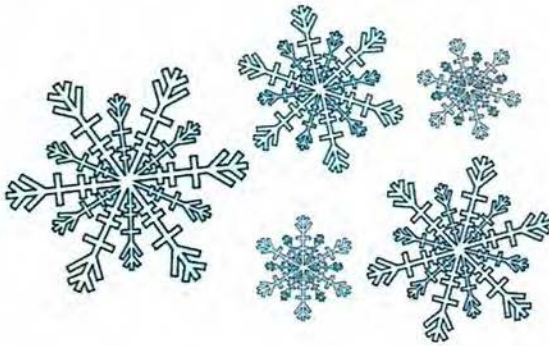


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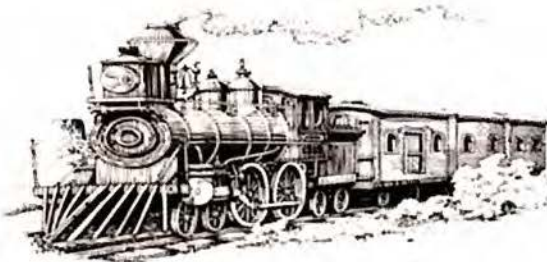
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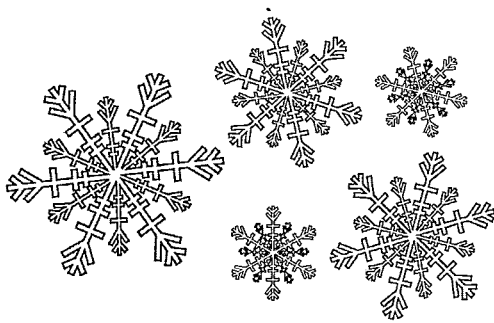
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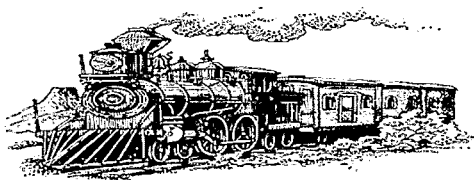
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## DEDICATION AND APPRECIATION

TO THE MEMBERS OF TEXAS:

It is with much appreciation, anticipation and love that we WELCOME you to the 135th "A Year of Inspiration" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. How excited we are that you are here to share "INSPIRATION" and this session with us.


We want you to know how much we have appreciated every act of kindness, all the love, hugs and heartwarming greetings we have received as we traveled this year. Your dedication to our Order has been awe-inspiring as we traveled on our "Inspiration" Journey.

Our projects for this year have been a huge success. We purchased a laser machine for the burn hospital, bought 3 service dogs for veterans, litters of puppies supplied money for Rainbow and DeMolay, and snowflakes have been scattered all across the state. We were able to accomplish all this and more because of your generous donations and the constant devotion from the membership.

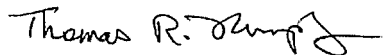
As we have traveled we were inspired by the membership; and, as we were inspired our goal was to inspire each of you. This inspiration circle continues as you enjoy this session and you continue to inspire us and we inspire each other. We thank you for traveling with us, supporting and attending our events and for your prayers. With each of you, our year was a tremendous success. Thank you, a trite expression, but heartfelt.

**Remember:** Continue to be "inspired" it is the key to success!

Star love,



Sharon Mosmeyer  
Worthy Grand Matron



Thomas R. Murphy  
Worthy Grand Patron



**Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer**  
Worthy Grand Matron  
Grand Chapter of Texas  
Order of the Eastern Star



**Mr. Thomas R. Murphy**  
Worthy Grand Patron  
Grand Chapter of Texas  
Order of the Eastern Star

# **Distinguished Guests**

Most Worthy Grand Matron  
Most Worthy Grand Patron

Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons  
Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons

General Grand Chapter Elected Officers  
General Grand Chapter Appointed Officers  
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  
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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

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

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

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

Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members  
Of All Appendant Bodies

## **A TRIBUTE TO THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

Within the splendored rays of Eastern Star  
Your special radiance gives a constant light  
To guide the faithful members near and far  
Who seek a ray who guides by living right.

God gives to you the splendid grace you share  
Illuminating all within your scope;  
The honor of your office, dear and rare,  
Inspires throughout the Order love and hope.

In kindred spirit each of us affirmed  
An obligation sealed with solemn vow;  
In you we see the best of that confirmed  
In service rendered to the Order now.

Borrowed from the "Anchored In His Love" Session  
1986 Elsie Paladino

## HONORED GUEST



**Mrs. Helen J. Westmoreland**  
Most Worthy Grand Matron  
General Grand Chapter  
And  
Past Grand Matron of Florida



## HONORED GUEST



**Mr. Robert C. Penoyer**  
Most Worthy Grand Patron  
General Grand Chapter  
And  
Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania

**TEXAS MEMBER AND  
HONORED GUEST**



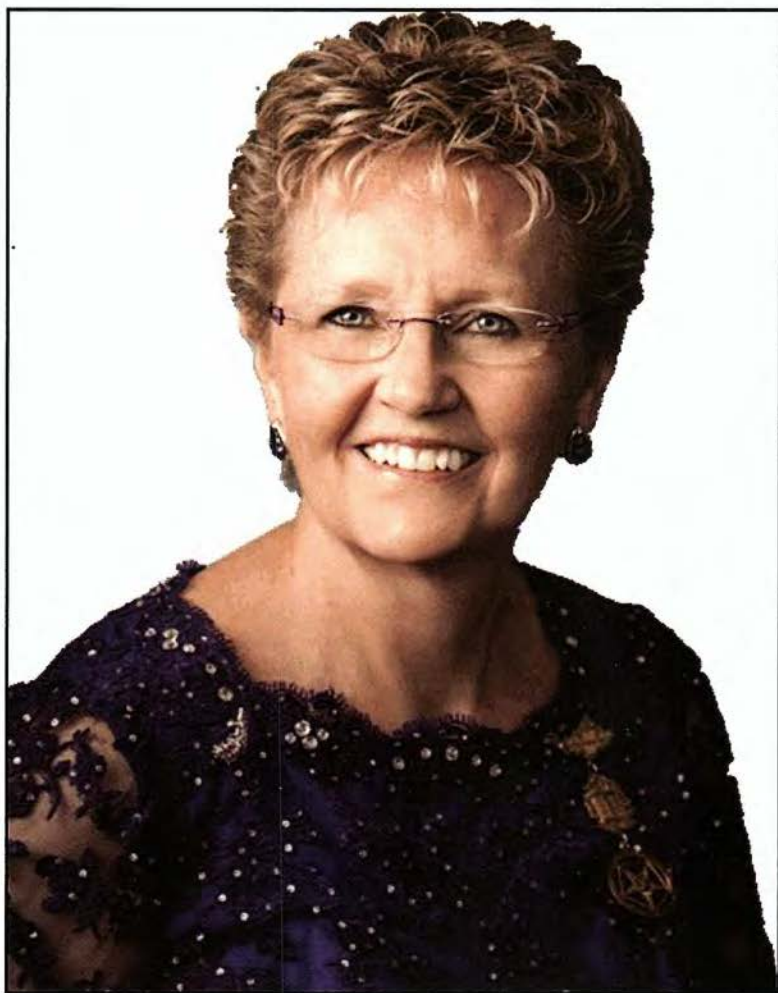
**Mrs. Rennie Ofton**  
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron  
General Grand Chapter

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

## HONORED GUEST



**Mrs. Marianne Shenefelt**  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron  
General Grand Chapter  
And  
Past Grand Matron of Wyoming

## General Grand Chapter Committee Appointments



Mrs. Jayne Yenger  
Ambassador to Germany



Mr. Jerry Trees  
Ambassador to Mexico



Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane  
By-Laws, Chairman



Mrs. Bess Caldwell  
Eastern Star Journal



Mr. Trey Smith  
ESTARL



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



Mr. H. Lee Stallings  
Jurisprudence, Chairman

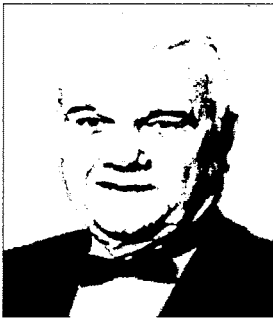
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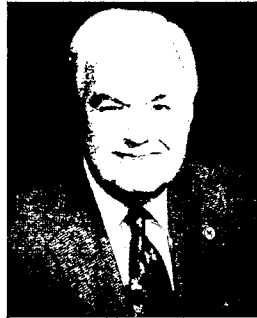
Mrs. Joyce Gilbert  
Necrology, Chairman



Mrs. Mary Ruth White  
Regenerative Medicine



Mr. Jack Guy  
Service Dogs



Mr. David B. Dibrell  
Youth



Dr. Bill Bane  
Ambassador to Romania  
PGP of Washington DC



Ms. Bonnie Varnell  
Credentials  
PGM of New Mexico

### Special Appointments

Mrs. Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the MWGM in Mexico

Mrs. Phyllis Macon, Hummingbirds, Chairman

Mr. Bob Royall, Eagle

## "IN VOYAGE"

"There's a ship sailing on to a harbor  
To a haven of comfort and rest.  
It's a ship of God's fashion and making,  
And it's voyage by Him will be blest.  
It departed with silence and beauty,  
With the Master, Himself in command  
As with dignity truly majestic.

There will always be clear sky above it;  
There will always be calmness below;  
There will never be storms to harass it,  
For the Master is on it, you know.  
And His wisdom will carry it safely  
To the port of His infinite peace,  
Where the light of His love will protect it  
With a blessing that will never cease.

You have watched it sail onward and outward,  
With a tear of regret in your eye,  
For a loved one was sailing upon it,  
And there's grief when you're saying goodbye.  
But your tears would be tears of rejoicing,  
And your heart would be happy and free,  
If you only could look for a moment  
On that ship that is sailing to sea.

For the one you have loved is at leisure,  
With no worry or trouble or care.  
There's contentment beyond understanding  
In the way God's own passengers fare.  
And you'd know from your own observation  
That the sailing was joyful — not grim,  
For it means a new life and new living,  
And a sweet, closer contact with Him.

Oh, the solace there is in the knowledge  
Life is life and it always will be.  
And it's simply a change of direction  
When we sail on His ship out to sea.  
And the tears that we shed for our loved ones  
Are in truth shed for us left behind.  
For it hurts to give up the Master,  
Though we know He is gentle and kind.

So believe in His great and good wisdom,  
Trust in Him, as you patiently wait;  
On His ship God is ever the pilot,  
And the one you have loved is the mate."

## **In Memoriam**

Mrs. Elsie Marie Paladino was born on June 10, 1927, and joined our heavenly Father on May 25, 2017, just short of her 90th birthday. Another page in the history books of the Grand Chapter of Texas has closed on the life of one so revered and loved, and our hearts will feel the emptiness for years to come.

Even though Sister Elsie exemplified the sublime virtues of the heroines of our Order, she also possessed a deep strong abiding faith in our Lord. As her 104th Grand Chapter Session of 1985-1986 neared, the Lord chose to take her Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Arnold Paul, home to rest, and our No. 1 Precious Pearl, Sister Elsie, anchored her faith and served her final days as Worthy Grand Matron for the membership of Texas.



She was especially known for performing Grand Marshal as she glided over the floor, and no one has been able to perform like her since. And, on through the years and into her late life she continued to encourage us to live life joyously and accept the fact of “just being”!

Sister Elsie has now received her final reward of service to our Lord, and she can just sit and “be” with her Johnny. She will be sorely missed by all of us.

**Mrs. Elsie Paladino**  
Worthy Grand Matron  
1985-1986  
“Anchored In His Love”  
104th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas



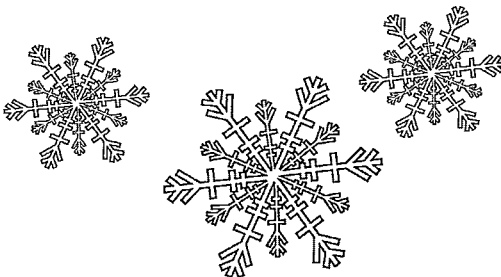
# SPECIAL GUESTS

## PAST GRAND MATRONS OF TEXAS

Mrs. Elise B. Hammack	Mrs. Beulah Speer
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham	Dr. Effie Mae Davis
Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry	Mrs. Yvonne S. Brownfield
Mrs. Betty Y. Friend	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan	Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Mrs. Karen T. Morgenthaler	Mrs. Nancy E. Brown
Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	Mrs. Joyce R. Nicklas
Mrs. Vi Griffin	Mrs. Annette Curry
Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht	Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas

## PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS

Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.	Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Mr. Richard Lee Ochs	Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker	Mr. Harold Trammell
Mr. Ed G. Warner	Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Mr. Nelson R. Campbell	Mr. John Creel
Mr. Ray C. Hertenberger	Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt
Mr. William A. "Bill" Crews	Mr. George A. Gwaltney
Mr. William "Billy" Clabaugh	



## HONORED GUEST



**Mr. Jerry N. Kirby**  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Of the Grand Lodge of Texas,  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

## INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



Mrs. Melissa Hudman  
Associate Grand Matron



Mr. Richard Skidd  
Associate Grand Patron



Dr. Ellen Pickrell  
Grand Secretary



Mrs. Carolyn Martin  
Grand Conductress



Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson  
Associate Grand  
Conductress

## INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



Mrs. Laura Geyer  
Grand Chaplain



Mrs. Glenda Klemm  
Grand Marshal



Mrs. Susan M. Smith  
Grand Organist



Mrs. Kathy N. Paschal  
Grand Adah



Ms. Mary F. Bond  
Grand Ruth

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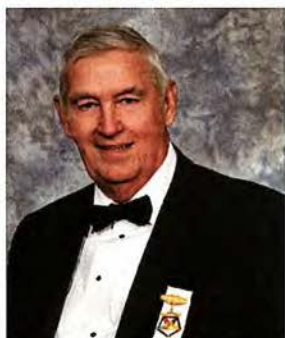
Mrs. Glenda Murphy  
Grand Esther



Mrs. Susie Rodgers  
Grand Martha



Mrs. Monette Littlepage  
Grand Electa



Mr. Don Lawrence  
Grand Warder



Mr. Dallas Alford  
Grand Sentinel

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS



Mrs. Betty Fogarty  
Fraternal Correspondent



Betty & Jerry Martin  
Mom and Dad



Mrs. Helen Sanderford  
Sweetheart

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



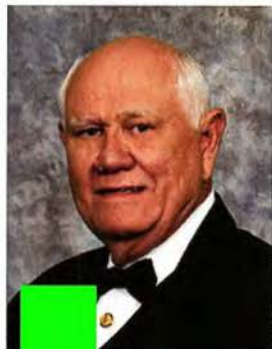
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Chairman



Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild  
Vice Chairman



Mrs. Barbara Martin  
Secretary



Mr. Ray Hargis  
District 1



Mr. James Parker  
District 1



Mrs. Deborah Land  
District 2



Mrs. Jean Hobbs  
District 3



Mrs. Debi Fincher  
District 4

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mr. R. W. "Bob" Royall  
District 4



Mrs. Phyllis Wilson  
District 5

## BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS



Mrs. Phyllis Macon  
District 1



Mrs. Susan Dormady  
District 2



Mrs. Donna Noe  
District 3



Mrs. Terri Rozell  
District 4



Mrs. Joan Miller  
District 5



Mrs. Shelley Walker  
At Large



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Mr. Paul Garner  
Chairman



Mrs. Melba Jean Hanna  
Secretary



Mrs. Yvonne Wunsche  
Treasurer

## ARRANGEMENTS — CHAIRMEN



Mr. Sam Cooper  
General Chairman



Mr. Jim Leftwich  
Co-Chairman



Mrs. Heidi Jenkins  
Secretary



Mrs. Diana Evans  
Cookies



Mrs. Regina Garner  
Decorations



Mrs. Marlene Dibrell  
Distinguished Guests

# ARRANGEMENTS — CHAIRMEN



Mrs. Diana Fielding  
Ditty Bags



Mr. Mark Dieckmann  
Elections



Mr. Don Austin  
Electrical



Mrs. Marty Drescher  
First Aid



Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann  
Hotel Reception



Mrs. Billie Huffman  
Information Lost & Found



Monte and Toni Crawford  
Housing—Reservations



Mr. Harold Cobb  
Labyrinth

# ARRANGEMENTS — CHAIRMEN



Mr. Roger McGough  
Membership Assistance



Mrs. Marcia Olson  
Paraphernalia



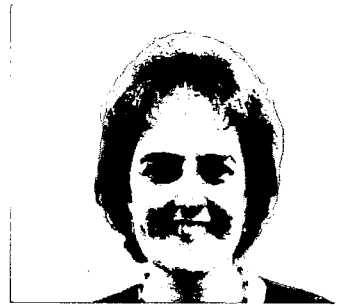
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Mr. Roy Parsons  
D-2: Photographer



Mrs. Wendy LaGrone  
D-3: Photographer



Ms. Brenda McDaniel  
D-4: Photographer



Mr. Bill Markins  
D-5: Photographer



Mrs. Laura Landon  
Public Relations



Mr. Michael Fincher  
Security

# ARRANGEMENTS



Mr. Burley Jones  
Signs



Mrs. Marita Lewis  
Social



Mr. Ben Wilson  
Sound



Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger  
Stage Page



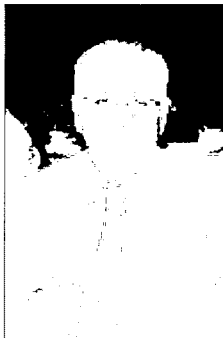
Mrs. Debra Tarpley  
Steno



Mrs. Sharon Willingham  
Tickets



Mr. Dewey Teague  
Transportation



Mr. Russell DiBenedetto  
Ushers



Mrs. Lesa Smith  
Vendors

## Ceremonial Opening

Thursday, August 17, 2017

11:00 A.M.

