	-
Deferred revenue	288,451	-	-	288,451
	<u>420,824</u>	<u>50,122</u>	<u>(100,842)</u>	<u>370,104</u>
Total current liabilities				
Funds held for others	3,583,700	-	-	3,583,700
	<u>3,583,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,583,700</u>
Total other liabilities				
Net assets				
Unrestricted	5,717,807	491,093	-	6,208,900
Permanently restricted	9,489,648	310,964	-	9,800,612
	<u>15,207,455</u>	<u>802,057</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,009,512</u>
Total net assets				
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 19,211,979</u>	<u>\$ 852,179</u>	<u>\$ (100,842)</u>	<u>\$ 19,963,316</u>

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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

<b>ASSETS</b>				
	<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
Merchandise inventory	-	15,122	(15,122)	-
Receivable from Chapter	11,278	-	-	11,278
Prepaid expenses and other	88,181	22	-	88,203
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>501,247</u>	<u>16,970</u>	<u>(15,122)</u>	<u>503,095</u>
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
<b>Total other assets</b>	<u>18,161,606</u>	<u>947,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,109,562</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 18,662,853</u>	<u>\$ 964,926</u>	<u>\$ (15,122)</u>	<u>\$ 19,612,657</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>				
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
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>446,342</u>	<u>65,151</u>	<u>(15,122)</u>	<u>496,371</u>
Funds held for others	3,345,094	-	-	3,345,094
<b>Total other liabilities</b>	<u>3,345,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,345,094</u>
<b>Net assets</b>				
Unrestricted	5,400,769	588,811	-	5,989,580
Permanently restricted	9,470,648	310,964	-	9,781,612
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>14,871,417</u>	<u>899,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,771,192</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 18,662,853</u>	<u>\$ 964,926</u>	<u>\$ (15,122)</u>	<u>\$ 19,612,657</u>

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**  
Consolidating Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2016

	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
<b>Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>				
Revenue				
Gifts and donations	\$ 198,961	\$ 132,408	\$ -	\$ 331,369
Contributions from Chapter	-	279,298	(279,298)	-
Dues	154,368	123,030	-	277,398
Bulletin & supply sales	99,051	-	-	99,051
Investment income	475,380	6,592	-	481,972
Unrealized losses	409,728	1,878	-	411,606
Realized gains	85,313	383	-	85,696
	<u>1,422,801</u>	<u>543,589</u>	<u>(279,298)</u>	<u>1,687,092</u>
Total unrestricted revenue				
Operating expenses	747,810			
Program services				
Care of elderly members	18,539	715,690	-	734,229
Educational scholarships	44,750	-	-	44,750
Benevolence	76,020	-	-	76,020
Fraternal activities	168,657	-	-	168,657
Home support	279,298	-	(279,298)	-
Supporting services				
Management and general	413,397	4,272	-	417,669
Fundraising	26,447	-	-	26,447
	<u>1,027,108</u>	<u>719,962</u>	<u>(279,298)</u>	<u>1,467,772</u>
Total operating expenses				
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Operating Net Assets</b>	<u>395,693</u>	<u>(176,373)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>219,320</u>
Other expenses				
Lawsuit settlement	-	-	-	-
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<u>395,693</u>	<u>(176,373)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>219,320</u>
<b>Changes in Permanently Restricted Net Assets</b>				
Contributions	19,000	-	-	19,000
<b>Increase in Permanently Restricted Net Assets</b>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,000</u>
Uncompleted transfer	(78,655)	78,655	-	-
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<u>336,038</u>	<u>(97,718)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238,320</u>
Net assets at beginning of the year	<u>14,871,417</u>	<u>899,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,771,192</u>
Net assets at end of the year	<u>\$ 15,207,455</u>	<u>\$ 802,057</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,009,512</u>

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**  
Consolidating Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