10:45 a.m. Musical Prelude	Mrs. Jackie Stogner
11:00 a.m. Organist Informal Opening	Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry Past Grand Matron
Master of Ceremonies	Mrs. Betty Friend Past Grand Matron
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. Carrol Macon
Mrs. Susan Dormady	District Two Escorted by Mr. Bill Dormady
Mrs. Donna Noe	District Three Escorted by Mr. Jeff Perry
Ms. Terri Rozell	District Four Escorted by Mr. Paul Halpin
Mrs. Joan Miller	District Five Escorted by Mr. Terry Miller

Mrs. Shelley Walker

At Large  
Escorted by Mr. James Walker

## Board of Directors

Mrs. Audri Rowell, Chairman District Two  
Escorted by Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt

Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild, Vice Chairman District Five  
Escorted by Mr. William A. "Bill" Crews

Mrs. Barbara Martin, Secretary District Three  
Escorted by Mr. Robert Byrd

Mr. Ray Hargis District One  
Escorted by Mrs. Linda Hargis

Mr. James Parker District One  
Escorted by Mrs. Xanthe Parker

Mrs. Deborah Land District Two  
Escorted by Mr. Don Austin

Mrs. Jean Hobbs District Three  
Escorted by Mr. Fred Maynard

Mrs. Debi Fincher District Four  
Escorted by Mr. Mike Fincher

Mr. Robert Royall, Jr. District Four  
Escorted by Mrs. Cheryl G. Royall

Mrs. Phyllis Wilson District Five  
Escorted by Mr. Garvid Wilson

## Special Appointments

Mrs. Helen Sanderford	Grand Chapter Sweetheart Escorted by Jerl Blalack
Betty and Jerry Martin	Mom and Dad
Mrs. Betty Fogarty	Fraternal Correspondent Escorted by Mr. Derrell Fogarty

## 2016-2017 Installed Grand Officers

Mr. Dallas Alford	Grand Sentinel Escorted by Mrs. Sandy Alford
Mr. Don L. Lawrence	Grand Warder Escorted by Mrs. Kenlyn Lawrence
Mrs. Monette Butler Littlepage	Grand Electa Escorted by Mr. Terry Littlepage
Mrs. Susie Rodgers	Grand Martha Escorted by Mr. Allen Rodgers
Mrs. Glenda R. Murphy	Grand Esther Escorted by Mr. Scott Bradley Sory
Ms. Mary F. Bond	Grand Ruth Escorted by Mr. Bradley Grimmatt
Mrs. Kathy N. Paschal	Grand Adah Escorted by Mr. Joe Paschal
Mrs. Susan M. Smith	Grand Organist Escorted by Mr. Daniel Caldwell

Mrs. Glenda S. Klemm	Grand Marshal Escorted by Mr. Herman Flanagan
Mrs. Laura Geyer	Grand Chaplain Escorted by Mr. Jeff Geyer
Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson	Associate Grand Conductress Escorted by Mr. Victor Christenson
Mrs. Carolyn Ann Martin	Grand Conductress Escorted by Mr. Harold Wert
Dr. Ellen Pickrell	Grand Secretary Escorted by Mr. Jim Pickrell
Mr. Richard "Rick" Skidd	Associate Grand Patron Escorted by Mrs. Lou Skidd
Mrs. Melissa S. Hudman	Associate Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman
Mr. Thomas R. Murphy	Worthy Grand Patron Escorted by Mrs. Glenda R. Murphy
Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer	Worthy Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Gary V. Mosmeyer

## PRESENTATIONS

The Holy Bible Bible Marker	Ms. Jerre Miller Secretary to the WGM
Square and Compasses	Mr. Gary Mosmeyer Escort to the WGM



## *Flag Presentations*

Narrator: Mr. Thomas Griffin

United States Flag	Mr. Gary Mosmeyer Escort to the WGM
Canadian Flag	Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker Past Grand Patron
Texas Flag	Mr. Jerry L. Martin Past Grand Patron
Florida Flag	Mr. Jerry Trees Ambassador to Mexico, GGC
Pennsylvania Flag	Mr. Ray Hertenberger Past Grand Patron
Christian Flag	Mr. William “Bill” Wyatt Past Grand Patron
Eastern Star Flag	Mr. William “Bill” Crews Past Grand Patron
Masonic Flag	Mr. David B. Dibrell Youth, GGC
Invocation	Mr. Jerry Trees Ambassador to Mexico
Session Dedication	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht Past Grand Matron

## *Greetings and Presentations*

Welcome

**Mr. Paul Garner**  
Executive Committee Chairman, 2016-2017

**Christie Hughes** — Director of Hotel Operations  
The Marriott Waterway Hotel & Convention Center

**Nick Wolda** — President, The Woodlands Convention and  
Visitors Bureau & Director of Community Relations

**Bruce Rieser** — Chairman, The Woodlands CVB Board

**Gordy Bunch** — Chairman, The Woodlands Township

Shriners Hospitals for Children

**Ms. Katherine Jeschke**  
Donor Development Officer

Give Us Paws

**Mr. Paul Buescher**  
Executive Director

General Grand Chapter

**Mrs. Helen Westmoreland**  
Most Worthy Grand Matron

**Mr. Robert C. Penoyer**  
Most Worthy Grand Patron

International Order of the  
Rainbow for Girls:

**Mrs. Marlene Dibrell**  
Past Supreme Inspector &  
Member of the House of Gold

**Mrs. Jo Ann Weaver**  
Supreme Deputy in Texas

**Miss Hunter Nodwell**  
Grand Worthy Advisor

Texas DeMolay

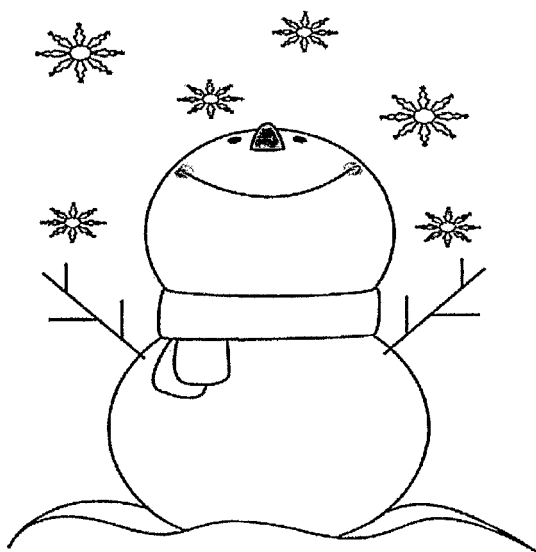
Mr. Michael Sampson  
State Executive Officer

Mr. Cody Jones  
State Master Counselor

Grand Lodge of Texas

Honorable Jerry N. Kirby  
Most Worshipful Grand Master

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



# Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening

Thursday, August 17, 2017

1:00 P.M.

## “TEXAS INSPIRATION”

Session

Organist Formal Opening Mrs. Cathi Cannon  
Grand Page to the Grand Organist

Call to Order Mrs. Vi Griffin  
Past Grand Matron

Mr. H. Lee Stallings  
Jurisprudence, Chairman, GGC

The “Let It Snow Parade” Drill  
Installed Grand Officers and Pages  
Directed by Mrs. Glenda Klemm, Grand Marshal

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

Entrance of Grand Officers

Scripture Reading Mrs. Bess Caldwell  
Eastern Star Journal, GGC

Partial Report of Credentials Committee Ms. Jo D. Dibrell  
Credentials Chairman

Ritualistic Opening Installed Grand Officers

Opening Ode “This is the Day”  
Grand Choir and Assembly  
(lyrics page 66)

Flag Presentation

Mrs. Glenda Klemm  
Grand Marshal

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Thomas R. Murphy  
Worthy Grand Patron

National Anthem (lyrics page 66)

Grand Choir and Assembly

Directed by Jerry Neuenschwander, Grand Choir Director

O'Canada (lyrics page 66)

Grand Choir and Assembly

Directed by Jerry Neuenschwander, Grand Choir Director

Filing of Vacancies

Appointment of Telegram/Telephone Committee

## Formal Introductions

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and  
Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons

Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter  
Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter  
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Grand 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

Greetings and Welcome

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

Response to the Welcome

**Mrs. Marianne Shenefelt**  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, GGC  
Past Grand Matron of Wyoming

Presentation to Most Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer  
Worthy Grand Matron

Presentation to Most Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Thomas Murphy  
Worthy Grand Patron

Benediction

**Mr. Nelson Campbell**  
Past Grand Patron

Closing of the Bible

**Mrs. Carolyn Martin**  
Grand Conductress

Session Called from Labor to Rest until 7:30 PM this evening for  
ESTARL and Memorial Programs

Thursday, August 17, 2017  
7:30 P.M.

**“INSPIRATIONS OF THE SPIRIT”**  
Session

7:15 P.M. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Susan Smith  
Grand Organist

7:30 P.M. Call to Order

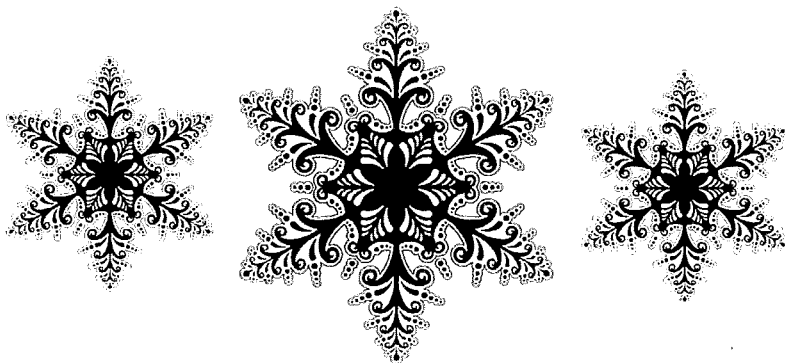
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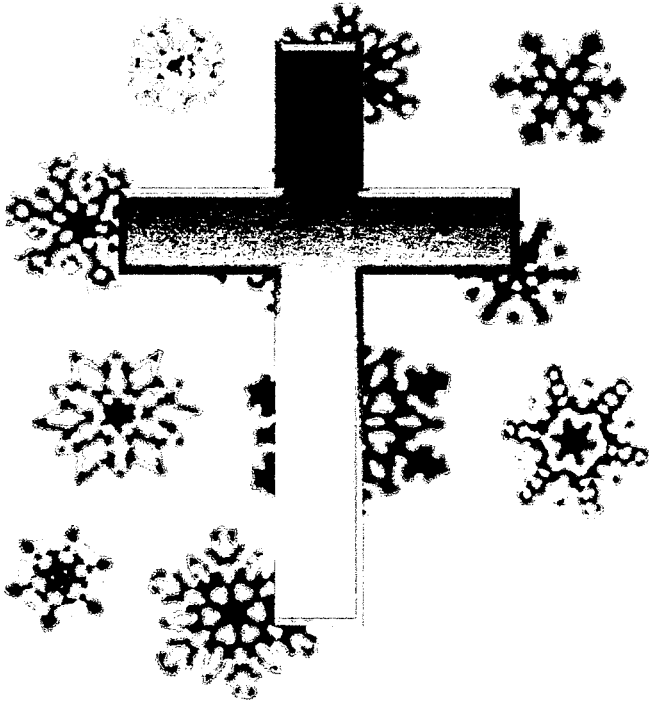
Mr. Trey Smith  
ESTARL, GGC

**Entrance of the Grand Officers**

ESTARL Program

Mrs. Susan Neuenschwander  
General Chairman





**Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer**  
**Worthy Grand Matron**

**Mr. Thomas R. Murphy**  
**Worthy Grand Patron**

**ESTARL Program**

Mrs. Susan Neuenschwander  
ESTARL, General Chairman



## ESTARL Service and Awards

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Susan Smith  
Grand Organist

Welcome

Mrs. Susan Neuenschwander  
ESTARL, General Chairman

### ESTARL Committee

Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry

District 1

Mrs. Sue Barnes

District 2

Mrs. Jean James

District 3

Mrs. Angele K. Meyer

District 4

Mrs. Colleen Asaro

District 5

Invocation

Ms. Boston White  
Recipient, District 5

Musical Selection

Mr. Hunter Dobson  
Recipient, District 4

Scripture Reading

Ms. Mandy Williams  
Recipient, District 4

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8; Philippians 4:13; Romans 15:13

Message

Mr. Christian Messemer  
Recipient, District 5

~~~ ESTARL Love Offering ~~~

Offertory Music

Mr. Matthew DesAutels  
Recipient, District 5

## Presentation of Awards

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer  
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Thomas R. Murphy  
Worthy Grand Patron

Assisted by ESTARL Committee

Response from the Recipients

Mr. Christian Messemer  
Recipient, District 3

Remarks Together

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer  
Worthy Grand Matron  
And  
Mr. Thomas R. Murphy  
Worthy Grand Patron

Benediction

Ms. Suzanne Smith  
Recipient, District 4



# Be Someone

Be Someone beautiful on the inside  
because that's what really counts

Be Someone wonderful in all you do;  
it isn't what you do but how it's carried out

Be Someone noble  
because it's courageous and strong

Be Someone loyal  
because it shows that you value those you love

Be Someone gracious  
it allows others to see the tender side of you

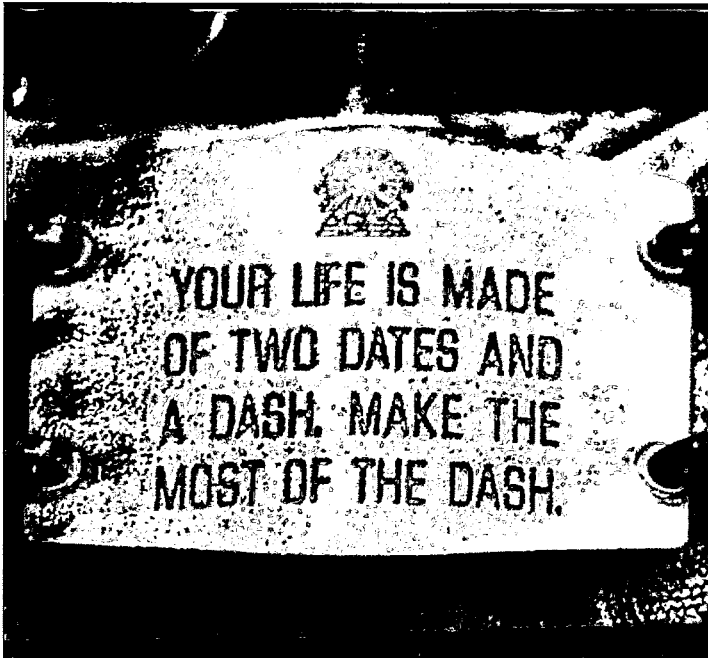
Be Someone considerate  
because it's the kind thing to do

Be Someone that makes a difference  
in the lives you come across

Be Someone that matters  
to all those you love

Be Someone that stands for all these things  
and enjoy all the gifts that life will surely bring

# *The Dash*



## Memorial Program

Laura Geyer  
Grand Chaplain

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer  
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Thomas R. Murphy  
Worthy Grand Patron

# THE DASH

|                                                                            |                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Musical Prelude                                                            | Mrs. Susan Smith<br>Grand Organist                         |
| Opening of the Holy Bible                                                  | Mrs. Carolyn Martin<br>Grand Conductress                   |
| Invocation                                                                 | Mr. Jeff Geyer                                             |
| Report of the Grand Chaplain                                               | Mrs. Laura Geyer<br>Grand Chaplain                         |
| Musical Selection and Tributes:                                            |                                                            |
| ~General Grand Chapter Members                                             |                                                            |
| ~Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons<br>of Other Grand Jurisdictions |                                                            |
| ~Texas Past Grand Matron                                                   | Mrs. Elsie Paladino                                        |
| ~Subordinate Chapter Members                                               |                                                            |
| ~United States Military                                                    |                                                            |
| Musical Selection                                                          |                                                            |
| Draping of the Altar                                                       | Mrs. Carolyn Martin<br>Grand Conductress                   |
|                                                                            | Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson<br>Associate Grand Conductress |
|                                                                            | Mrs. Laura Geyer<br>Grand Chaplain                         |
| Musical Selection                                                          |                                                            |
| Closing of the Holy Bible                                                  | Mrs. Carolyn Martin<br>Grand Conductress                   |
| Benediction                                                                | The Lord's Prayer<br>In Unison                             |
| Session Called from Labor to Rest until 8:00 a.m. Friday Morning           |                                                            |

## Friday Morning Session

Friday, August 18, 2017

8:00 A.M.

### “INSPIRATIONS AT WORK”

Session

7:45 a.m. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert  
Necrology, Chairman, GGC

8:00 a.m. Organist Opening

Ms. Linda Hugo

Call to Order

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane  
By-Laws, Chairman, GGC

Mr. Henry S. Martin  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, GGC

#### The “Let It Snow Parade” Drill

Installed Grand Officers and Pages

Directed by Mrs. Glenda Klemm, Grand Marshal

#### Precision Drill

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

#### Entrance of Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible

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Invocation

Mrs. Mary Ruth White  
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Scripture Reading

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## **Business Session — Reports:**

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

### **Reports:**

|                                      |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Chapters U.D.                        | Dr. Effie Mae Davis      |
| Worthy Grand Matron                  |                          |
| Worthy Grand Patron                  |                          |
| Grand Secretary                      |                          |
| Board of Directors                   |                          |
| Jurisprudence on Unfinished business | Mrs. Vi Griffin          |
| Jurisprudence                        | Mrs. Vi Griffin          |
| Grievance and Appeals                | Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler  |
| By-Laws                              | Mrs. Tonya Foster        |
| Educational Fund                     | Mrs. Delphia VonHeeder   |
| Financial Investments                | Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt |
| International Headquarters           | Mrs. Judy Tucker         |

### **Benediction**

Mrs. Naomi Wolfe  
Past Grand Matron

### **Closing of the Holy Bible**

Mrs. Carolyn Martin  
Grand Conductress

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

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



## Friday Afternoon Session

Friday, August 18, 2017

1:00 P.M.

### “INSPIRATIONS TOGETHER”

Session

|                            |                                           |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 12:45 p.m. Musical Prelude | Mrs. Sandra Perdue                        |
| 1:00 p.m. Organist Opening | Mrs. Carolyn Black                        |
| Call to Order              | Mrs. Joyce Nicklas<br>Past Grand Matron   |
|                            | Mr. Ray Hertenberger<br>Past Grand Patron |

#### Entrance of Grand Officers

|                            |                                               |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Opening of the Holy Bible  | Mrs. Carolyn Martin<br>Grand Conductress      |
| Invocation                 | Mr. William “Bill” Wyatt<br>Past Grand Patron |
| Scripture Reading          | Mrs. Nancy Brown<br>Past Grand Matron         |
| Reports Continued:         |                                               |
| Museum                     | Mrs. Sharon Hill Adams                        |
| OES Endowment Fund         | Mrs. Mickie Campbell                          |
| Purposes and Policies      | Mr. John Creel                                |
| Titles, Deeds & Properties | Mrs. Gerry Sturtz                             |

Benediction

Mrs. Jerre Lucas  
Past Grand Matron

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Carolyn Martin  
Grand Conductress

Grand Representatives Presentation and Report Mrs. Betty Fogarty  
Fraternal Correspondent

“Inspirations of the World” Drill

Humanitarian Presentation and Report Mrs. Cindy Echols  
Humanitarian, General Chairman

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| District One   | Mrs. Cynthia “Cindy” Brisko |
| District Two   | Mrs. Tamela Henington       |
| District Three | Mrs. Nancy Jo Estill        |
| District Four  | Mrs. Patricia Callahan      |
| District Five  | Mrs. Terri Reynolds         |

Presentation of the Participating Chapters  
Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons  
Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons

Called from Labor to Rest  
Until 8:00 A.M. Saturday Morning

Please join us for the  
Rob Morris Banquet and Celebration  
At 6:00 P.M.

# Saturday Morning Session

Saturday, August 19, 2017  
8:00 A.M.

## “BE INSPIRED” Session

|                            |                                              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 7:45 a.m. Musical Prelude  | Mr. Carl Chalfant                            |
| 8:00 a.m. Organist Opening | Mr. Daniel Caldwell                          |
| Call to Order              | Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler<br>Past Grand Matron |
|                            | Mr. Jerry L. Martin<br>Past Grand Patron     |

The “Let It Snow Parade” Drill  
Installed Grand Officers and Pages  
Directed by Mrs. Glenda Klemm, Grand Marshal

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

### Entrance of Grand Officers

|                           |                                                                |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Opening of the Holy Bible | Mrs. Carolyn Martin<br>Grand Conductress                       |
| Invocation                | Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.<br>First Responders, Chairman, GGC |
| Scripture Reading         | Mrs. Joyce Gilbert<br>Necrology, Chairman, GGC                 |

NOTE: NO CREDENTIALS CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER  
9:00 A.M.

Presentation of Executive and Arrangements Committees

Credentials Final Report Ms. Jo D. Dibrell  
Credentials General Chairman

Appointment of Election Judge, Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan  
Table Judges and Tellers Past Grand Matron

10:00 A.M. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Reports continued:

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Registration              | Mrs. Alys Newsom   |
| Fraternal Correspondent   | Mrs. Betty Fogarty |
| Humanitarian              | Mrs. Cindy Echols  |
| Deputies of Grand Chapter |                    |
| Grand Examiners           |                    |

Announcement Mrs. Marianne Shenefelt  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron

Presentation of Residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center

Presentation and Recognition of Fifty Year Members

Presentation of One Degree — I Can Make A Difference

Reports Continued (as time permits):

|                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| An Event To Remember             | Ms. Rebecca "Becky" Cole |
| Give Us Paws — Help Our Military | Mrs. Kathey Crews        |
| Inspiring Cooks — Cookbook       | Mrs. Jay Rhyan           |
| Masonic Family                   | Mr. Tommy Griffin        |
| Mayfest                          | Mr. Jack Beall           |
| Puppy Love — Youth               | Mrs. Dorris Clegg        |
| Rob Morris                       | Mr. Patrick Travers      |

Save The Children  
Specialty License Plates  
TMRC Time and Talent  
Texas Who's Who

Mrs. Pamela Dean  
Mr. Thomas Murphy  
Mrs. Jeanette Rife Cotton  
Mrs. Sandra Gubrud

## Invitation to 2017-2018 Grand Chapter Session

## Recognitions and Presentations

## Election Results

Closing Ode  
(lyrics page 67)

“Let It Snow!”  
Grand Choir and Assembly

## Benediction

Mr. David B. Dibrell  
Youth, GGC

## Closing of the Holy Bible

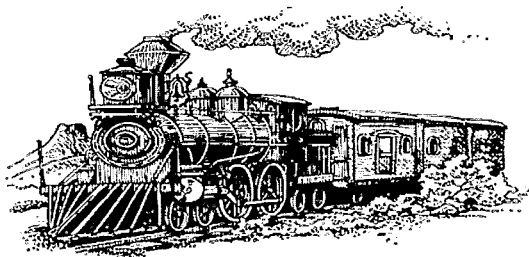
Mrs. Carolyn Martin  
Grand Conductress

## Closing Grand Officers Drill

Mr. Robert “Bob” Royall, Jr.  
Board of Directors, District 4

Called from Labor to Rest until 5:30 P.M. Saturday evening  
For the Installation of 2017-2018 Grand Officers

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



## PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR GRAND CHAPTER 2017

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

1. "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall be the adopted parliamentary authority and the rules found therein shall govern in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
2. The Credentials Committee, immediately prior to the Ritualistic Opening of Grand Chapter, shall report the number of delegates registered. The report of this committee will determine if a quorum is present. Immediately prior to holding the election at the Saturday morning session, the Credentials Committee shall make a final report of those entitled to vote and the total number of votes.
3. In order to enter the Grand Chapter meeting room for all business sessions, delegates shall wear the official badge issued by the Registration Committee and must also show a current dues card or demit. On Saturday morning, delegates also must have their signed official ballot for admission to the Grand Chapter room.
4. There shall be three (3) written copies of all motions made from the floor. These copies shall have the name, signature, and chapter name and number of the maker of the motion, as well as that of the member seconding the motion. These copies are to be distributed as follows:
  - a. One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron;
  - b. One copy to the Grand Secretary;
  - c. One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

5. Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction are entitled to speak, make motions, debate or vote.
6. In order to obtain the floor, the following procedure will be used:
  - a. Proceed to the nearest microphone;
  - b. Address the Presiding Officer;
  - c. Wait for recognition from the Presiding Officer before speaking;
  - d. State name, title, chapter name and number; then proceed to make a motion or participate in debate.
7. All motions must be seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer before debate can begin.
8. A motion may be amended (primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment as amended, then the original motion as amended.
9. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker for each question. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak again is given by the Presiding Officer. The three-minute time limit can be extended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer, if there is no objection.
10. A majority vote shall determine all questions, unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure. If the result is not clear, a division can be called. Voting Delegates will hold up the BLUE card; Chapter Representatives will hold up the RED card.

11. After a motion has been made, seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer, it cannot be withdrawn without permission of the voting body.
12. The following motions are not debatable:
  - a. Reconsider
  - b. Refer to a committee
  - c. Call for the orders of the day
  - d. Division of the question
  - e. Previous question \*
  - f. Lay on the table
  - g. 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.

Session Social Events  
Check Hotel Monitors for updates

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017

7:00 PM      “Snow Angels Gathering”      Installed Grand  
Officers Banquet By Invitation Only.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017

9 - 11:00AM      Reception Honoring Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Associate Grand Matron and the 2017-2018 Grand Officers. Hosted by Mr. Richard Skidd, Associate Grand Patron. By Invitation Only.

10:00 AM -  
2:00 PM      Hospitality Rooms for Distinguished Guests  
Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas.  
Open to General Grand Chapter Family; Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Elected and Appointed Grand Officers only. Cochran’s Crossing Room.  
Hotel/Convention Center.

10:00 AM -  
2:00 PM      Hospitality Room for Grand Representatives and PAGO. Hosted by those groups. Open to those groups. Hotel/Convention Center.

11:30 AM      “Snowflakes Forever” 2016-2017 Deputies of Grand Chapter Luncheon Honoring Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Thomas Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Deputies of Grand Chapter: Open to: 2016-2017 Deputies of Grand Chapter, Board of Grand Examiners, Humanitarian Committee, Fraternal Correspondent, Secretaries of WGM and WGP and Spouses of all these. Convention Center.

- Noon **"Inspiration of Friendship"** Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Luncheon. Chairman: Mrs. Nancy Brown. Open to: This Group Only. Hotel/Convention Center.
- 5:00 PM **"Puttin' On The Ritz"** GGC Reception. Chairman: Mrs. Jayne Yenger. Convention Center.
- 6:00 PM **"A Black Tie Affair"** Honoring Mr. Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Vi Griffin. Open to: All. Rooms: Waterway 5-8 in Convention Center.
- 8:00 PM MWGM & MWGP Social. Hosted by General Grand Chapter Family of Texas.

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017**

- 7:30 AM **"Wandering Snowflakes of Texas"** Grand Representatives Breakfast. Honoring Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Thomas Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Jane Wert. Open to: Present and Former Grand Representatives, Fraternal Correspondent, Spouses and Traveling Companions. Rooms: Waterway 5-8 in Convention Center.
- 8:00 AM -  
10:00 AM Hospitality Rooms for **Distinguished Guests** Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas. Open to General Grand Chapter Family; Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Elected and Appointed Grand Officers only. Cochran's Crossing Room. Hotel/Convention Center.
- 8:00 AM -  
10:00 AM Hospitality Room for Grand Representatives and PAGO. Hosted by those groups. Open to those

groups. Hotel/Convention Center.

10:00 AM “Still Riding for the Brand” Honoring Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Jr. Past Grand Matron and Mr. Billy Clabaugh, Past Grand Patron Hosted by the 2015-2016 Deputies. Open to: 2015-2016 Grand Family, Spouses and Traveling Companions. Convention Center.

5:00 PM Reception for Distinguished Guests: General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees, Worthy Grand Matrons/Patrons, Past Grand Matrons/Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board members. Hosted by Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Thomas Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron. Convention Center

6:00 PM “Winter Wonderland” General Banquet. Honoring the Installed Grand Officers of Texas. Open to: Membership. Waterway 4-8; Convention Center

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017

6:30 AM “Crossed Pens and Keys” Working Breakfast. Hosted by the Secretaries and Treasurers Association of Texas. Annual meeting to be held with election of Officers for the Association. Open to all Past and Present Secretaries and Treasurers and Traveling Companions. Convention Center.

Noon “Inspiring Memories” Luncheon honoring Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Thomas Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron. Open to: Membership. Waterway 1-3. Convention Center.

Noon “Melodies & Memories” Luncheon honoring Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Associate Grand Matron, Mr. Rick Skidd, Associate Grand Patron. Open to: Membership.

Waterway 4-5. Convention Center.

Noon            “Apple Blossoms In Bloom” Luncheon honoring Mrs. Carolyn Martin, Grand Conductress. Open to membership. Waterway 6-8. Convention Center.

Noon            “Believing In Our Future” Luncheon honoring Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson. Open to: Membership Montgomery Ballroom Convention Center.

6:00 PM        “Think Cool” Rob Morris Banquet. Open to: Membership. This is what we worked for! Reduced Price Tickets and a Super Great Auction! Don't Miss It ... Waterway 1-8. Convention Center.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

6:30 AM        “Let The Fun Begin” Breakfast Honoring Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Associate Grand Matron, Mr. Rick Skidd, Associate Grand Patron. Hosted by 2017-2018 Deputies of Grand Chapter. Open to: Membership. Waterway 1-5. Convention Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

9:00 AM        “A New Beginning” Breakfast Honoring the Newly Elected Associate Grand Conductress. Open to: Membership. Waterway 1-5 Convention Center.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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

**DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS:** 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 South-East Section of the Arena as designated.

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

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

### **HOSPITALITY ROOM INFORMATION**

|                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Distinguished Guests  | Cochran's Crossing Room           |
| Grand Representatives | check hotel monitors for location |

PAGO

**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.

#### OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS:

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

#### REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS

Wednesday - Convention Center 9:00 AM

Thursday - Convention Center 8:00 AM

Friday & Saturday—Convention Center 7:00 AM

Registration of Voting Delegates for their Credentials closes promptly at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 19, 2017

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

**HUMANITARIAN DRILL:** All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons participating in the Humanitarian Drill for 2016-2017 are invited to participate in the Humanitarian Drill on Friday Afternoon. Ladies, you are invited to wear your Grand Chapter Attire, or your Subordinate Chapter Attire.

**FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS:** All Members who attained their 50th year this year will be recognized on Saturday.

**TMRC RESIDENTS:** All members will be recognized on Saturday.

**GRAND EXAMINERS ROOM** – check monitors for location

Thursday, August 17, 2017: 9–10:30 A.M.

Friday, August 18, 2017: 8–9:30 AM

Located in the Convention Center.

**VENDORS:**

The vendors are located on the 2nd floor of the Convention Center.

Hours are 8 am – 8 pm (but some may close earlier)

**HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:** Marriott





## The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

## O Canada

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

## This is the Day

This is the Day, This is the Day  
That the Lord hath made, That the Lord hath made,  
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and  
Be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the Day that the Lord hath made,  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the Day, This is the Day  
That the Lord hath made.

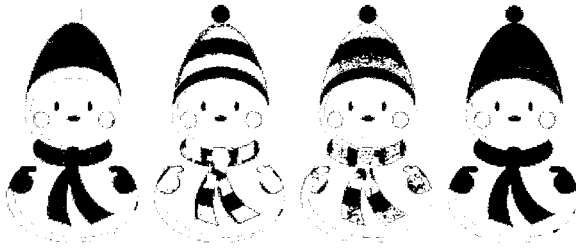
## Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Oh, the weather outside is frightful  
and the fire is so delightful  
And since we've no place to go  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

And it doesn't show signs of stoppin'  
And I've brought corn for poppin'  
With the lights turned way down low  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

And the fire is slowly dyin'  
And, we're still goodbyin'  
But as long as you love me so  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.  
(Let it snow! Let it snow!)





### Suzy Snowflake

Here comes Suzy Snowflake  
Dressed in a snow white gown  
Tap, tap, tappin' at your windowpane  
To tell you she's in town

Here comes Suzy Snowflake  
Soon you will hear her say  
Come out everyone and play with me  
I haven't long to stay

If you wanna make a snowman  
I'll help you make one, one, two, three  
If you wanna take a sleigh ride  
And the ride's on me

Here comes Suzy Snowflake  
Look at her tumblin' down  
Bringing joy to every girl and boy  
Suzy's come to town

## Frosty the Snow Man

Frosty the Snowman, was a jolly happy soul,  
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose,  
and two eyes made of coal

Frosty the Snowman, is a fairytale, they say.  
He was made of snow, but the children know  
he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in  
that old silk hat they found,  
For when they placed it on his head,  
he began to dance around!

Oh, Frosty, the Snowman, was alive as he could be;  
and the children say he could laugh and play,  
just the same as you and me.

Frosty the Snowman, knew the sun was hot that day,  
so he said, "Let's run, and we'll have some fun  
now, before I melt away."

Down to the village, with a broomstick in his hand,  
Running here and there, all around the square,  
sayin', "Catch me if you can."

He led them down the streets of town,  
To the left and to the right  
He ran so fast, he disappeared, yep  
He was out of sight.

For Frosty, the Snowman, had to hurry on his way,  
But he waved goodbye, sayin'  
"Don't cry, I'll be back again some day."

Thumpety thump, thump,  
thumpety thump, thump,

Look at Frosty go  
Thumpety thump, thump,  
thumpety thump, thump,  
Over the hills of Snow.

## I've Been Working On The Railraod

I've been working on the railroad — All the live long day  
I've been working on the railroad — Just to pass the time away  
Don't you hear the whistle blowing — Rise up so early in the morn  
Don't you hear the captain shouting, — Dinah, blow your horn  
Dinah won't you blow — Dinah won't you blow  
Dinah, won't you blow your horn  
Dinah, won't you blow, — Dinah, won't you blow,  
Dinah, won't you blow your horn  
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah  
Someone's in the kitchen I know  
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah — Strumming on the old banjo  
And singin' Fi fie fiddly-i-o  
Fi fie fiddly-i-o  
Fi fie fiddly-i-o  
Strumming on the old banjo

## Chattanooga Choo Choo

Pardon me boy, is that the Chattanooga Choo Choo?  
Track twenty nine, boy you can gimme a shine  
I can afford to board a Chattanooga Choo Choo  
I've got my fare and just a trifle to spare  
You leave the Pennsylvania station 'bout a quarter to four  
Read a magazine and then you're in Baltimore  
Dinner in the diner, nothing could be finer  
Than to have your ham 'n' eggs in Carolina  
When you hear the whistle blowin' eight to the bar  
Then you know that Tennessee is not very far  
Shovel all the coal in, gotta keep it rollin'  
Woo, woo, Chattanooga, there you are  
There's gonna be a certain party at the station  
Satin and lace, I used to call funny face  
She's gonna cry until I tell her that I'll never roam,  
So, Chattanooga Choo Choo won't you choo choo me home?

## Carol of the Bells

Hark! how the bells Sweet silver bells  
All seem to say, "Throw cares away."  
Christmas is here Bringing good cheer  
To young and old Meek and the bold

Ding, dong, ding, dong That is their song  
With joyful ring All caroling  
One seems to hear Words of good cheer  
From ev'rywhere Filling the air

Gaily they ring While people sing  
Songs of good cheer Christmas is here  
Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas

On, on they send On without end  
Their joyful tone To ev'ry home.

Hark! how the bells Sweet silver bells  
All seem to say, "Throw cares away."  
Ding, dong, ding, dong



## I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm

The snow is snowing, the wind is blowing  
But I can weather the storm  
What do I care how much it may storm  
I've got my love to keep me warm  
I can't remember a worse December  
Just watch those icicles form  
What do I care if icicles form  
I've got my love to keep me warm  
Off with my overcoat, off with my gloves  
I need no overcoat, I'm burning with love  
My heart's on fire, the flame grows higher  
So I will weather the storm  
What do I care how much it may storm  
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## Over the River and Through the Woods



Over the river and through the woods  
To Grandmother's house we go.  
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh  
Through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river and through the woods,  
Oh, how the wind does blow.  
It stings the toes and bites the nose  
As over the ground we go.



Over the river and through the woods  
To have a full day of play.  
Oh, hear the bells ringing ting-a-ling-ling,  
Hurray for Thanksgiving Day.



Over the river and through the woods,  
Trot fast my dapple gray;  
Spring o'er the ground just like a hound,  
For this is Thanksgiving Day.

Over the river and through the woods  
And straight through the barnyard gate  
We seem to go extremely slow;  
It is so hard to wait.

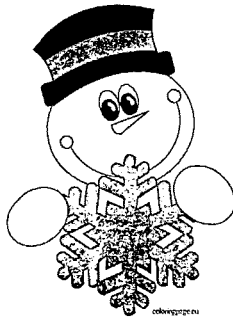
Over the river and through the woods,  
Now Grandma's cap I spy.  
Hurrah for fun; the pudding's done;  
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie.





## Silver Bells

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks  
Dressed in holiday style  
In the air there's a feeling of Christmas  
Children laughing, people passing  
Meeting smile after smile  
And on every street corner you hear  
Silver bells, (silver bells) silver bells (silver bells)  
It's Christmas time in the city  
Ring-a-ling, (ring-a-ling)  
Hear them ring, (hear them ring)  
Soon it will be Christmas day  
City street lights, even stoplights  
Blink a bright red and green  
As the shoppers rush home with their treasures  
Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch  
This is Santa's big scene  
And above all this bustle you hear  
Silver bells (Silver bells)  
Silver bells (Silver bells)  
It's Christmas time in the city  
Ring-a-ling, (ring-a-ling)  
Hear them ring, (Hear them ring)  
Soon it will be Christmas day



## Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring are you listening  
In the lane snow is glistening  
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight  
Walking in a winter wonderland

Gone away, is the blue bird  
Here to stay, is the new bird  
He sings a love song, as we go along  
Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow we can build a snowman  
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown  
"He'll say are you married?" We'll say, "No man!  
But you can do the job when you're in town."

Later on, we'll conspire  
As we dream by the fire,  
To face unafraid the plans that we've made  
Walking in a winter wonderland

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening  
In the lane snow is glistening  
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight  
Walking in a winter wonderland

Gone away, is the blue bird  
Here to stay, is the new bird  
He's singin' a song as we go along  
Walking in a winter wonderland

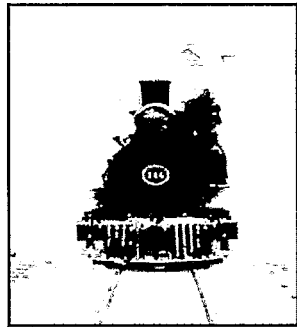
In the meadow we can build a snowman  
And pretend that he's a circus clown  
We'll have lots of fun with Mr. Snowman  
Until the other kiddies knock 'im down

When it snows, ain't it thrilling  
Though your nose, gets a chilling  
We'll frolic and play, the Eskimo way  
Walking in a winter wonderland.

## Wabash Cannon Ball

From out the wide Pacific to the broad Pacific shore  
She climbs high mountains up hill and by the shore  
Although she's tall and handsome she's known quite well by all  
She's a regular combination of the Wabash Cannonball  
Our Eastern states are dandies, So the Western people say.  
When she climbed Old Rock Island Took all her style away.  
To the lakes of Minnesota where the rippling waters fall.  
No chances can be taken on the Wabash Cannonball.

She came down from Birmingham one cold  
December day  
As she pulled into the station you could  
hear all the people say  
There's a gal from Tennessee she is long and  
she is tall.  
She comes from Birmingham on the Wa-  
bash Cannonball  
Just listen to the jingle, the rumble and the  
roar,



As she glides along the woodland to the hills and by the shore  
Hear the mighty rush of the engine hear the lonesome hobo's call  
While she's trav'ling through the jungle on the Wabash Cannonball