	Chapter	Home	Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>				
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
Net unrealized gains	(554,685)	(3,138)	-	(557,823)
Net 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>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<u>(629,040)</u>	<u>30,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(598,059)</u>
Other expenses				
Lawsuit settlement	(200,000)	-	-	(200,000)
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<u>(829,040)</u>	<u>30,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(798,059)</u>
<b>Changes in Permanently Restricted Net Assets</b>				
Contributions	110,000	-	-	110,000
<b>Increase in Permanently Restricted Net Assets</b>	<u>110,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,000</u>
Uncompleted transfer	(258,464)	258,464	-	-
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<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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## *GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS*

Order of the Eastern Star  
ORGANIZED May 5, 1884

March 13, 2017

Ratliff & Associates, P.C.  
3221 Collinsworth Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audits of the consolidated financial statements of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas (the "Organization"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of August 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP").

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of this letter, the following representations made to you during your audits.

### **Financial Statements**

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated August 19, 2016, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP.

Ratliff & Associates, P.C.  
March 13, 2017  
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- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility for 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 fraud or error.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 6) Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- 7) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 8) We are in agreement with the yearend closing entries and reclass journal entries, if any, you have recommended as part of your nonattest accounting services, and we have approved and recorded them to the Organization's accounts.
- 9) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 10) Material concentrations have been appropriately disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 11) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Organization is contingently liable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

### **Information Provided**

- 1) We have provided you with:
  - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - c) Unrestricted access to persons within the Organization from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d) Minutes of the meetings of the governing board or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 2) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 3) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 4) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Organization and involves:
  - a) Management,
  - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or



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- c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 5) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Organization's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others.
- 6) We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 7) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 8) We have disclosed to you the identity of the Organization's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 9) The Organization has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 10) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us; and we have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- 11) The Organization is an exempt Organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any activities of which we are aware that would jeopardize the Organization's tax-exempt status, and all activities subject to tax on unrelated business income or excise or other tax, have been disclosed to you. All required filings with tax authorities are up-to-date.
- 12) We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the consolidating statements of financial position at August 31, 2016 and 2015, and consolidating statements of activities for the years ended August 31, 2016 and 2015, in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The methods of measurement and presentation of the consolidating statements of financial position at August 31, 2016 and 2015, and the consolidating statements of activities for the years ended August 31, 2016 and 2015, have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information
- 13) In regards to the accounting services performed by you, we have:
  - a) Made all management decisions and performed all management functions.
  - b) Designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
  - c) Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
  - d) Accepted responsibility for the results of the services.

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14) We confirm the following disclosures included in the notes to the financial statements:

By resolution the Grand Chapter and the Home entered into an agreement with The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas to move residents from the Home to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center (the TMRC). The Home's daily cost of maintaining the residents in the Clinic/Nursing Center was \$280 and \$267 for a total of \$608,527 and \$705,833 for the years ended August 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. In addition, the Home's daily cost of maintaining the residents in the Independent Living Center was \$55 and \$58 for a total of \$66,211 and \$68,897 for the years ended August 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The cost to the Home of maintaining the residents at TMRC is based on TMRC's actual cost per resident, which is calculated each July 1. The new cost per resident beginning July 1, 2016, is \$55 for residents in independent living and \$280 for those in the Clinic/Nursing Center. TMRC has the responsibility to determine when residents need skilled nursing care. In addition to the daily cost of maintaining the residents the Home has agreed to pay \$70 per month per resident to TMRC to be used for the residents' personal needs. At August 31, 2016, the number of ladies residing at TMRC was 9. Future liabilities for the Home have not been accrued since they cannot be reasonably estimated.