Here's to old man daddy Claxton may his name forever stand  
May it always be remembered throughout the land  
His earthly race is over and the curtains round him fall  
We'll carry him home to vict'ry on the Wabash Cannonball.

## *Special Thanks*

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**"Wandering Snowflakes of Texas"**

**Breakfast hosted by the**

**Grand Representatives Association of Texas**

Master of Ceremonies..... Mrs. Jane Wert  
President

Welcome..... Dr. Leonora Owre  
Historian

Response ..... Mrs. Glenda Winchester  
Right Worthy Grand Conductress

Invocation ..... Ms. Melynda Giesenschlag  
Chaplain

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**Breakfast**

Introductions..... Mr. Burley Jones  
Vice President

Presentations and Honorary Certificates .....  
..... Mrs. Judy Tucker  
Secretary

Greetings ..... Mrs. Betty Fogarty  
Fraternal Correspondent

**Thursday Morning - Grand Representative Breakfast**

Greetings..... Mr. Henry Martin

Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron

Greetings ..... Mrs. Marianne Shenefeld

Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron

Greetings ..... Mrs. Rennie Ofton

Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

Greetings ..... Mr. Robert C. Penoyer

Most Worthy Grand Patron

Greetings ..... Mrs. Helen Westmoreland

Most Worthy Grand Matron

Greetings ..... Mr. Thomas Murphy

Worthy Grand Patron

Greetings ..... Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer

Worthy Grand Matron

Benediction ..... Ms. Melynda Giesenschlag

Chaplain

The Business meeting and election of 2017 – 2018 officers for the Grand Representatives Association of Texas will be held immediately following the breakfast. All members are urged to attend.



**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
**135<sup>TH</sup> GRAND CHAPTER SESSION**  
**THURSDAY MORNING CEREMONIAL OPENING**  
**Marriott Convention Center**  
**August 17, 2017**  
*“Texas Inspiration” Session*

**10:45 AM Musical Prelude**

**Mrs. Jackie Stogner**  
**Music to My Ears Committee**

**11:00 AM Organist Informal Opening**

**Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry**  
**Past Grand Matron**

**Master of Ceremonies**

**Mrs. Betty Friend**  
**Past Grand Matron**

**Assisting Grand Marshal**

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

**Betty Friend, MC:** Good Morning Sisters and Brothers and guests of the Order of the Eastern Star. As your Master of Ceremonies, it is my delight to welcome you to the “Texas Inspiration” Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. If I were a great singer I would sing these words to you “Oh, what a beautiful morning. Oh, what a beautiful day. I’ve got a beautiful feeling waves of inspiration are coming our way.”

Haven’t you enjoyed the beautiful music? It was presented by our Past Grand Matron, Sister Rosemary S. Berry. Their music has inspired us and has prepared us for the wonderful start of the 2017 Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you again, Sister Rosemary.

We are thrilled to have those who have traveled from all around the world to be “Inspired” in Texas today as we begin the 135th Session: This has been “A Year of Inspiration” 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 Inspirations and the Conductors, for your dedicated service this past year as you “Inspired” the membership and conducted us on safe travels around the state. This Grand Chapter Session this week, may God be your conductor as He has inspired us all.

I am delighted at this time to introduce our Assisting Grand Marshal for today, our own Past Grand Matron, Sister Betty Benham.

We will now begin the Processional and those who know they are going to be escorted to the East please assemble in the back so Betty will be prepared. We will now have the processional of Distinguished Members and Guests. Would you please pay attention as they are presented:

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort Sister Helen Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Robert Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause)

\*\*\* Let’s give them a Texas Inspirational welcome. (Applause)\*

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present Our Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons to the East. (Applause)

\*\*\* Let's give them a BIG Texas welcome. (Applause) \*

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Elected and Appointed Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East. (Applause) Join me in welcoming these wonderful people. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members to their reserved place in the Southeast. (Applause) What a wonderful group that have come to Texas, our Ambassadors and Committee Members from around the world. Say thank you to this group. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Applause) How wonderful it is to have Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions. Thank them for coming. (Applause) We have a late arrival. Again, thank these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to their reserved space in the Southeast. (Applause) Say hello again to our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Most Worshipful Grand Master to the East along with the Past Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge Officers (Applause) Of this group we are most proud. Say hello to these, the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Past Grand Masters and other Lodge leaders. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions to their reserved place in the Southeast. (Applause)

**Assisting Grand Marshal, Betty Benham:** Master of Ceremonies, I believe we have our own Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

**Betty Friend M.C.:** Okay, thank you. Assisting Grand Marshal you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to their reserved place in the Southeast. (Applause) We are doubly or triply proud of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Show them once again the love they deserve. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions to their reserved space in the Southeast. (Applause) All Jurisdictions are extremely proud of their Installed Grand Officers and we are so glad they could come to be with us today. Let's give them a hearty welcome. (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 to their reserved space in the Southeast. (Applause) These are special workers for our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. Say hello and thank you to these beautiful people. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Adult Leaders of the Fraternal Youth Organizations in the East. (Should have been Grand Representatives) (Applause) This is a

beautiful collection of Grand Representatives from around the world, from our Texas and other Grand Jurisdictions. Please give them a hearty welcome. (Applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Adult Leaders of the Fraternal Youth Organizations in the East. (Applause) How proud we are of our Youth Organizations and those who so lovingly and willingly serve for them. Say thank you to this wonderful working group of people. (Applause)

Thank you, Assisting Grand Marshal, Sister Betty Benham, for a beautiful job. Please join me in showing her our appreciation. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, we will now introduce to you the Board of Grand Examiners of Texas. These members are dedicated to helping our membership with their Secret Work, the Ritualistic Work and knowledge of our Constitution and Code of Laws.

#### **Our Board of Grand Examiners:**

Mrs. Phyllis Macon, District 1, Escorted by Mr. Carrol Macon

Mrs. Susan Dormandy, District 2, Escorted by Mr. Bill Dormandy

Mrs. Donna Noe, District 3, Escorted by Mr. Jeff Perry

Ms. Terri Rozell, District 4, Escorted by Mr. Burley Jones

Mrs. Joan Miller, District 5, Escorted by Mr. Terry Miller

Mrs. Shelley Walker, Grand Examiner At-Large, Escorted by Mr. James Walker

**The Board of Directors** is comprised of elected members who oversee the financial aspects of the Grand Chapter. They give us many, many hours of dedicated service on behalf of our Grand Chapter and its members.

#### **Our Board Of Directors:**

Ms. Audri Rowell, Chairman, Escorted by Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt

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Mr. Robert "Bob" Royall, Jr. – Member District 4, Escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Royall

Mrs. Phyllis Wilson – Member District 5, Escorted by Mr. Garvid Wilson

I would now present to you special members for this year:

Mrs. Helen Sanderford – Grand Chapter Secretary, Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith. She is the Grand Chapter Sweetheart.

Mrs. Betty Martin and Mr. Jerry L. Martin – Grand Chapter Mom and Dad

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

Fraternal Correspondent – Mrs. Betty Fogarty, Escorted by Mr. Derrell Fogarty

Next our Grand Officers of 2016-2017 These members have given tirelessly of their time to Texas. As you know Texas is a BIG state and these members have safely made their journey across the state:

### **Your Installed Grand Officers:**

Grand Sentinel – Mr. Dallas Alford – Is not able to be with us. He suffers from Agent Orange from his service to us while in Viet Nam. Brother Dallas has two Purple Hearts

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 her son, Mr. Scott Sory

Grand Ruth – Ms. Mary Bond, Escorted by her son Mr. Bradley Grimmitt

Grand Adah – Mrs. Kathy Paschal, Escorted by Mr. Joe Paschal

Grand Organist – Mrs. Susan Smith, Escorted by Mr. Daniel Caldwell

Grand Marshal – Mrs. Glenda Klemm, Escorted by Mr. Herman Flanagan

Grand Chaplain – Mrs. Laura Geyer, Escorted by Mr. Jeff Geyer

Associate Grand Conductress--Mrs.Linda Winn-Christenson,

Escorted by Mr. Victor Christenson

Grand Conductress – Mrs. Carolyn Martin, Escorted by Mr. Harold Wert

Grand Secretary – Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Escorted by Mr. Jim Pickrell

Associate Grand Patron – Mr. Richard “Rick” Skidd, Escorted by Mrs. Lou Skidd

Associate Grand Matron – Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman

And now Sisters and Brothers, please stand as we introduce and welcome our leaders

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Worthy Grand Patron – Mr. Thomas R. Murphy, Escorted by Mrs. Glenda Murphy

Inspiring the membership has been her job this year. Let us welcome our

Worthy Grand Matron – Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Escorted by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer

Let us greet all of these with a BIG Texas Inspirational Welcome. \*\*\* (Applause) That is a big Inspirational welcome. Thank you. \*

In order that our Grand Chapter Room may be complete, we have the presentations of those items, which are very dear to each of us in our daily lives.

The Altar is the center of our Chapter room and our Grand Chapter Room. Our Bible is being presented by Ms. Jerre Miller, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron. The Bible brings solemnity, reverence and light to our lives. It is the place that we took our solemn vows that united us as Sisters and Brothers in the Order of the Eastern Star. \*\*\* The Bible is being presented as a gift to our Worthy Grand Matron from her husband, Gary Mosmeyer. As Jerre presents our holy Bible, she is escorted by Gary Mosmeyer who is presenting the Square and Compasses. These emblems belong to our Worthy Grand Patron and were a gift from his lovely and beautiful wife, Glenda. Placing the Square and Compasses solidifies the relationship between the Order of the Eastern Star and our Masonic Brothers

We are now honored to have our flags presented. This program was written and will be presented by Brother Tommy Griffin, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.

Brother Tommy Griffin: I would ask that all who are here to please stand if you are able to. \*\*\*

I invite the brothers presenting the flags to enter the Grand Chapter room.

The United States flag. We, as Americans are proud of our freedoms that we enjoy and we swell with pride at the sight of Old Glory. We proudly present the flag of our beloved country this afternoon, the Stars and Stripes of our great land. Presenting the flag of the United States of America is Brother Gary Mosmeyer.

The Canadian flag. Our Sisters and Brothers who adjoin us along our northern borders in the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada are very special friends to us all. This afternoon the Canadian Flag is being presented by Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker.

The Texas flag. Of course, we proud Texans who before us came those valiant and courageous Texians who fought for our rights and died that we might have and be an independent state and this great flag of the state of Texas is being presented by Brother Jerry Martin.

The flag from the state of Florida. To honor our MWGM, Sister Helen Westmoreland, the flag of the great state of Florida is being presented by Brother Jerry Trees. Florida is the "Sunshine State" and represents the land of sunshine, flowers, palm trees, rivers and lakes.

The flag from the state of Pennsylvania. To honor our MWGP, Brother Bob Penoyer, the flag of the great state of Pennsylvania is being presented by Brother Ray Hertenberger. It is called the "Keystone State" because of its key position in the economic, social and political development of our country.

Christian flag. Our Christian Flag is being presented by Brother Bill Wyatt. The colors match the American flag with the white representing purity and peace, blue indicating fidelity and red standing for Christ's blood sacrificed for us.

The Eastern Star flag. We as members of the Order of the Eastern Star treasure the virtues of fidelity, constancy, loyalty and faith, values preeminent in our teachings and we proudly display the Eastern Star Flag presented by Brother Bill Crews.

The Masonic flag. Lastly, we present this afternoon, the flag of our Masonic heritage and the representative of the greatest fraternal organization, of which we Masons are so very proud to belong and to present this flag, Brother David Dibrell.

My Brothers, you will now POST these beautiful flags in the East.

**Betty Friend, MC:** Please remain standing. As we begin, I ask that Brother Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico and a Past Grand Patron of Texas to bring our Invocation.

**PGP Jerry Trees:** Would you please bow your heads? Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we bow in humble gratitude, thanking you for our heritage in our Order and remembering the many blessings that we have received and enjoyed. Be with those who are absent because of illness or other adversity. Comfort those whose hearts have been saddened by loss of Loved ones. We offer our thanks to You for our priceless gifts of freedom and our beautiful country. Make us worthy of these freedoms and grant that they will never diminish or be taken from us. Thank you, God, for your protection and watchful care over each of us here today and especially our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We are grateful for their leadership and for every supportive effort put forth by the membership of Texas. All these things we humbly ask in Your Holy Name. Amen (Amen)

**Betty Friend, MC:** I invite the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. Today, marks the beginning of the 135th Session of Grand Chapter and Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Past Grand Matron will bring a special dedication of the Session from our Worthy Grand Matron.

**PGM Cheryl Albrecht:** This year has been dedicated to the membership of Texas and our Worthy Grand Matron set a goal of inspiring the membership as she traveled the state this past year. This is a poem from her to each of you:

### **My Hope**

When I have come to the end of the road,  
I should like to look back and see  
That I have done my very best,  
With the trust that's 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 very last mile,  
To know I've meant something to someone  
And caused those in sorrow to smile....

To know that I shall be happy  
If in the heart of just one,  
I can leave one lingering memory  
Of something good that I have done....

And I believe that she can do that. Thank you.

**Betty Friend MC:** There is one man here who is glad this week is finally here. He is looking forward to being able to sleep next week knowing that his work this year has been enjoyed by all of us. Brother Paul Garner, Executive Committee Chairman I invite you to bring us a Welcome.

**Bro. Paul Garner:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Good morning everyone. What a beautiful day the Lord has made. Welcome to District 4, Section 7 and my hometown, the Woodlands, Texas. My name is Paul Garner and it has been my honor to serve as your 2016-2017 Executive Committee Chairman. We've worked hard all year for the membership of Texas to bring you the best Grand Chapter Session ever. So, on behalf of the Executive Committee and the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Murphy I welcome you this morning to the 135th "A Year of Inspiration" Session of the Grand Chapter of the great state of Texas. (Applause) We have with us this morning several Distinguished Guests that I would like to introduce and invite them to bring additional Greetings. First it is my pleasure to introduce Christie Hughes, Director of Hotel Operations from the Woodlands Marriott Waterway Hotel and Convention Center.

**Ms. Christie Hughes:** Good afternoon. Again, my name is Christie Hughes and I wanted to welcome your group from the Hotel and from our staff. We were greatly honored with your convention and excited for your arrival. We have been preparing for the last couple of weeks for your arrival and it's my honor that I've had the second opportunity to work with your group. We hope that you have a great week and if you need anything from us please don't hesitate to let us know. (Applause)

**Bro. Paul Garner:** Thank you Christie. You and your team are doing a wonderful job. Next, I would like to present Mr. J. J. Hollie from the Woodlands Township. He is a Board Member of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and President of the Woodlands Chamber of Commerce. And he will come forward and do a special welcome and presentation.

**Mr. J.J. Hollie:** Thank you Paul. It is my honor and privilege to welcome you to The Woodlands, Texas on behalf of The Woodlands Chamber of Commerce, The Woodlands Township and the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Now I would like to read a Proclamation.

Be it proclaimed:

**WHEREAS** the Order of the Eastern Star is the largest Masonic related fraternity for both women and men and is known for their dedication to charity by raising millions of dollars annually for projects including Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington, Cancer research, the Arthritis Foundation, the Heart Fund, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Shriners Hospitals and the Scottish Rite Hospitals for Children and;

**WHEREAS** the Order of the Eastern Star's Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon Mosmeyer and Worthy Grand Patron, Tom Murphy raise additional funds for specific charities of their choosing. This year including "Give us Paws", a Texas non-profit dedicated to training and providing service dogs of the highest quality at no cost to disabled American Veterans and the Burn Unit at the Shriners Hospital for Children where this year's contribution will pay for the much needed laser equipment which will save the lives of children burned over ninety percent of their bodies and;

**WHEREAS** the Woodlands Township and the Convention and Visitors Bureau would like to offer our warmest welcome to the Order of the Eastern Star's annual convention at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott and Convention Center on August 17-19, 2017 with the opportunity to honor Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon Mosmeyer and Worthy Grand Patron, Tom Murphy and;

**WHEREAS** the Woodlands Township offers our sincere applause to Sharon Mosmeyer and Tom Murphy on their true dedication to charitable causes and sends the best wishes for a successful event.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Gordy Bunch, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township do hereby proclaim August 17, 2017 as:

### **The Order of Eastern Star Day**

in The Woodlands, Texas (Applause)

**Bro. Paul Garner:** Thank you J.J. Sister Sharon I want you to know that I did my best to get you the key to The Woodlands Mall (laughter) but unfortunately there was a formal protest lodged to the Township that prevented me from doing that. I inquired further and

it turns out that your husband, Gary, was the culprit. (laughter) Sisters and Brothers, we have a few more presentations from dignitaries who could not attend in person. Sister Sharon and Brother Tom you might as well stand up. It is my pleasure to present to you on behalf of Sylvester Turner, the Mayor of the city of Houston these Proclamations which my lovely wife Vanna, I mean Regina (laughter) will help me with. These Proclamations designating August 17, 2017 as Sharon Mosmeyer and Tom Murphy Day throughout the city of Houston. (Applause) And there's more. In addition, the Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of the great state of Texas sends you his Greetings and Proclamation in recognition of the great work that the Order of the Eastern Star does for Texas and honoring both you and Tom for your significant contributions this year. Thank you, Governor Abbott. (Applause) Sister Sharon and Brother Tom, you both have a place in your heart for our military. And at this time, I have a very special presentation for you. The Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II Joint Fighter Program is critical to the future of our U.S. Air Force fighting capabilities and will soon be placed into service around the world defending our great nation and our NATO allies. These flags were recently flown in the cockpit of this revolutionary fighter during final qualification missions of this incredible aircraft. I would like to thank Lesa Smith for making this presentation possible. Included with them is a letter stating the mission and the pilot along with their call sign that flew these critical missions. (Applause) Brother Tom, don't go too far. We heard that you liked trains. As you may know, Union Pacific Railroad has two original steam engines still in service today and has a special team of engineers that are dedicated to the operation and preservation of keeping the steam engine legend alive. They are known as Union Pacific's Steam. Today I present to you an official Union Pacific Steam Engineer's shirt. These shirts are worn by members of Union Pacific Steam Engineering Team and with the help of Carl Wunsche who works for Union Pacific, you are now an honorary member of this great team. I also want you to know that Carl has arranged for you to be able to have a ride on one of the routes from Palestine to Spring on one of these old steam engines. So, we will talk to Carl afterwards and get that arranged. Sister Sharon, all year long in every Chapter we've heard a certain song played as part of your march, Beauty and the Beast. As you know, my wife Regina has connections. Our daughter works at Disney World. At this time, we have for you a personal presentation from the two of us. This is a one of a kind, hand drawn original piece of Disney artwork that was commissioned specifically for you by one of the Beauty and the Beast artist. My daughter had this commissioned for you. And it's signed by the artist and more importantly it's signed by Belle and the Beast. This work is titled "Let the Magic Inspire You." We have a Disney storybook for you. It has the story of Beauty and the Beast and Belle and the Beast also signed that. We thought you might want to read that to your grandchildren, your great-grandchildren. Finally, Sister Sharon and Brother Tom it has been my pleasure and distinct honor to have served you both this year and we wish you the best Grand Chapter possible. (Applause)

**Betty Friend, MC:** Our Worthy Grand Matron has had a passion this year and her passion is the Shriners Hospital for Children, specifically the Galveston Burn Hospital. Here today is Ms. Katherine Jeschke, Donor Development Officer for the Galveston Burn Hospital. Sister Katherine I invite you to speak.

**Ms. Katherine Jeschke:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for inviting me here to speak at this Grand Chapter Session. It is an honor to speak to you today on behalf of our Shriners Hospital for Children in Galveston. The commitment you have shown for the



“Save the Children” project is utterly amazing. Thank you all who supported the Worthy Grand Matron’s project. With your help, the Galveston Shriners Hospital annually provides lifesaving care for approximately 200 children with the most critical burns from around the world in our pediatric intensive care unit. Another 1,800 children receive care for scar management, psychological interventions, and plastic surgery as out patients. Our interdisciplinary team of medical professionals provides family center of collaborative care to children regardless of the size or severity of the burn and regardless of the family’s ability to pay. Our pediatric intensive care unit team will stabilize a child as soon as they are admitted while preventing secondary complications, such as pressure ulcers and infections. Patients receive respiratory therapy for the management of smoke inhalation, have early excision of the wound, and skin grafting and are put in aggressive rehabilitation programs. Once discharged to outpatient status our physical and occupational therapist to work with the children to regain strength, mobility and dexterity. And most importantly to help them become independent again. Our goal at the Shriners Hospital in Galveston is to return children home healthy and happy. All of this is made possible because of your generosity and care. Because of your dedication to our hospital and patients we are saving children’s lives every day. On behalf of our patients, their families and our staff I want to say thank you again for all of your efforts. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you Katherine for being here today. And thank you for those wonderful words that are so important to me about the hospital in Galveston. I have said all year that you and the staff at Galveston Hospital create miracles and save children’s lives. It was really MY honor to have this project and the membership of Texas worked hard to make this project and this dream of mine to come true. On behalf of the membership of Texas I proudly present to you with this check for the Galveston Burn hospital. I know this monetary gift will help continue to save children’s lives. For those that are from out of state and aren’t familiar with the Burn Hospital in Galveston, it’s the only place in the world, in the world, that can save a child’s life if they are burned over 90% of their body. They actually grow skin there to help the children have their own skin to be put on their face and limbs in order to recreate the things that the fire has taken away from them. This has been a wonderful project this year. We started out wanting to buy the laser to help the children go from 50 treatments, and they’re painful. Laser treatments are painful for their face and ears and hands. Now with this laser that we did purchase already with the money that we gave from “The Event to Remember”, they do have this laser treatment in effect now. So now instead of having 50 treatments, they may have 1 to 5. So you, the membership of Texas, have helped to save children’s lives and reduce their pain that they have to endure from their burns. Thank you so much for being here today. It was really our honor. (Applause)

**WGP:** I also want to thank Katherine for being here with us today. It was our honor to have your hospital as one of our projects, with the designation to raise funds for the Shriners Hospital of Galveston. I hope and pray that these funds will also help your hospital save another child’s life. Thank you. (Applause)

**Betty Friend, MC:** At this time, Texas is proud to host our Most Worthy Grand Matron as she makes her official visit to Texas. She is a Past Grand Matron of Florida and travels the World over for Eastern Star. Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland, I invite you to bring greetings at this time. Okay, we have one more thing before the Most

Worthy Grand Matron speaks. I apologize. Another project and this one is another favorite of our Worthy Grand Matron is "Give us Paws – Help our Military." This Houston based company purchases and trains service dogs for our disabled veterans especially for candidates suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorders and limited mobility. Mr. Paul Buescher the Executive Director of "Give us Paws" was supposed to be here. He is on a jury trial so his wife, Sister Penny Corbin will take his place and speak to you about "Give us Paws – Help our Military" and she has others with her.

**Mrs. Penny Corbin:** Hi everybody. It's so great to be here. We appreciate it. I'm Penny Corbin the Executive Administrator for "Give us Paws." As she said Paul Buescher our Executive Director and his service dog "Addie" were chosen yesterday to serve on a jury trial in Harris County. They're doing their civic duty for a trial in Harris County which is one of the great privileges that we share in this country. And we really want to thank you for entrusting us with this generous donation. It will be used to enhance the lives of our disabled veterans who have sacrificed so much for us. By providing the funding for this training we hope to lessen the impact of their disability and help them to regain the lives they once knew. And I also brought my granddaughter Lila to come with me today and also one of our veterans, Lisa Eller and her service dog Blake with her diagnosis of Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. So, this is an example of what we do. Thank you so much. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you Sister Penny for being here today. I appreciate it so much. Paul actually came to our Worthy Grand Patron's school in Livingston and presented a dog and showed us all of the neat tricks.

**Mrs. Penny Corbin:** That was his dog.

**WGM:** Yes and it was really amazing all of the things you are able to do. I really appreciate you all being here today. The membership of Texas is happy to present you with this monetary gift to purchase 4 dogs and we have made some additional donations. There's extra checks in there. Our Grand Officers gave donations at our Banquet on Tuesday night to purchase another dog so there is the money to purchase 5 dogs.

**Mrs. Penny Corbin:** We just can't thank you enough. (Applause) It will definitely go to good use and we will keep you updated.

**WGP:** Tell Paul I did want to thank him for all he does for our veterans. The subsidized free in-home training of the candidate's dog and the help your group gives to assist those with disabilities is a blessing. And I thank you for all the service your company does. (Applause)

**Betty Friend, MC:** This is a wonderful world. At this time, Texas is proud to host our Most Worthy Grand Matron as she makes her official visit to Texas. She is a Past Grand Matron of Florida and travels the World for Eastern Star. Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland, I invite you to bring greetings at this time.

**MWGM Helen Westmoreland:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons, I am delighted to be here with all of you. Look at this room. Have we not heard some wonderful things this morning about what's going on in the state of Texas? (Applause) I hope everyone here will take this back home to your state and let them know what is happening in Texas. I know we are going to hear a lot more before this day is over. I want to thank Texas for

my Page, I want to thank them for all the things they have done while I've been here and I'm not going to take all my time. In Congress, you can give your time to someone next so I am giving mine to Bob Penoyer. (Applause)

**Betty Friend, MC:** Texas is also honored to have our Most Worthy Grand Patron as he makes his official visit to Texas. He is a Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania and I invite our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Robert Penoyer to speak at this time.

**MWGP Robert Penoyer:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Good morning everybody. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Elected and Appointed Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers. It is indeed a pleasure to be here to help you celebrate your 135th Session. "A Year of Inspiration" Session here in Texas. This is our 4th visit to your Grand Chapter of Texas. My wife, Mary, and I first visited when your Session was in Arlington, then Houston, next in Waco and now here in the Woodlands. And I can tell you it's always been a warm welcome. We have enjoyed each and every visit and have made many friendships from over the past few years. As a matter of fact, Mary my wife, feels right at home here in Texas as she lived here in Texas back in the 50's and 60's. and graduated from Stephen F. Austin University up in Nacogdoches up the road a little ways. And five of her children were born here in Texas. Believe me when I say when the family gets together they are very ardent and very dedicated "Cowboy" fans. (Laughter) As most of you know, my special projects this Triennium is about membership and the Rob Morris program which was initiated several years ago. I realize that your Jurisdiction has seen declining membership just as most of our other Jurisdictions. However, there are positive signs that Eastern Star that some areas of the world are growing and new Chapters are being formed. During the last Triennium, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Groebler constituted the Grand Chapter of Italy. We are currently working on creation of Grand Chapter in the Philippines. We are seeing new Chapters created in Romania, Bolivia and in Brazil. We have received letters of inquiry from other countries that are showing an interest in starting Eastern Star Chapters with the assistance of Grand Masters of the Lodges supporting our endeavors. Those are the positive aspects of our future. However, here in our own country where Eastern Star was born over 150 years ago the painted picture is not so great. I do not profess to have an answer to this to destem the decline in membership. I do know that only through the commitment and dedication of each and every one of you within hearing my voice to solicit eligible people to join our rank can we turn that tide. You can do this. You wouldn't be here now if you did not believe in the precepts of our Order or enjoy the friendships that you have gained throughout your membership in Eastern Star. Think about it. How many of your friends, your Sisters and your Brothers, would you now know if you hadn't made the commitment to join our beautiful Order? As I have travelled through the many Jurisdictions throughout the world over these past few years I have heard a variety of reasons as to why we lose membership and I believe it is about to show if we review some of those reasons. New members are not asked to do anything. People join for a reason and we need to find that reason and see that it is fulfilled. Members are neglected by clicks that form in your Chapters or they drift away for the lack of attention or recognition. Many members get frustrated by long time members who will not relinquish responsibility of leadership to those who would assume new stations or positions. Jealousy rears its ugly head when someone receives an appointment or an accolade. It would be nice to congratulate that Sister or Brother who you profess to love.

Remember your Obligation, Let us Love One Another. Members are criticized openly or by whispers when they do something incorrectly. Many members become discouraged by the poor Ritualistic work that is being done in many of our Chapters today. Sisters and Brothers, we need to be more pro-active in sustaining membership in our Chapters. There are many things that we can do which may be out of the ordinary to enhance the membership such as work with the Masonic Lodges and get them to encourage members to join OES, this can be done by asking the Master of the Lodge to let you speak on behalf of our Order. Many of our Chapters have acquired new members by having joint Masonic and OES Dinner meetings. Invite members, friends and spouses to come and listen to a presentation on Eastern Star and Masonry. We must improve our Ritualistic work. We need to do high quality work or no one will be used to it. Involve your new members in your committees so that they can feel a part of our good works. Make use of our new Social Media, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and other forms with the possibility of reaching new prospective members quickly and painlessly. Get involved in Community Groups and spread the word of the charity work we do and seldom take credit for it. We need to get out of the comfort zone of our Chapter walls and let the world know that what we do is good for our fellow man. All potential new members are out there in our communities and waiting for our encouragement. The one thing that is certain is if we do nothing, nothing will change. We need to be more involved in the ever-changing world around us. We need to try many different new ideas. A few of which have been touched on here. There are many items that I'm sure that you could think of. Just remember that the most important person in this room is not the Most Worthy Grand Matron or the Most Worthy Grand Patron, nor is it the Worthy Grand Matron or the Worthy Grand Patron, the most important person in this room is you. You are the only ones who can bring in new members. Only you can sign the petitions for degrees. And only you can help to improve the Ritualistic work in our Chapters. Only you can make our Chapters grow on throughout the world. You can make a difference because you are the most important person in this room. Just remember to keep "flying high for OES". Thank you. (Applause)

**Betty Friend, MC:** Thank you Most Worthy Grand Patron. Our youth in Texas is inspiring to us. We are honored that our Rainbow youth and adult leaders are here today to bring us greetings, Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and member of the House of Gold, please bring us greetings at this time and introduce us to the Grand Worthy Advisor. (Applause)

**Mrs. Marlene Dibrell:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter family, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. I appreciate this opportunity because it is a privilege to speak on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and certainly a pleasure for me to bring greetings to each of you today. This gives me personally a way to look you in the eyes, so to speak, and thank you for the tremendous support that you give to our Rainbow Girls and it comes in so many ways. Our girls and we as adult workers depend upon and appreciate your presence at our meetings and our activities. You are generous in contributions of time and talent and certainly financial gifts beyond measure. More importantly perhaps are our teachings and a way of life that upholds a high standard of moral living. Encompassing our religious beliefs, our God and this is the example that we set as Eastern Star members as well as the whole fraternal family. Our girls are blessed to be part of this family and upon attain-

ing their 18th birthday aspire to the next step and that is becoming members of Eastern Star. So, thank you for your mentorship, the inspiration that you are to our young ladies and the influence and the impact that you have on their lives. In Rainbow we dream, believe, inspire, learn and grow. And the key word here is “inspire.” Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, this has been an inspirational year. Your personal and sincere interest in Rainbow and your participation in meetings and events have been outstanding and your presence has certainly been noticed by our girls and our adults. So, thank you. And then to each of you as members of our Fraternal family, you personally and collectively help our girls believe in their dreams, encourage their ideas, support their ambitions and help them bring out the best in themselves. So, in a word, thank you. Rainbow is for the girls but we would not have Rainbow in Texas nor the world without the adults. So, thank you for your dedication and your inspiration and your influence that makes our organization possible. We are disappointed today that Mrs. Weaver, our Supreme Deputy in Texas is not able to be with us because of health issues in her family and we will look forward to seeing her later in the week but she would also want me to express to you her sincere appreciation for the tremendous support that each of you give to the Rainbow girls in Texas. Now it becomes my pleasure to give you the pleasure to hear from the Rainbow Girls of Texas and it is my privilege to introduce to you Ms. Hunter Nodwell, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas 2017-2018. Hunter, we look forward to your remarks. (Applause)

**Ms. Hunter Nodwell:** Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Tom Murphy, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and friends. Good morning. My name is Hunter Nodwell and I have the supreme pleasure of serving the Grand Assembly of Texas as Grand Worthy Advisor for the 2017-2018 Rainbow year. On behalf of the Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls I am pleased to bring greetings to this Grand Chapter Session. It's been a great year for OES and this year of “Inspiration.” I know I have certainly been inspired since my initiation this past June. This year, Texas Rainbow is on an adventure. A “Journey to Neverland” to be specific. My motto is “All you need is Faith, Trust and a little Pixie Dust”. And I encourage all of you to fly on by our Rainbow booth to learn more about us and what we do. Rainbow is the best youth organization for young girls aged 11-20 and our Pledge groups are the perfect stepping stone for girls 7-11. At the booth you will also find some cute and cuddly Woodland creatures, “The Lost Boys”. If you purchase one of these or donate money it will all go to our two charity projects. The Shriner Burn Hospital in Galveston 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 an opportunity to dream, adventure and have a normal childhood. I will also have my pins for sale at the booth which features a golden ship. I would like to invite all of you on our journey to “Neverland” Grand Assembly Session in Waco June of 2018. It would mean so much to the girls of Texas Rainbow to see just how much support you do as part of our Masonic family give to each of us. I wish the best of luck to Mrs. Melissa Hudman and Mr. Richard Skidd on this next year. I am so excited to work with you and your Grand Officers. Thank you so much for the opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of Texas Grand Assembly. I can't wait to see you all on our journey this next year. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Hunter, my mother always taught me that real beauty comes from within. It is clear to me that you are a beautiful young lady and as we were inspired at the Grand As-

sembly session in Waco by all of the beautiful Rainbow girls that were there. They were truly beautiful, inside and out. I am thrilled to present you with this love gift to Rainbow. Remember that Eastern Star members in Texas worked for the donation of selling the little puppies that we sold this year. So we have liters of puppies all over the state that are well trained because they went to all of our schools and we taught them how to sit and stay. I want you to know that I had a goal this year to give to Rainbow and we exceeded our goal. We gave you a donation already at the Event to Remember and this is the extra money that we had from that. So, thank you so much for representing Rainbow and thank you Sister Marlene for the work that you do and the inspiration that you give our Rainbow Girls because truly you can see what a great success it has been. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGP:** Sister Marlene and if you would pass this on to Mrs. Weaver also. And our Grand Worthy Advisor, Hunter Nodwell, I do want to tell you how impressed I was at Grand Assembly in Waco by the beautiful degree work. And I was very honored to receive your Grand Cross of Color and the degree work in that was just beautiful also. Thank you so very much. (Applause)

**Betty Friend, MC:** I invite Mr. Michael Sampson, State Executive Officer of Texas DeMolay to bring greetings and to introduce the State Master Councilor, Mr. Cody Jones.

**Mr. Mike Sampson:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, visitors and friends. Good morning. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of Texas DeMolay we would like to extend our congratulations on a fantastic year of "Inspiration". Thank you for your service to this state. We would also like to thank you for your generous and dedicated support to DeMolay and the Masonic youth of Texas. Thank you also to the members here who serve in many positions in DeMolay and in Rainbow. These are the folks that make these organizations possible. That make them work. At this time, I'd like to introduce Cody Jones, the 88th State Master Councilor of Texas DeMolay. (Applause)

**Mr. Cody Jones:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers past and present, Distinguished East, members and visitors. Thank you for allowing me to bring greetings on behalf of Texas DeMolay. We have a DeMolay booth right outside and we have my Challenge Coin for my year which some proceeds will go to assist the officers in Dallas. The officers who have been involved in Police shootings and the families that it affected. I want to thank y'all again for all the support you give Texas DeMolay. We could not do what we do without y'all's help. In the past year Texas DeMolay has been growing. We have opened two new Chapters within the state in Tyler and Orange, Texas. Also, we are in the process of reopening the Houston Chapter that will meet at Houston Scottish Rite. I have the extreme pleasure of having with me the Deputy State Master Councilor, Cole Spicer, and the State Junior Councilor, Rex Wunsche. If you need anything from us, don't hesitate to ask. The Masonic family is just that, a family. We love and support each other through thick and thin and will always be there for each other. Thank you again for all you do and continue to do for Texas DeMolay. God bless all of y'all. Thank y'all. (Applause)

**WGM:** What a great experience it was to visit the State Conclave in Waco this year. It was an awesome sight to watch the young men of DeMolay and it gave me a sense of

pride and humility as I experienced the inspiration there. It is my great honor that I present you with this love gift for Texas DeMolay. And yes, those puppies are the same puppies that we were able to do for both of our youth groups, DeMolay and Rainbow. We look forward and Michael thank you for all the inspiration and direction that you give our young men. (Applause)

**WGP:** I'm sorry I could not make the State Conclave in Waco due to medical reasons but I do want to wish you a very great year and thank you for your presence here today. Thank you. (Applause)

**Betty Friend, MC:** And it is also wonderful to have members of our Grand Lodge present and we wanted to see our Worshipful Grand Master but we understand he's stuck in traffic. So he's going to be represented by Brother Tommy Chapman, Deputy Grand Master to speak to you at this time. Brother Tommy. (Applause)

**Brother Tommy Chapman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers and friends of Eastern Star, on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas and the Masons of Texas it is my pleasure to stand before you and bring you greetings this morning and I want to thank you for the opportunity. Our Grand Master I hear is stuck in traffic and I have traveled in Houston quite a bit and all you can do while you are stuck in traffic is just sit back and just be glad to be part of it. (Laughter) I have been a member of Eastern Star for about 30 years now and a lot of my family members have been members of Eastern Star. Eastern Star certainly holds a very special place in my heart personally as well as Masonically. I just want to stand here today and tell you how important Eastern Star is to the Grand Lodge of Texas and the Masons. You are a very important part of the Masonic family and we appreciate y'all and we love every one of you. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I do want to wish you both much success in your Grand Chapter Sessions and I hope that you have future happiness and I hope you have a little time to rest when it's over with. But y'all have done an outstanding job and we are so proud of y'all, both of you. It's just been an amazing year and we thank you for all you do, not only for Eastern Star but for all the Masonic family. You have both worked hard. Thank you very much. Sisters and Brothers, I wish for each one of you and your local Chapters much success and happiness too. God bless you all and I hope to visit with as many of you as I can while we are here. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you Brother Tommy Chapman, our Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Texas. Thank you so much for being here. Eastern Star is here to support Masonry and we gave you a love gift at the Event to Remember. That was the first time that Eastern Star was able to use the auditorium at the Grand Lodge for an event and it was a beautiful event. It was a huge success and we were able to make money and give you a \$5,000 donation. We are family and thank you again for coming. I would like to tell you, I got a call from Orville yesterday and the library and museum in the Grand Lodge building, they are in charge of that, they have given us space, Eastern Star, to have an exhibit there. (Applause) Now he said it was not as much space as we would probably want but we have a space to make an exhibit and I will talk to my Museum Chairman, Sister Sharon Adams and let her decide what we have in our museum that would be appropriate to display in our beautiful Grand Lodge auditorium building, for an exhibit for Eastern Star.

**WGP:** Brother Tommy I've known you for quite a while and I was thinking the Chapman family in Masonry was only four generations. They are seven generations in the Masonic Lodge and they are in every other body as well as Eastern Star. And the first time I met his dad was where I was raised in Tolerance Lodge in Beaumont and then he continued as Grand Pursuivant. I asked him how he became the Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Texas and he said he could spell it. (laughter) I do thank you for being here and for everything that the Grand Lodge does for the Order of the Eastern Star. (Applause)

**Betty Friend, MC:** Sisters, Brothers and Friends, we appreciate your presence with us here today at our informal opening. Thank you for sharing this time with us.

As we are about to prepare for the business of this Grand Chapter, we request that all who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will please retire. And, the Grand Officers will prepare for the "Let It Snow Parade" Drill at this time. \*

**Betty Friend, MC:** Also, at this time the Arrangements Committee will prepare the labyrinth for the Grand Officers

**(Closing of the Informal Opening)**

\*\*\* (3 raps)

\*\* (2 raps)

\* (1 rap)



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Rosemary Swetland Berry  
Past Grand Matron TX

Mrs. Cathi Cannon  
Assisting Grand Organist

1:00 P.M. Call to Order

Mrs. Vi Griffin  
Past Grand Matron TX

Mr. H. Lee Stalling  
Jurisprudence Chairman, GGC

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Good afternoon Sisters and Brothers. It is my high honor and happy privilege to call this Ritualistic Opening of the 135<sup>th</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas to order. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the lovely courtesy you have extended to me this afternoon to have my fellow Missourian, Brother Lee Stallings to share this privilege with me makes this opening all the more special.

Worthy Grand Matron, for the past year, you have traveled this great state, visiting the subordinate chapters, sharing your vision for our beautiful order with the membership and inspiring us all to meet our challenges and to explore our possibilities. Very soon, we will hear the reports of your successes in your efforts and we now applaud you for your dedication and your inspiring leadership.

Worthy Grand Patron, I was present the evening you were initiated into Beaumont Chapter #71. It has been an absolute joy to watch your progression as you have served your chapters and Grand Chapter. We commend each of you for your leadership.

Brother Lee, without a doubt, you will want to express your appreciation to our leaders.

**PGP Lee Stallings:** Thank you Sister Vi. My vivacious friend from the “Show Me” state. It is indeed a pleasure to share the East with you again as we did a year ago when we had the honor of being the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron’s Installing Officers. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for this special privilege and pleasure of opening the 135<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session appropriately entitled “A Year of Inspiration”. Sister Betty Friend and I recognize what a shining star you were when you served as Deputy Grand Matron for us in 1999-2000. We are proud of you and the Worthy Grand Patron for being the guiding lights of this Grand Chapter this year. The Texas Grand Chapter Session is always a special time for our members. It is a time of fun and fellowship, a time of greeting old friends and meeting new ones. It is also a time for welcoming many Distinguished Guests and members who are here with us today. We hope you enjoy your time in Texas. We are especially pleased to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob Penoyer.

Thursday Afternoon - Introductions

We truly are honored by your presence. The membership looks forward to spending time with you and your General Grand Chapter family. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we wish you and your Grand Chapter family a very successful Grand Chapter Session. May the final days of your journey to the Grand East be enjoyable, rewarding and uplifting as this past year has been. And may the good Lord bless and keep you, make His face shine on you and be gracious to you, and turn His face towards you and give you peace.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you Brother Lee. I now invite the Grand Officers to present the "Let It Snow Parade" Drill under the direction of Grand Marshal, Sister Glenda Klemm.

### **Officers Drill**

(Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, I direct your attention to the Grand Chapter floor where we will have the Precision Drill performed under the direction of William "Bill" Wyatt, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

### **Precision Drill**

(Applause)

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Brother Bill and other gentlemen of this Precision Drill, I'm always amazed. Sisters and Brothers, they just don't show up here and make this happen. They practice to have the precision that you've seen. We appreciate them and tell them again how much we appreciate the time and effort they put into this.

I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East. \*\*\* (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, I am honored to present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) \* Worthy Grand Matron, the honor is mine, to present to you your gavel which I know you will use with dignity, decorum and fairness. It comes with my love and every good wish for an exceptional Grand Chapter as you preside.

**WGM:** Sister Vi thank you for opening this "Texas Inspiration" Session of Texas Grand Chapter. For many years I have dreamed of this day and I am thrilled that you have made my dream come true by being by my side. I love and appreciate you and I am looking forward to many, many more years as we "figure things out!" Brother Lee, how I loved your year as WGP as I laughed, and still laugh, at the stories of you and your "funny honey". You continue to be a delightful and knowledgeable inspiration for all of us. Sister Vi and Brother Lee, you are both always in my heart and my mind not only as Past Grands of District 4, but as longtime friends of mine. My love to each of you.

**WGP:** Sister Vi and Brother Lee, thank you both for opening this "Texas Session" of the Texas Grand Chapter. I also thank you both for your many years of service to our great Order, not only in Texas, but also through General Grand Chapter. Thank you for being here with us today.

**WGM:** I invite the Grand Officers to take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Grand Chapter.

**WGM:** I invite Sister Bess Caldwell to give our Scripture Reading for this morning.

**PGM Bess Caldwell:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

*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.* 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

And the Worthy Grand Patron's

*For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.*  
1 John 3:11

**WGM:** I believe now that we have our scripture for today, we can all relax with the knowledge that our Lord is with us. Thank you, Sister Bess.

Sister Betty Friend, thank you for being our Master of Ceremonies today. Your courtesy has set the tone for this session and I appreciate you so very much. I remember about 17 years ago how excited I was to be your Deputy Grand Matron. That year we bonded and I have grown to love you more and more as the years went by.

Sister Betty Benham, thank you for being our Assisting Grand Marshal. Your elegance and grace on the Grand Chapter floor continues and we all love watching you glide as you work.

Sister Rosemary, thank you so much for the beautiful music today during the ceremonial opening. You played a long time, I hope it did not wear your fingers out! I always love hearing you play, it is inspiring to me!

Sister Jackie Stogner, thank you for today's musical prelude. You always lift up my life with your music.

**WGP:** To my special Sisters Betty Friend, Betty Benham, Rosemary Berry, and Jackie Stogner. Thanks to each of you for the very special words, music, dignity and grace you each brought to this Grand Chapter Session. Thank you for making such special memories for me.

**WGM:** Filling of Vacancies is further down in your program but for us to continue I need to fill two stations: For Grand Treasurer – I appoint my District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister June Bell, to pro-tem that office. Also, our Grand Sentinel, Brother Dallas Alford is unable to be with us and I appoint Brother Paul Zappe to pro-tem the office of Grand Sentinel. I ask that they take their stations at this time.

I call on Sister Jo D. Dibrell, Chairman of the Credentials Committee for a partial report of the Credentials Committee.

**Sister Jo D. Dibrell:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, Elected and Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers, Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter, 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, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. and A.M. and in traffic, Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of Texas, my Sisters and Brothers all. My report is not near that

long. (laughter) For a partial report, the Grand Chapter of Texas currently has 301 Chapters. 219 Chapter Representatives did pre-register which was a huge help. Anyway, Texas has 301 Chapters and we need 76 Chapters to have a quorum. As of noon today, 136 Chapters have picked up their credentials. Worthy Grand Matron we do have a quorum.

**WGM:** Thank you, Sister Jo D. for that report. As per our law, we do have a quorum so we will continue at this point. Thank you.

We will now begin our Ritualistic Opening.

### **RITUALISTIC OPENING RITUAL PAGE 25**

**WGM:** Please join our Choir in singing our opening ode: "Let it Snow". I believe the lyrics are on page 66 of your session program. Oh, "This is the Day".

#### **"This is the Day"**

I now declare this 135th "A Year of Inspiration" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas duly open for the transaction of business. \* Brother Grand Warder you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**Grand Warder:** Your order has been obeyed.

**WGM:** Sister Grand Marshal, you will present our flag in the East. \*\*\*

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance to our United States Flag after which we will join our Grand Choir in the National Anthem.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem**

**WGM:** it is now a custom in Texas that we sing O'Canada, and the lyrics are on page 66 of your Session program.

#### **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

\* We have members who are unable to pick up their registration and credentials packet because their annual report was received late. I recognize our Grand Secretary.

**Grand Secretary:** Worthy Grand Matron, we have four Chapters who failed to send in their annual reports on time. However, at this time all four reports have been received. These Chapters are San Angelo #10, Belle Moon #90, Sweeny #873, Timpson #1144. I move that the members of these Chapters be allowed to pick up their credentials at this time.

**WGM:** Do I hear a second?

**WGP:** Second.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion by our Grand Secretary to allow these four Chapters to pick up their credential/registration packets. You will vote with your blue card in your packet. Are you ready? All of those in favor raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue card? Motion carried. \*

For the appointment of the telegram/telephone committee, I appoint Sister Doris Hester.

We will now go into our formal introductions.

I invite our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my honor to introduce Sister Helen J. Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Florida and Brother Robert C. Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania.

**WGM:** Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Robert Penoyer, it is indeed a high privilege that I am able to welcome you to Texas Grand Chapter.

The future lies before you,  
Like a field of fallen snow;  
Be careful how you tread it,  
For every step will show.

Every step that you have made has certainly shown not only the dedication and work you have done for Eastern Star all around the world, but it continues to show in our hearts for you. You are an inspiration to us. Thank you for sharing your precious time with Texas and being here today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to welcome our guests.

**WGP:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen and Brother Robert, we are honored by your presence today. Yours is a tremendous task of leading General Grand Chapter. It has been said that Leaders are like Eagles, they do not flock; therefore, you must find them one at a time. Fortunately, for our Order, you are the ones they found. Your leadership and long service to our Order will always be appreciated. I thank you both sincerely for being here.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. \*\*\*

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present to you Sister Helen Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Florida and Brother Robert Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania. 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. \*

At this time I invite our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, as this is their official visit to Texas, to bring greetings to this membership. Most Worthy