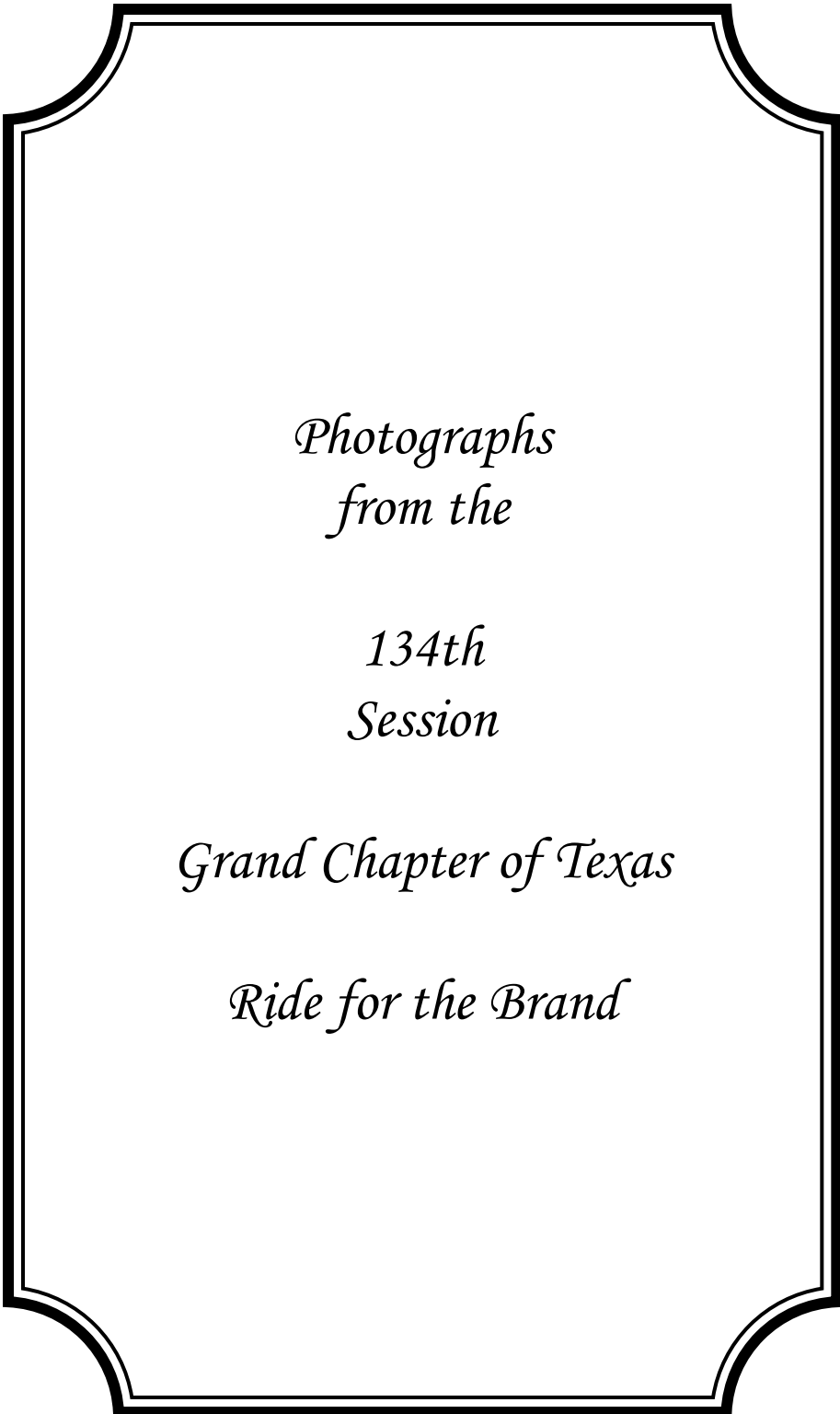
The Grand Chapter convenes a Session annually for the statewide membership to conduct business and raise funds for benevolent purposes. An Executive Committee is placed in charge of revenues and expenses related to the Session. The Grand Chapter provides \$20,000 for startup funds. The Executive Committee maintains a separate checking account with these funds and utilizes it to record receipts and disbursements related to the Session. After the Session, all documentation is subject to an internal audit. Any revenue greater than expenses is returned to the Grand Chapter general fund. The Grand Chapter Session for 2016 took place in fiscal 2017, thus, revenue and expenses are included in the consolidated statement of financial position as deferred revenue and prepaid expenses respectively, and will be recognized in the 2017 financial statements.

Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Master  
2016-2017

Name and Title

Ellen Pickell Grand Secretary

Name and Title



*Photographs  
from the*

*134th  
Session*

*Grand Chapter of Texas*

*Ride for the Brand*

**134TH GRAND CHAPTER SESSION PHOTOS**





Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas,  
Worthy Grand Matron,  
escorted by her children,  
Mrs. Diana Frazier Payer and  
Mr. Joe D. Frazier



Worthy Grand Patron Elect,  
Mr. Billy Clabaugh, escorted by  
Mrs. Tonya Clabaugh Foster



Associate Grand Matron,  
Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, escorted  
by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer



Associate Grand Patron,  
Mr. Tom Murphy, escorted by  
Mrs. Glenda Murphy



Grand Secretary,  
Mrs. Marlene Scholari, escorted  
by Mr. Joe Scholari



Grand Treasurer,  
Mrs. Lorrie Owens, escorted by  
Mr. Jerry Owens



Grand Conductress,  
Mrs. Melissa Hudman, escorted  
by Mr. Richard Hudman



Associate Grand Conductress,  
Mrs. Carolyn Martin, escorted by  
Mr. Henry S. Martin, Jr.





Grand Chaplain,  
Mr. Burley D. Jones, escorted by  
Mrs. Doris Jones



Grand Marshal,  
Mrs. Linda Roy, escorted by  
Mr. Trey Smith



Grand Organist,  
Mrs. Jackie Stogner, escorted by  
Mr. Terry Stogner



Mrs. Cathy Eidson, Grand Adah, escorted by Mr. Boyd Kramer; Mrs. Jean Harrison,  
Grand Ruth, escorted by Mr. Randy Ruth; Mrs. Jane Clabaugh, Grand Esther, escorted by  
Mr. Charles Foster; Mrs. Pat Turner, Grand Martha, escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock;  
Dr. Linda J. Puckett, Grand Electa, escorted by Mr. John Puckett



Grand Warder,  
Mrs. Gail Fuller, escorted by  
Mr. Clarence Thompson



Grand Sentinel,  
Mr. Paul C. Zappe, III escorted by  
Mrs. Doris "Dee" Davis



Fraternal Correspondent,  
Mrs. Iris Lowe, escorted by  
Mr. Paul Lowe, Jr.



Mrs. Jerre Lucas,  
Worthy Grand Matron,  
Mrs. Rosemary Berry,  
Installing Grand Marshal



Mr. Wendell P. Miller,  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
of Texas



Bible presentation to WGM and  
WPG by Emily Cumming, Grand  
Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly  
of Texas, International Order of  
the Rainbow for Girls



Beautiful grandchildren of the  
Worthy Grand Matron



Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron with Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron of Texas



Board of Grand Examiners



New Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Linda R. Winn-Christenson being welcomed to Grand line



Deputies of Grand Chapter –  
District 1



Deputies of Grand Chapter –  
District 2



Deputies of Grand Chapter –  
District 3



Deputies of Grand Chapter –  
District 4



Deputies of Grand Chapter – District 5



Jurisprudence Committee



Grievance & Appeals Committee





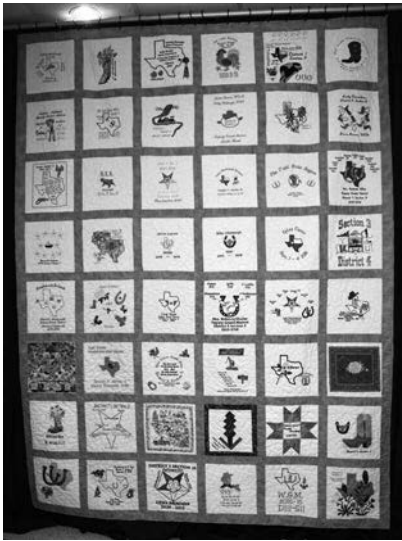
Altar cloth made by  
Mrs. Georgia Fae Jennings



ESTARL Committee



Lighting the Trail Candles



Worthy Grand Matron Quilt



Humanitarian Committee



Board of Directors



Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas, Worthy Grand Matron,  
escorted by Mr. Raul Garcia



Mr. Billy Clabaugh, Worthy  
Grand Patron, escorted by  
Mrs. Tonya Clabaugh Foster



Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy  
Grand Matron



Ms. Diane Davidson, escorted by Mr. Tommy Griffin, presenting the Bible.