## Grand Matron

**MWGM Helen Westmoreland:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sister and Brothers I have just embarked on a...that's the wrong one. Save that one for the next trip. Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, my Sisters and Brothers. I greet you with the happiest of good morning and its already good afternoon. I am so delighted to be here in Texas where the sun shines big and beautiful and I'm just sorry I'm not outside in it but I know I will enjoy it later on. I know that this Jurisdiction is just bursting with pride over our Brother Henry Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron who I am sure is very busy preparing for the next Triennium. And Brother Henry, I want to say to you how delighted I am to have worked with you. I also want to say to you how delighted I am to have this wonderful time of friendship with you and with Sister Opal. You are such a joy and a most distinguished gentleman. I look forward to seeing what you will be doing as you go through the next Triennium. Thank you for your support during these several years. Now you have other Grand Chapter appointments that I always are happy to be with and they are: Sister Alma Lynn Bane will now be Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, Jayne Yenger Ambassador to Germany, Jerry Trees Ambassador to Mexico, Charles W. Bane Ambassador to Romania, Bess Caldwell Eastern Star Journal, Trey Smith ESTARL Committee, Lee Stallings Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, Joyce Gilbert Chairman of Necrology, Mary Ruth White Regenerative Medicine, I just bought six bottles of pickles from her and some candy too. (laughter) Anyway, Jack Guy Service Dog Committee, K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. Chairman of Support the First Responders, David Dibrell Youth Committee, Delia Whitfield Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron of Mexico, Sister Phyllis Macon Chairman of the Hummingbirds, Deborah M. Foster, Hummingbirds, Robert W. "Bob" Royall Eagle of the Most Worthy Grand Patron. You've got a lot of appointments here. Thank you all for the amazing work you are doing and not only in Texas but all over the country. I have been with several of you on our trips and it's wonderful when you join the Most Worthy Grand Patron and me on our travels. I hope to see more of you as we travel throughout this Triennium. I would normally begin to tell you about my special projects but now I'm going to tell you about my vision for the next years to come. Brother Bob and I have had many discussions concerning our ideas and thoughts for General Grand Chapter and what we could do to enhance it. What we should do to make it strong. However, my vision of the future goes like this: Eastern Star becoming front and center in its efforts to help the Wake Forest Regenerative Medicine Institute lead the world in successful research, development and implementation of stem cell medicine in all facets of the human body. The process for those of you who are not familiar with regenerative medicine uses the body's natural healing powers to restore or replace damaged tissues and organs which limit the risk of rejections. The ultimate goal is taking an individual's own cells and creating customized tissues and organs appropriately sized for their body or for the injured area. This is happening now and we, our Sisters and Brothers are helping with the development of the new features for the future of this medicine. You should feel proud of the work and support you are giving so that others and very possibly yourself can receive the most advanced and educated treatment when needed.

Eastern Star is showing the rest of the world what we support the dedication and courage of our Firemen, Policemen, EMT, and Hazmat workers do each and every day. We recognize the dangers and the hazards, the life threatening work these men and women engulf

themselves into during the course of their day and what could be more important than to know that you have saved a life, a home, been on a rescue team or part of a movement to keep us safe. We do not recognize and thank our First Responders enough for their devotion and duty. But with the help of our Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers we would like you to know that we can help in making a difference by thanking them and recognizing them as our forefront workers on a scene. We can help make a difference with our publicity, support and encouragement. That is Eastern Star's support and we would like to hear from you about what you are doing in your areas in order to recognize and honor them who are so deserving. We have a coin that we are selling and I know Art's told you all about it. On one side is all of the emblems for those particular people and also on the back is our Eastern Star emblem. We would like for all of those people who used to be Masons and Stars and they've sort of drifted away from us. So let's bring them back if we can. I know my secretary had about 75 of them at her Chapter the other night for dinner. They prepared the meal. It was an off night. They all came. And one of the men, I'm going to tell this story, she wouldn't like me to say it but I'm going to anyway. They are in Milton, Florida and it's a little small town and this one policeman said "I have been a policeman 28 years and I was never allowed to come into this building." It was a special building. And he said "Tonight I got to come in and see the whole building and there's no ghosts in here either". You know Masons, you didn't use to tell what you were doing. You kept it a secret. We don't do that anymore. So he was just real funny that he could say he finally got to see inside the building and "now I'm not afraid because there's no ghost in here." That was so much fun.

Rather than talk a good game, Eastern Star should be the frontrunner assisting, encouraging and enabling our youth to gain additional knowledge. Growth, experience, assistance and publicity for their various organizations and goals. Look around. We need the youth to help ensure our own growth upward rather than our natural declining stance. Each of us could be the person that inspires, assists or encourage the youth to continue on the path of their personal growth in Rainbow for Girls, Jobs Daughters and DeMolay. Money assistance is one thing but actual attendance at their meetings. Helping with their goals is another. Imagine what would become of Eastern Star and Masonic organization if just one or two of the youth continue on from their organization into ours. We would be looking at a rebirth not only in the numbers but charitable work again. No one can work alone to make changes and meet goals. It takes the work of each and every one of us to make this organization the best that it can be. To ensure that we make a difference in the world of our charitable work and acknowledgement of those who work for the good of all mankind. To help to lift those who are down, to assist those who are less fortunate and to comfort those who are in need. We are blessed in this organization to follow the teachings and designs of Dr. Rob Morris and what better tribute could be to him than to try to live all our lives as he saw the Order of the Eastern Star to "Love one Another".

I would like to take this moment to personally recognize and thank my page, Sister Tonya and Brother John Wilson. You have been wonderful and I certainly appreciate the kindness and attention you have shown me. Also, let me recognize those members from my home Jurisdiction, Florida. Where are you and stand up as fast as you can and wave? Hello Florida, where are you? You're not here, you went shopping. Well, there's a few of you here. My Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers were here earlier this morning. Oh, they're in the back. Look at them back there. Thank you

very much. I thought you had gone out shopping without me. I didn't have any money anyway. Stand up Florida. I am always delighted when you can travel with us and be with me at all of my Official Jurisdiction visits. Thank you so much for traveling to the great state of Texas. If you would like to travel with us, I can tell you that Sister Cleo Wiggins, our travel agent, would love to assist you and give you all the information. We will be going to the Little Red Schoolhouse in Mississippi next week. And then in September we will be in Kentucky and Colorado Grand Chapters. October is a very busy month as we will be in Missouri, Michigan, Alabama, Iowa and rounding out the month in California. I guarantee you will have a wonderful time getting to know other members, where you plan to go and Brother Bob and I would certainly love to have you go with us. Remember to place your housing forms for the 49th Assembly in Orlando, the place to be seen in 2018. It is on the Eastern Star website, it's also on the Florida website and you can call Michael Feit and he will see that you get a form. Remember we would love to see you in Orlando.

Thank you for your kind attention and I pray you will always remember these words by Helen Keller, you all know who she was. "I am only one but still I am one. I cannot do everything but still I can do something. Do not refuse to do the something that you can do." And I just bought a bunch of pickles and some candy and Regenerative Medicine has them out there and I can't hardly wait to get home and cook me some black-eyed peas and those pickles and a little hot sauce. I'll make some cornbread and pickles. If y'all want to come on by, come by. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you Most Worthy Grand Matron for those Inspiring words. The Texas membership continues to support General Grand Chapter and we are thrilled and excited about your Session coming up a little over a short year away in Florida.

**WGP:** Thank you Most Worthy Grand Matron for taking the time out of your busy schedule to honor us with your official visit to Texas. We hope your stay is comfortable and enjoyable.

**WGM:** Most Worthy Grand Patron, we'd be pleased to hear from you again.

**MWGP:** Since I already gave most of my message this morning I could say that I will just relinquish the rest of my time to Sister Helen. Anyway, it's good to be with you. Just remember what I said this morning. You are the most important people in this room. If each one of you would go out and solicit one member during this entire year just think of the expedient increase of the Order of the Eastern Star would have. Keep that in mind, do your best. God bless you and "Keep Flying High for OES". Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you Most Worthy Grand Patron for those inspiring words. Texas is excited you are here with us.

**WGP:** Thank you Most Worthy Grand Patron. We appreciate your leadership and service to our Order and the many, many, many miles that you are about to travel it sounds like in October. Welcome to Texas

**WGM:** I also wanted to let you know that the Worthy Grand Organist was playing the Most Worthy Grand Matron's March while she was introduced. Thank you, Brother Charlie Chandler, Worthy Grand Organist. Please help me thank him. (Applause)



Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons & Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons at the altar.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my honor to introduce Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons. Sister Rennie Often, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas and Sister Barbara Browning White, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia Brother William "Bill" E. Owen, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma, a Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Texas and a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Brother John E. Grobler, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Washington. General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Sister Rennie and Sister Bobbie and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, Brothers Bill and John we are so pleased you are here. There is a miracle of friendship that dwells within our heart and you don't know how it happens or where it gets its start. The happiness it brings you always gives you that special lift, and you realize that friendship is God's most precious gift. You are an inspiration and a gift to us. And we appreciate so much your sharing your friendship by being here with us today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our Past Worthy Grand Matrons & Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons

**WGP:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Sister Rennie and Sister Bobbie, and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, Brothers Bill and John, thank you all for taking the time to be with us today and for all the love and support you have given to the Order of the Eastern Star. Sister Rennie, a special thank you for all your love and council this year. We love you all for all you do for the Order. Thank you.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Members to the East. \*\*\*

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present to you the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons. 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. \*

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my honor to introduce this Elected General Grand Chapter Officers:

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

Brother Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and a  
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Sisters Alma Lynn Bane, Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary, By-Laws Chairman,  
Grand Representative of Italy in the District of Columbia and a Past Grand Matron  
of Texas

Glenda Winchester, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a  
Past Grand Matron of California

Billie Bradfield, Right Worthy Associate Conductress and a  
Past Grand Matron of Arizona

Jo L. Culifer, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Secretary, and a  
Past Grand Matron of Georgia

Brothers Dennis Jordan, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and a  
Past Grand Patron of California

F. Lon Lowry, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and a Past Grand Patron of Ohio.  
General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, Theodore Hessboro said “The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision”. We applaud your vision to search for improvements that will help our membership to grow and to ensure the continuance of this great organization. Thank you for your presence here today.

Brother Henry and Sister Alma, we extend to you a special Texas welcome as Texas is your home. The Texas membership is proud of you as an Elected General Grand Chapter officers and you bring that honor to Texas. Sister Alma, it is good to see you back in that line!

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our Officers.

**WGP:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. We are indeed pleased to have you all here with us tonight and an unexpected one back in the line with us here tonight, Sister Alma. Thank you for taking this time out of your busy schedules. Sister Marianne and Brother Henry, it is great to have you here in Texas. We don't have any bad motorcycle gangs around us right now. Thank you for the time you have been giving to our great Order and especially for the time and direction you will be giving in a few short months. Thank you.

**WGM:** 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 to you the Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. \* Sisters and Brothers, we are having some difficulty with our audio equipment and they're wanting to bring a technician in to look at it but they are not a member of Eastern Star. So, if we bring them in to look at this we will have to stop our introductions for just a few minutes to let them come in and do this. I would like to ask your permission. Can you hear back there? Or can you not hear and we need help? We can't hear. Okay. Sisters Grand Conductress and Sister Associate Grand Conductress if you will be seated just a minute and the members that are waiting to be introduced, please just sit down just one minute. I don't think it's going to take more than just a few minutes for them to come in. While we are waiting the Arrangements Committee has asked me to make an announcement that they will meet immediately after today, after the closing of this session behind the black curtain. I'm assuming these black curtains. Also, this would be a great time for you to go back in the southwest corner where the Grand Secretary has her office staff right back there. Connie raise your hand. They have the proceedings for last year that you can pick up and they have some things for sale from the Grand Chapter office. If you want to go back there you can do that at this time. Sisters and Brothers, I have just had word that they are going to bring me a handheld mic and the

man that is representing the hotel for this sound system has now left the room so we will continue with our introductions and we'll have to deal with this microphone until they bring me the other one which will be in just a few minutes.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter.

Sisters Jo Ann Sheppard, Worthy Grand Chaplain and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma Joy Fiet, Worthy Grand Marshal and a Past Grand Matron of Florida

Brother Charles Chandler, Worthy Grand Organist and a  
Past Grand Patron of West Virginia

Sisters Amy Wehmeier, Worthy Grand Adah and a Past Grand Matron of Missouri

Judy Rutter, Worthy Grand Ruth and a Past Grand Matron of Pennsylvania

Lorraine Hough, Worthy Grand Esther and a Past Grand Matron of Alberta, Canada

Wilma Thompson, Worthy Grand Electa and a Past Grand Matron of Maryland  
General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM:** Sisters and Brother John F. Kennedy said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to just utter words, but live by them". Texas expresses our gratitude to you for being here today, and it is easy to see that you express your gratitude by traveling and displaying your love of our beautiful Order. Thank you for your presence here in Texas.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet these members.

**WGP:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I too thank you all for taking the time from your busy schedule to be with us today. I hope and we will try our best to make your stay comfortable and enjoyable. Thank you for being here.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East. \*\*\*

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present to you these Appointed Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the EAST.  
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Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter and the Deputies who are Past Grand Matrons at the Altar.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Ambassadors of General Grand Chapter and Committee Members.

Sister Jayne Yenger, Germany and a Past Grand Matron of Texas

Brothers Jerry Trees, Mexico and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

Charles "Bill" Bane, Romania and a Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia and  
a Grand Representative to Sao Paulo

Sister Charlene L. Williams, Taiwan and a Past Grand Matron of Florida and  
personal secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Deborah Dhayer, By-Laws Committee and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia  
Brother John Wayne Harrist, Credentials Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Louisiana  
Sisters Shilora Hudlow, Credentials Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Nevada  
Bess Caldwell, Eastern Star Journal and a Past Grand Matron of Texas  
Brothers Malcolm Hough, Education Committee, Chairman, and a  
Past Grand Patron of Alberta, Canada

Walter "Trey" Smith, ESTARL Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas  
Sisters Linn McNary, Heart Committee-Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana  
Carol Ann Roberson, Heart Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Arkansas  
Brother H. Lee Stallings, Jurisprudence and a Past Grand Patron of Texas  
Sisters Mavis Payne, Membership and a Past Grand Matron of Arkansas  
Rosie Fiscus, Membership and a Past Grand Matron of Wisconsin  
Joyce Gilbert, Necrology, Chairman, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas  
Brothers Ira Payne, Service Dogs and a Past Grand Patron of Arkansas  
K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Support our First Responders, Chairman, and a  
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Sisters Joy Beth Williams, Support our First Responders and a  
Past Grand Matron of Louisiana

Irma Maxwell, Support our First Responders and a Past Grand Matron of  
Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island

Brother David B. Dibrell, Youth Committee, Past Grand Patron of Texas and  
Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and  
Accepted Masons

General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers my message of greeting to you is "To succeed you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to INSPIRE you." I believe that you have all found Eastern Star to inspire you. My many thanks to you for inspiring us with your presence here today. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Thank you all for being here with us today and if your stay is not comfortable let us know. We want you all to be comfortable and enjoy your visit. We apologize for the microphones but we hope we can get that fixed soon enough. Thank you all.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter to the East. \*\*\*

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present to you these 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, they will remain in the EAST.  
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Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar. Can you hear me better on this microphone? (Yes)

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Worthy Grand Matrons Sisters Sara Quinby, Worthy Grand Matron of Delaware

Barbara Blanton, Florida  
Deborah "Debbie" Poche, Louisiana  
Worthy Grand Patrons James W. Ford, Florida  
Alonzo Smith, Louisiana  
Jim Davis, New Mexico  
William "Bill" Most, Oklahoma  
Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers With each of you we share a common bond. We have all been given a great honor and a greater responsibility for our own jurisdictions. My message to you is "Put your heart, mind and soul into even your smallest tasks, as this is the secret of success"; a quote that all of us can appreciate and give us inspiration. Thank you so much for sharing your time with us today. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. We do share a common bond with each of you. We have all been given a great honor for a great Order and greater responsibility within our own Grand Jurisdictions. Thank you for sharing some of your precious time with us today.

**WGM:** 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 to you the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the EAST.  
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Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

Past Grand Matrons, Sisters Elizabeth Anne Cooney, Arkansas

Glenda Peyton, Arkansas

Sue Peterson, Arizona

Judith E. Covey, Florida

Terrie C. Castay, Louisiana and Grand Secretary Emeritus

Juanita Wilkinson, Louisiana

Bettie J. Bywater, Nevada

Barbara Ann "Barbie" Holmes, Nevada and a Grand Trustee of Nevada

Betty Robertson, New Mexico

Margaret Clark, Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island

Margie McConnell, Oklahoma

Lynne Atkinson, Ontario

Kathryn Newman, Rhode Island and a Grand Representative of Texas in Rhode Island

Shirley Ayers, Rhode Island and a Grand Representative of

Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island

Elizabeth Bordeaux, Vermont

Barbara Jones, Virginia

Julie Birrer, Wyoming  
Past Grand Patrons, Brothers Bill Rhyan, Arizona  
Carl Larson, Connecticut  
Robert Hudlow, Illinois and a Grand Representative of the  
District of Columbia in Nevada  
Larry W. Frost, Indiana  
Oscar Abshire, Louisiana  
Gerald Houston, Louisiana  
George Wilkinson, Louisiana  
Marv Enslin, Minnesota  
Wayne Walker, New Mexico  
William C. "Bill" Barnes, Oklahoma  
Owen H. Major, Oklahoma  
Ronald Newman, Rhode Island  
And Brother Ronald Ayers, Rhode Island and a Grand Representative of  
New York in Rhode Island.  
Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, "Write your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of all you come in contact with year by year, and you will never be forgotten" Certainly each of you have accomplished that inspirational quote already as you will always be remembered. Thank you for being here in Texas. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** I extend to each of you a warm Texas welcome. Thank you for your guidance and hard work for our Order. You have held high the tenets of the Order of the Eastern Star through your service and continued council within your respective Grand Jurisdictions. Thank you for coming our way today.

**WGM:** 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.  
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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, they will remain in the East. \*

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas at the Altar.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Sisters Betty Benham  
Rosemary S. Berry  
Betty Y. Friend  
Naomi Wolfe  
Jimmie Lee McMahon  
Doris Hester  
Karen Morgenthaler

Nancy Brown  
Joyce Nicklas  
Vi Griffin  
Annette Curry  
Cheryl Albrecht  
Jerre Lucas  
Brothers Richard Ochs  
Duane L. "Buddy" Baker  
Ed Warner  
Jerry L. Martin, Grand Chapter "Dad" and a Past Grand Master of the  
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
Nelson Campbell  
John Creel  
Ray Hertenberger  
William L. "Bill" Wyatt  
W. A. "Bill" Crews  
George Gwaltney  
William "Billy" Clabaugh  
Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM:** Texas' own Past Grands who have been my inspiration for many, many years. I have a poem for you:

Just like a wondrous snowflake,  
You're quite beyond compare,  
With kindness of spirit so precious and so rare.  
You have such a love for living,  
With a sparkle all your own,  
And a special way of caring that belongs to you alone.  
A miracle from heaven,  
You have to know it's true  
You make this world more beautiful just by being you.

Each of you have inspired the membership of Texas and you are always our inspiration, and a motivation and an encouragement. The membership here in Texas loves and appreciates your service to Texas Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. You have each walked this path before and have set a beautiful example to follow. I thank you for all your love and support this year and I thank you for being here with us today. Thank you.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East. \*\*\*

Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present to you the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

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

Is Brother Jerry Kirby here yet? Did he make it through the traffic in Houston? He was

on his way but it could be a weeklong process you know. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther's Station.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sister Virginia Crockett, Delaware, Associate Grand Matron  
Florida – Brother Billy G. Williams, Associate Grand Patron and a General Grand Chapter Special Appointment, Property, Co-Chair  
Sisters Donna L. Schrock, Associate Grand Conductress and General Grand Chapter Special Appointment, Vendor, Chairman  
Earline Harrell, Grand Chaplain  
Carol Poole, Grand Esther  
Carol Ann Bauder, Grand Martha  
Kathryn “Katie” Mason, Grand Electa  
Nancy J. Bice, Grand Warder  
Illinois – Wanda Florow-Hirsch, Grand Marshal  
Kansas – Garrie Oppitz, Grand Conductress  
Louisiana – Sister Marilyn Abshire, Associate Grand Matron  
Brother Richard Porsche, Associate Grand Patron  
Sisters Donna Harrist, Grand Conductress  
Sue Ellen Kirk, Grand Chaplain  
Lani W. Smith, Grand Organist  
Brother Jeffery Freeman, Grand Warder  
Massachusetts – Sister Evelyn L. Bogue, Associate Grand Conductress  
Mississippi – Brother Larry McVey, Grand Sentinel  
New Mexico – Larry Bishop, Associate Grand Patron  
Sisters Kathleen Walker, Grand Treasurer  
Edith Davis, Grand Esther  
Oklahoma – Sister Lana Jameson, Associate Grand Matron  
Brother Clark Christensen, Associate Grand Patron  
Sisters Kathy Miller, Grand Conductress  
Myjah Reim, Associate Grand Conductress  
Margaret Wait, Grand Adah  
Terri Brown, Grand Electa  
Brother Robert Jameson, Grand Sentinel  
West Virginia – Sister Judy Chandler, Grand Conductress  
Sister from Wisconsin – Mary Olson, Grand Treasurer Emeritus and  
President of International Treasurer Association  
Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, “Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success.” I know each of you have been successful in representing your each Grand Jurisdiction. Your success has inspired happiness. Thank you for being here today in Texas. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** To each of you, I say thank you for your attendance here today. We hope your stay here will be enjoyable and that you will travel back to your Jurisdictions, your state, will be safe. Inspired we hope by what we have done today and help us hold high the banner



of the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished members 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 very hearty Texas welcome.

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

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Deputies and Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in back of Esther's Station.

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce this Deputy of General Grand Chapter, Sister Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Brother Michael Fiet, Triennial Assembly and Housing Chairman

Sisters Phyllis Macon, Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Hummingbird, Chairman

Beverly Gurner, Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Co-Chair, Hummingbird, Virginia

Martie MacKidd, Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Hummingbird, California

Delores J. Woods, Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Hummingbird, Louisiana

Pauline "Polly" Thomassen, Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Hummingbird, Washington

Brother Robert "Bob" Royal, Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Eagles Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, "What lies behind you and what lies in front of you pales in comparison to what lies inside you." It is clear, that what lies inside of each of you is love and dedication to our beautiful Order. Thank you so much for your being here today. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Thank you all for your being with us today. Your service of time and talent to our great Order is very much appreciated. May your visit with us at this 135th "Year of Inspiration" Grand Chapter Session be enjoyable. Thank you.

**WGM:** 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 and Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter. Please join me in giving them a very hearty welcome.

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

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Donna Larson, Texas in Connecticut  
Prestina Crockett, Texas in Delaware  
Patricia Pracht, Texas in Indiana  
Doris Krammerer, Texas in Kansas  
Marilyn Brown, Texas in Massachusetts  
Judy Enslin, Texas in Minnesota  
Joan Marie Pauley, Texas in New York  
Jean Millett, Texas in Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island  
Karen Phillips, Texas in Ohio  
Jennifer Marshall, Texas in Ontario  
Donna Raupach, Texas in Pennsylvania  
Diane Moore, Texas in Wisconsin  
Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** I have here Sisters and Brothers but there are no Brothers here today. That's a little amazing. Sisters as each of you have traveled here to be a Grand Representative of Texas I would like to give you this Texas inspiration; "Everything in Texas is bigger, so obviously people that live in Texas have big hearts." You have lots of big hearts to take back with you, as we give you our heart here today. Thank you for representing Texas. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Your service to our Order is recognized by your appointment as a Grand Representative of your Jurisdiction in Texas. May your travels be safe and happy as you travel this Eastern Star road. May the bonds of friendship you make last forever. Thank you for coming to our "Year of Inspiration" session.

**WGM:** 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 to you the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in extending to them the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

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

Brother Jerry Kirby our Grand Master. We are going to be a little bit out of order because our Grand Master of Texas is here now and we will introduce him next. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at the altar. Where did he go? He was standing right there did he go out? Give me a sign James is he here or not?

While we are waiting for our Grand Master, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate

Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions.

Brother Joe Notorfancesco, Italy in Delaware  
Sisters Nancy Frost, Oregon in Indiana  
Katherine Ditty, Minnesota in Kansas  
Brother George Ramsey, Mississippi in Missouri  
Sisters Millie Aker, Vermont in New York  
Nancy Parker, Italy in Oklahoma  
Dian Robertson, New Jersey in Oklahoma  
Diana Hewitt, Arizona in Montana  
Barbara Grobler, Bolivia in Washington  
Mary Jane Debozier, Maryland in Oklahoma  
Donna Major, Oklahoma in South Carolina  
Crystal Fisher, Mississippi in New Mexico  
Brother Don Wehmeier, Jr., Australia in Missouri  
Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers: My inspiration to you is “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are a leader.” I believe each of you are leaders and I know especially when you travel to your Grand Jurisdictions you will inspire them. Thank you for your leadership and your inspiration in Texas. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** You represent the distinguished group of people who spread our Eastern Star love beyond your home states. We are pleased you came and hope your stay is most enjoyable.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representatives to the East. \*\*\*

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given)

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

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas at the Altar.

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce Jerry N. Kirby, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

**WGM:** Grand Master, my quote for you is “Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success.” Oh how I have loved how you have not only inspired Eastern Star membership, but you have united and “inspired” the Masons in Texas, certainly your leadership this year is an inspiration to all of us and an example of success. Thank you for being here today.

**WGP:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We are honored to have you here with us this evening, Grand Master Kirby. I was really honored to go through a Pink Apron Degree with you also at Nash Chapter and I still have that apron. That was a great degree and a fun time. I know you have been extremely busy and we do certainly appreciate your coming to be with us here today.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Most Worshipful Grand Master to the East. \*\*\*

Sisters and Brothers it is my deep pleasure to present to you the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. You will join me in giving him a huge, big Texas welcome.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will remain in the East.  
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Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas at the Altar. Sister Associate Grand Conductress, this side is not at the altar. Could you arrange them where they are at the altar please? Inside the labyrinth at the altar. Thank you.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas.

Sisters Lela Hunn, Alabama

Annette Clark, Alberta

Janet Kramer, Arizona

Donna Cadenhead, Arkansas

Brother Pete Araiza, Australia

Sisters Vickie Matthews, Bolivia

Cathy Rose Sammons, British Columbia and the Yukon

Georgia Faye Jennings, Colorado

Diane Flanagan, District of Columbia

Melba Jean Hanna, Florida

Brother John Berry, Georgia

Sisters Tava Jean Smith, Idaho

Patricia Bruce, Indiana

Brother Terry Edward Littlepage, Italy

Sisters Marceline Crenshaw, Kentucky

Sylvia Garcia, Louisiana

Diane Davidson, Manitoba

Jane Pyle, Massachusetts

Marcia Olson, Michigan

Barbara Reynolds, Minnesota

Jane T. Hudson, Mississippi

Linda Hugo, Missouri

Brothers Randy Martin, Montana

Larry Pettit, Nebraska

Jack York, Nevada

Sisters Doris M. Jones, New Jersey

Margaret "Margie" Lowery, New Mexico

Barbara Gant, North Dakota  
Jewell Horne, Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island  
Nadine Wilson, Ohio  
Nancy Reynolds, Oklahoma  
Patti Littlepage Strehan, Pennsylvania  
Sharon Cobb, Puerto Rico  
Brenda McDaniel, Sao Paulo Brazil  
Mary Watkins, Saskatchewan  
Brother Sammy Peach, South Carolina  
Sisters Cladette Allen, South Dakota  
Martha Isbell, Tennessee  
Janet Gilbert, Utah  
Donna Kay Perkins, Vermont  
Joanne Barrett, Virginia  
Sylvia A. Chafin, West Virginia  
Ruby Langley, Wisconsin  
Marilyn McDonald, Rhode Island  
Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, my inspiration to you is “if your actions inspire others more to dream, and learn more, do more become more than you are a leader.” But not only in yourself but your faith and your devotion to Eastern Star is what makes you a leader. Thank you for being here with us today. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. We are honored and proud to have you carry our “Texas Pride and Friendship” as you travel throughout the other Grand Jurisdictions and other countries. Thank you for your service, for your dedicated work, and for sharing Texas hospitality everywhere. Thank you.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representatives to the East. \* \* \*

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 remain in the East. \*

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

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Committee Members and Grand Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Marion J. McPhee Isador, Benevolent Fund Board of the  
Grand Chapter of Massachusetts

Tina Watson, Grand Photographer, Personal Page to the  
Worthy Grand Matron, Louisiana

Sandra Rodgers, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 8, Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** Sisters, “Always be yourself, express yourself and have faith in yourself.” It is easy to see that your Grand Jurisdiction recognizes your faith not only in yourself but your faith and devotion to Eastern Star. Thank you so much for being with us today. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love. Thank you for sharing your love and friendship with us here today.

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 Committee Members and Grand Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join me in extending them a Texas welcome. (Applause)

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

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations in back of Esther’s Station.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations.

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Past Supreme Inspector and member of The House of Gold and Miss Hunter Nodwell, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

**WGM:** “Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.” Thank you for lighting the candle in our youth and for continuing to inspire our youth to be better young women and men. Thank you for lighting our candle by being here with us today. Worthy Grand Patron

**WGP:** Love cannot be wasted. It makes no difference where it is bestowed, it always brings big results. The love we share in our Masonic Family is the foundation of our friendship and of our success. I thank you for all you that you do every day, every week, and every month for our youth. It is our honor to have you with us today.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Adult Leaders of our Youth Organizations to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations. Please join with me in extending to them a big Texas welcome. (Applause)

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

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Presiding Officers of All Appendant Bodies in back of Esther’s Station

Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce these Presiding

## Officers of All Appendant Bodies

Tommy Chapman, Deputy Grand Master and Terry Stogner, Grand Senior Warder of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Pat Garcia, Grand Commander, Geoffrey de Charney Court of Chevaliers, Board Chairman of Rainbow #285

Mrs. Richard B. Cotton, Past Supreme Worthy President of the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of Beauceant of the U.S.A.

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life but by the obstacles which he has overcome.” I know each of you has overcome obstacles by inspiring the members of your organization. Thank you for your continued devotion and for being here today. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** John Maxwell said, “A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” Each one of you, by selection to your office, has demonstrated that you possess these qualities. We extend a hearty welcome to each of you and applaud you for the service you render in your different positions.

**WGM:** 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 Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members of All Appendant Bodies. Please join me in extending them a big Texas welcome. (Applause)

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

Sisters and Brothers...I have an announcement! The Introductions are now complete. (Applause) Help me thank our Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress for a job well done. (Applause)

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, we welcome each of you to the 135th “A Year of Inspiration” Grand Chapter Session. Because each of you are here, our session is more special and more inspiring. The Executive and Arrangements Committee members have worked very hard to make your stay enjoyable and comfortable and we hope you enjoy it here in the Woodlands.

**WGP:** Welcome to everyone. Our Executive and Arrangements Committees have been working very hard for many months to assure that each of you have a great time at our 135th “A year of Inspiration” Grand Chapter Session. Please be sure and visit the Vendors upstairs and also our Traveling Exhibit of the Museum. The Past Grand Matron’s dresses are out in the lower part and then upstairs is the rest of the Traveling Museum Exhibit. Thank you.

**WGM:** Mrs. Rennie Oton, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron will now extend Greetings and a Welcome. Sister Rennie. All of Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons please stand with Sister Rennie as she speaks.

**PMWGM Rennie Oton:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Distinguished Members all. First, I want

these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to stand with me because we are so proud to see so many of you here. Sister Sharon Mosmeyer and Brother Tom Murphy, you have inspired us throughout this Grand Chapter year and we are most honored to bring a message to this wonderful group of membership and families. 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 that you the membership with your loyalty to each of us and earnest desire to serve for the good of the Order and in turn the good of our Grand Chapter contributed greatly to any of the successes we might have had. 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 who further encourage us, the same membership to help you accomplish the activities of your Session as your dreams unfold for your special year. Under your leadership we want to help you make this an inspiring memory. We Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons pledge our love and support in the same manner and wish both of you many blessings on your trip through the 2016-2017 adventure as you serve in our Order. You two have been a special inspiration to us all. We ask the Lord to bless us in our work so that we may do good things for our members, for our country and what we need to be done. And we ask His blessings on all of this. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you sister Rennie and the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Texas for those words of Welcome. It is my pleasure to present Sister Marianne Shenefeld, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron who will bring the Response to the Welcome.

**RWAGM Marianne Shenefeld:** Protocol having been established, “Howdy Texas!” (Howdy) It is my special honor and privilege to have been given this opportunity to respond to your cordial and heartwarming words of Welcome, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Rennie, my friend. The members of Texas have been so generous with their sincere friendship and we thank you for the many thoughtful courtesies we have received. Everyone has shown us much kindness and extraordinary attention in making sure everything is just right and everything has been. The Grand Chapter room is absolutely beautiful and everything was certainly in readiness for this Session. I’m sure a great deal of work and probably some worrying went in to doing what you see. But you know, don’t let your worries get the best of you. Remember even Moses started out as a basket case. (Laughter) Sister Rennie it seems like a long time ago when we were galivanting here and there. Those times are some of my most treasured memories. I couldn’t have had a more kind, gentle or wise leader for my introduction into the world of General Grand Chapter. Thank you. And thank you for your inspiration of Service Dogs. And boy oh boy, Texas! Five dogs. (Applause) Five dogs. And what a wonderful success and how proud you can be to know what a difference you have made in someone’s life. Again, Worthy Grand Matron Sharon and Worthy Grand Patron Tom, your extra loving touch has made my time and everyone else’s in Texas memorable and most enjoyable. It’s a delightful pleasure to be here with you. I extend to you my sincere best wishes for a successful and rewarding “A Year of Inspiration” Grand Chapter Session. One I am confident will bring encouragement and inspiration to everyone in attendance. Thank you for the honor and pleasure you have extended to me and the Grand Jurisdiction of Wyoming in asking me to give the Response to Sister Rennie’s gracious words this afternoon. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you, Sister Marianne for that Response. Texas is always delighted to have you here with us. All of the members all around the world, and we are thrilled that you



have taken the time to be here in Texas.

At this time I have a special gift for our Most Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Helen, Texas Grand Chapter is so proud to give you this mere love gift. It's in our Constitution that when you give your official visit we would give you that and that's from the Grand Chapter of Texas and this is from me. This is a very difficult hard thing to pack for me and I know you are on the road so much, so you can pack that easily. You don't have to worry about it wrinkling and you don't have to iron it but I know you'll be able to use it.

**MWGM Helen Westmoreland:** Thank you Texas. I did not know that. I might have come three years to get three years of it. Thank you very much. I've had a wonderful time. I do have to leave tomorrow but I'll be here tonight so I'll see everybody tonight. (Applause)

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Patron, will you present the gift to the Most Worthy Grand Patron?

**WGP:** Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Robert Penoyer, these gifts from me that you've been holding over there, also fold and pack easily, but do not carry them into an airport. (It was a pocket knife) And we would also like to give you this gift from the Grand Chapter.

**MWGP Robert Penoyer:** Thank you very much to the Grand Chapter of Texas. It's greatly appreciated and gratefully accepted. (Applause)

**WGM:** Since our Grand Master was unable to be here earlier because of the traffic, I invite him to bring greetings at this time.

**Grand Master Jerry Kirby:** Hello! It's good to be with you. It's been a great year for me so far working with two wonderful people who happen to be our leaders in the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star. They have done a wonderful job. Don't you think we couldn't show them that? (Applause) You know the truth reaches out and slaps you in the face when you are the least prepared for it. Some of you don't know, you might care but some of you do know and y'all don't care but I was in the school business for 43 years. From a bus driver, all the way up to Superintendent. When I was Superintendent, right before school started one year one of my employees brought her five-year-old daughter with her. We're getting ready for school. She introduced her to me and told her who I was and about two weeks later, here come the Kindergartners marching to lunch. All of the sudden I felt a tug about my kneecap. So, I looked down and said, "Good morning Amelia." She says, "I've got a question." So, I looked over at the teacher. She didn't have a clue. Well, I looked down there and I said, "What is it?" She looked up at me with those big blue eyes and said, "Are you the boss of everybody?" (Laughter) Yes, that was what I was doing. I was trying to keep from laughing. You know that teacher should have been trying to keep from laughing but she was snickering. So, I looked down at her and I said, "No, I'm not the boss of everybody. I am however the boss of everybody here at the school." She just looked at me for about five seconds. I don't know if you are familiar with five-year-olds but five seconds is almost an eternity. You could see the wheels turning in her head. And she looked up at me and she said, "Wow, you must be awfully old." You know I wasn't ready for it but there it was. So, her mother tried to come up and apologize for what she said but I said, "What are you talking about? She told the truth and it already went around school in about fifteen seconds." You know we have to be ready for truth. And the truth is that our organizations are not as large as they used to be. We lost a generation. My motto this year is "Faith, Commitment and Service." And

that's what we do in Eastern Star. You have to have faith to be a member. And we are committed to service. We say in the Grand Lodge that our Fraternity is to make "good men better men." How do we do that? We teach them how to serve their fellow man because that is the basis of our Fraternity and that's how we become better men. I was going to tell you, I'm very fortunate. I'm a sixth generation Mason. My son and my son-in-law are seventh generation. I was raised in it. Seven generations in my Dad's family. Four generations in my Mother's family and the first time my wife and I were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, out of the eighteen officers, sixteen were family. Every Star Point was an Aunt except Esther and that was my Mother. You know, how I joined Masonry was on my twenty first birthday my Mother put a petition in front of me and said, "Fill it out." And I was used to doing what she said so I did it. It was my birthday present. Best one I ever had. I could tell you a bunch of stories about Service. About what Masonry has done and what we are doing and even though we may, across the United States, contribute three million dollars a day to charity, and that sounds impressive, we have got to get out there and make it personal. Because just telling somebody a number doesn't do the same thing as when you save the life of somebody and their family or you contribute a scholarship to their child so they can go to school or you provide dentistry for their child that's handicapped or on and on and on. And there is always an opportunity for service in our local community. You just have to be the kind of people that I know you are. The ones to have eyes to see and hearts that care. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you Brother Jerry Kirby. Your words are an inspiration to us. Your smile is always an inspiration to me and I love all of the members of the Grand Lodge of Texas and we appreciate it so much that you were able to be here with us today. Thank you. Is Mavis Payne still here? There you are. I was looking for you. Mavis Payne would like to talk to you for a minute on Membership. I invite you to come.

**Sister Mavis Payne:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. One of my duties as General Grand Chapter Committee Member of Membership is to speak on Membership. I am very blessed to be assigned Texas. Actually I was not assigned Texas, I requested it. Sisters and Brothers, if I knew how to get new members, keep old members and get members active, I don't think I would be standing here now. I would be sitting on a throne somewhere! What I do know is: We Can Not Give Up! I also know "Little Things Matter." We have to be persistent with our calls, cards, letters, texts and other social media, and listen, advertise, make some changes, try some new things, make our meetings interesting, offer help in various ways, be careful what we say and how we say it, and always be pleasant. Little things matter, whether they be good or bad. We may think something said, done or not done was insignificant, but to someone else it was important. You have heard all of this before and have done it until you are blue in the face – but keep on keeping on. We have to keep a remnant, because some things just go dormant before they blossom and bloom. We have to keep our hope because hope is to desire with expectation of fulfillment.

We should always carry a petition with us at all times. Have an answer ready for when asked "What is Eastern Star?" As Sister Rennie Often, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron always said, "We are good people, doing good things for good reasons." I can't think of a better answer.

How many of you have ever heard of John Wooden? He was one of the greatest basketball coaches ever. As head coach of UCLA he won 10 NCAA Championships in a 12 year period, 7 in a row. He is also known for a lot of famous quotes. One of them being “It is the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen.” In other words, Little Things Matter.

I would be amiss if I did not mention the Rob Morris Membership jewel. It is awarded by General Grand Chapter to members who sign petition as follows:

Top signer of a petition for the Degrees gets 100 points

Second-line signer of a petition for the Degrees gets 50 points

Reinstatement by Affiliation gets 50 points

Your Chapter Secretary should have these forms.

In a way Eastern Star reminds me of the missionaries that went to war torn Angola. The missionaries showed the people there how to plant seeds, left them with the seeds to finish planting while they went to the next village to show them how to plant seeds. When the missionaries returned a few days later with the idea of showing them how to tend the plants and later harvest, only to find out they had eaten the seeds! Sisters and Brothers, we have to quit eating the seeds of those before us and start planting where we can harvest. Thank you for your courtesies and allowing me this time to speak on behalf of Membership for the General Grand Chapter. I am very honored to serve on this committee. If there is anything this committee can do to help, just let one of us know. I would like to leave you with this John Wooden quote:

“Talent is God given. Be humble.  
Fame is man given. Be grateful.  
Conceit is self-given. Be careful.”

Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you Sister Mavis. That’s an inspiration for all of us to plant our seeds and strive to accomplish the Rob Morris jewel and get the little bars on there for the extra effort that you go through. At this time, we are going to close our Session. Yea! Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this “Texas Inspiration” Session from LABOR to REST and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WGM:** We will now have our Benediction from Brother Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron.

**PGP NELSON CAMPBELL:** Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts in thanks to Thee for the many blessings of this day. We thank Thee for guiding our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron safely through this year of service. We pray that you will continue to inspire them this week as they preside over this “A Year of Inspiration” 135th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Guide, direct, and bless all our members in attendance. May all that we do and say be pleasing in Thy sight. Now we pray that you would dismiss us with Thy blessings and watch over us as we prepare for our Banquet tonight. In Jesus’s name we pray, Amen. (Amen)

**WGM:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. \*\*\*

(Grand Conductress attends at the Altar)

**WGM:** I now call this "TEXAS INSPIRATION" SESSION from LABOR to REST until 7:30 PM this evening. \*Brother Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel. Sisters and Brothers my Executive Chairman has asked me to let you know that if you need to catch the shuttle, it can only run in the back of the Hotel. So you go out the Marriott and go down by the water and that's where the shuttle is going back and forth on the waterway.

Sisters and Brothers, you are dismissed. I hope all are joining us this evening for the General Banquet at 6:00 pm and then the ESTARL and Memorial programs will start at 7:30 p.m.

**(Closing of the Thursday Session)**



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# **“WINTER WONDERLAND”**

## **GENERAL BANQUET**

**HONORING TEXAS’ INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS**

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*The Meaning of the*

## *Snowflake*

*Every new snowflake comes to the earth as a picture of our Savior's birth, because they are sent from up above and reminds us of God's care and love.*

*Each one is so intricate and small because Christ sets the details of us all, and just as two are never the same the Lord knows and calls us each by name.*

*Snowflakes gently cover the world in white and hide what's unlovely from our sight, showing us how He covers our sin and gives us His grace when we come to Him.*

*So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind and in every bit of white may you find a reason to Celebrate anew and a reminder of His love for you.*

*~ Holly Gerth ~*



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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, OES**  
**August 17, 2017 5:30pm**

**Master of Ceremonies**

**Ann Wyatt**  
**Arrangements-Decorations**

**Introductions**

**Patricia Stallings**  
**Grand Escort to the PGP**

**MC Ann Wyatt:** May I have your attention please. Thank you all for coming to this beautiful Banquet tonight honoring our Installed Grand Officers of Texas. The Installed Grand Officers will be escorted in this evening to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patrons March. (Applause) If everyone will be seated please, except our Installed Grand Officers and their escorts. We will now have our escort of our Worthy Grand Patron, Thomas R. Murphy. (He was standing behind her) They were supposed to stop at the light so our Worthy Grand Patron Thomas R. Murphy escorted by his lovely wife, Glenda Murphy. (Applause) And our beautiful Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon Mosmeyer, escorted by her handsome husband, Gary Mosmeyer. (Applause) Please be seated.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Worthy Grand Patrons of Texas, Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions, Installed Grand Officers and elected Board Members of Texas, and the list could go on and on as you know, so I will just say... ..Good Evening my Sisters and Brothers, all My Circle of Friends, welcome to this “Winter Wonderland” Banquet. I am so pleased to welcome each one of you this evening to the “Winter Wonderland” Banquet honoring our Installed Grand Officers. For our official Welcome I invite Sister Georgia Campbell, Grand Escort to the Past Grand Patron of Texas to come. While she is making her way to the podium..... did you know that we are like a snowflake – all different in our own beautiful way. Sister Georgia.

**Sister Georgia Campbell:** Thank you Sister Ann Wyatt, Master of Ceremonies. What a sweet privilege you have given to me allowing me to bring the welcome to this “Winter Wonderland” General Banquet. We are so delighted and thrilled that you have come to District 4 for our Grand Chapter Session. As a member of this Grand Chapter and this District, it is such a sweet privilege to welcome each of you. I hope you will know how much it means to us for you to be here. You know you’re in Texas. You can see can in this area Rodeos, Opera, good entertainment, great food and lots of shopping. Life is like a coin. You can spend it anyway you wish but you can only spend it once. Thank you so much. You have blessed us with your presence here tonight and we thank you for coming.

**MC Ann Wyatt:** To bring our response is someone not born in Oklahoma but she got

there as fast as she could, Sister Terri Brown, Grand Electa of Oklahoma, a land of strength and compassion that will not be defeated. Sister Terri Brown we are so happy that you are here with us this evening. I invite you to bring the response.

Sister Terri Brown: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Most Worthy Grand Patrons, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sisters and Brothers all. On behalf of the Oklahoma delegation and all of our Distinguished Guests, thank you for having us. We are excited to be here and we have looked forward to attending your "Year of Inspiration" Grand Chapter Session. I'm very proud to be associated with an organization full of people who lead by example and inspire others. I read a quote recently from Queen Elizabeth. "To what greater inspiration and counsel can we turn to than the imperishable truth to be found in this treasure house, the Bible." I just loved that and I really love that our Order is based on all of these biblical teachings. I'm currently the Grand Executive Committee Member for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Oklahoma and so you can see our Masonic family means a lot to me. I hope to see many of you again next spring at the Frank Marshall Tournament and I will be escorting our Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, Alaina Hurst, she's from my hometown in Alva. Again, thank you for having us and as our Worthy Grand Matron always says, "Thank you for making this the best day of my life, until tomorrow." (Applause)

**MC Ann Wyatt:** To voice our Invocation will be Brother Thomas F. Griffin, Masonic Family, Gen. Chairman. Tommy is from that other side of the swamp and I'm not sure if it ever snows there! But if it did, but if it did Brother Tommy, just remember that snowflakes are kisses from heaven.

**Brother Thomas F. Griffin:** So are mosquitoes. (Laughter) Let us pray. I'm going to pray for snow. I'm going to guarantee you that. Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father we want to thank thee for all the blessings you bestow upon us. Your love, your care and your guidance. We thank you for this day and the fellowship that we all have enjoyed. We would ask you now that you will always keep your all-seeing eye upon us and everything we do and everything we say will be pleasing in your sight. We ask you now to bless this food for our bodies and our bodies to serve thee. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. (Amen)

**MC Ann Wyatt:** And I want to make an announcement before the servers start. Those who have pre-ordered special meals because of dietary restrictions, please let your wait staff know. Thank you and enjoy your dinner.