Mrs. Georgia Fae Jennings, escorted by Mr. David Dibrell, presenting Bible Marker.



Pedestals furnished by Mrs. Lenda Reeves, Deputy Grand Matron, District One, Section Eight.



Executive Committee Chairmen



Mrs. Jane Clabaugh presenting  
Past Grand Patron Jewel to  
Mr. Billy Clabaugh





*"Ride for the Brand"*



Rainbow Girl representatives,  
Grand Worthy Advisor, Marlene,  
and Jo Ann Weber

Precision Drill



Grand Officers

Past Most Worthy Grand Patron,  
Mr. John Groebler







Past Grand Matrons and  
Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Most Worshipful Grand Master,  
Mr. Wendell P. Miller



Past Grand Masters,  
Mr. Donny Broughton and  
Mr. Tommy Griffin

Elected Grand Officers of Grand  
Lodge, Mr. Tommy Chapman  
and Mr. Terry Stogner





Grand Representatives

Out of State Grand Officers



General Grand Chapter  
Appointed Officers

Newly Appointed  
Grand Representatives,  
Ms. Diane Davidson, Manitoba  
and Mr. Terry Littlepage, Italy





Grand Representatives

Grand Representatives  
in Texas



Grand Representatives  
Flag Formation

Associate Grand Matron,  
Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer,  
presenting response to  
Welcomes.





Friday Opening



Humanitarian Committee



Memorial Program

“The Brand Lives On”  
Memorial Program,  
singers Mr. Kenny James  
and  
Mrs. Patricia Faltasek





ESTARL Program



Mr. Burley Jones,  
Grand Chaplain



Memorial Program,  
Floral Presentations

Floral Tribute by Mrs. Doris Jones,  
Grand Representative and  
Mr. Burley Jones, Grand Chaplain





Altar Draped

Breakfast honoring  
Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer,  
Associate Grand Matron



Purposes and Policies Committee

Financial Investment Committee





Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron,  
Mr. Henry S. Martin, Jr., and  
Mr. David Dibrell, Texas Chairman  
Top Hats, Inc.

Education Committee



Mrs. Delia Whitfield





Final Entrance Drill



Final Retiring Drill



Mr. Burley Jones, Grand Chaplain

Grand Officers and  
Personal Pages







Mrs. Jane Clabaugh,  
Grand Representative of Oregon in  
Texas, presenting Past Grand Patron's  
Jewel to her husband,  
Mr. Billy Clabaugh

Immediate Past Grand Matron  
receiving Past Grand's Jewel  
and Ring from her family



Immediate Past Grand Matron  
and children.

Newly Installed Worthy Grand  
Matron receiving Traveling Jewels  
from Immediate Past Grand Matron





“Changing of the Guard”

Mr. Steve DeValier presenting  
Retiring of Grand Chapter  
Jewels



Retiring Worthy Grand Matron  
and Worthy Grand Patron

Grand Representative  
Presentation





Executive and Arrangements  
Committee



Flags

- U.S. Flag – David B. Dibrell, Past Grand Patron of Texas, Past Grand Master of Texas;
- Canadian Flag – John Creel, Past Grand Patron of Texas;
- Texas Flag – Mr. Sunny Wise, Past Patron, Kirbyville #1143;
- Christian Flag – Mr. Dallas Alford, Past Patron, A.E. Shirley #986;
- OES Flag - Mr. Tex Phillips, Associate Patron, Schertz #911;
- Masonic Flag – Mr. Wendell P. Miller, Most Worshipful Grand Master



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