~~~DINNER~~~

**MC Ann Wyatt:** I hope you have enjoyed your dinner and if you are still eating please continue to do so. That was a wonderful dessert so don't miss that dessert. But in the essence of time we must go on with our introductions. Being one of ours in Texas, but yet living in Missouri, enjoy the show – state where it does snow. I invite Sister Patricia Stallings, Grand Escort to the General Grand Chapter Committee Member to come and do our introductions. And remember, when it snows you have two choices – shovel or make snow angels.

**Sister Pat Stallings:** I would like to thank our Master of Ceremonies, Sister Ann Wyatt for asking me to bring the introductions of those members who have attained a distinguished status in the Order of the Eastern Star. I would also like to tell this membership how happy Lee and I are to be back on Texas soil. We miss y'all so much! Protocol having been established, it is with pleasure that I introduce our own:

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron, and her husband Brother Gary Mosmeyer, Grand Escort

and Brother Thomas Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron and his wife, Sister Glenda Murphy, Grand Esther

Join me in welcoming Texas' own Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. (Applause)

I am honored to introduce the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter:

Sister Helen Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter and PGM of Florida

and Brother Robert Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania, and his wife, Sister Mariel A. Penoyer, Personal Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Join me in giving a hearty Texas welcome to these honored members. (Applause)

We are pleased to have in attendance Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons of General Grand Chapter. It is an honor to introduce:

Sisters: And our own Renee Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Matron of Texas and her caregiver, Patty Lane Past Matron and, Bobbie White, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia

And Brothers: William E. "Bill" Owen, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and his wife, Sister Doris E. Owen, Grand Escort and

John Grobler, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Washington, and his wife, Sister Barbara Grobler, Grand Representative of Bolivia in Washington

Let's give them a big Texas welcome. (Applause)

Texas is honored to have in attendance Elected General Grand Chapter Officers. Please hold your applause until all have been introduced.

It is with pleasure that I introduce:

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

Brother Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife, Sister Opal Martin, Grand Escort to the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron

Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter By-Laws, Chairman, Past Grand Matron of Texas, and Grand Representative of Bolivia in District of Columbia, and her husband, Brother Charles W. "Bill" Bane, General Grand Chapter Ambassador to Romania, Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia, and Grand Representative of Sao Paulo in District of Columbia.

Sister Billie Bradfield, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of Arizona.

Sister Jo L. Cullifer, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Secretary and Past Grand Matron of Georgia and

Brother F. Lon Lowry, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, and Past Grand Patron of Ohio, and his wife, Sister Barbara Ann Lowry, Grand Escort to the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel

Join me in thanking them for their service and devotion to General Grand Chapter.

I am pleased to present the Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers:

Sister JoAnn Sheppard, Worthy Grand Chaplain, and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma and her daughter and escort Lenora Orr.

Sister Joy Feit, Worthy Grand Marshal and Past Grand Matron of Florida and her husband, Brother Michael Feit, Florida Triennial Assembly Committee – Chairman and Housing Chairman.

Brother Charlie Chandler, Worthy Grand Organist and Past Grand Patron of West Virginia, and his wife, Sister Judy Chandler, Escort to Worthy Grand Organist.

Sister Amy Wehmeier, Worthy Grand Adah, and her husband, Brother Don Wehmeier, Grand Representative of Australia in Missouri.

Sister Judy A. Rutter, Worthy Grand Ruth and Past Grand Matron of Pennsylvania, and her husband, Brother Michael Rutter, Escort to Worthy Grand Ruth.

Sister Lorraine Hough, Worthy Grand Esther, and Past Grand Matron of Alberta, Canada and her husband, Brother Malcom Hough, General Grand Chapter Committee, Education – Chairman, and Past Grand Patron of Alberta, Canada.

Sister Wilma J. Thompson, Worthy Grand Electa and Past Grand Matron of Maryland

Help me welcome these honored guests. (Applause)

It is an honor to introduce these General Grand Chapter Ambassadors:

Sister Jayne Yenger, Ambassador to Germany and Past Grand Matron of Texas and her son, Brother Joey Yenger, Grand Escort.

Brother Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico and Past Grand Patron of Texas, and his wife, Sister Sue Ridgway, Grand Escort.

Sister Charlene Williams, Ambassador to Taiwan, Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Past Grand Matron of Florida, and her husband, Brother Billy Williams, Associate Grand Patron of Florida, and General Grand Chapter Property Committee, Co-Chairman

And the General Grand Chapter Committee Members:

Sister Debbie Dhayer, By Laws, and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia.

Brother John Wayne Harrist, Credentials and Past Grand Patron of Louisiana, and his wife, Donna Louise Harrist, Grand Conductress of Louisiana.

Sister Shilora Hudlow, Credentials and Past Grand Matron of Nevada and her husband, Brother Robert Hudlow, Past Grand Patron of Illinois and Grand Representative District of Columbia in Nevada.

Sister Bess Caldwell, Eastern Star Journal, Past Grand Matron of Texas, and Jurisprudence Committee, District 2.

Brother Trey Smith, ESTARL and Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife Sister Lesa G. Smith, Arrangements, Vendors Chairman and Grand Escort.

Sister Linn D. McNary, Heart - Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Louisiana.

Sister Carol Ann Roberson, Heart, and Past Grand Matron of Arkansas.

Brother H. Lee Stallings, Jurisprudence-Chairman and Past Grand Patron of Texas

Sister Mavis Payne, Membership and Past Grand Matron of Arkansas

Sister Joyce Gilbert, Necrology, Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Brother Joe Earnhardt, Property – Chairman, and Past Grand Patron of Florida, and his wife, Sister Heather Earnhardt, Grand Conductress of Florida.

Brother Ira Payne, Service Dogs and Past Grand Patron of Arkansas

Brother K. Arthur Drescher, Support Our First Responders – Chairman and Past Grand Patron of Texas, and his wife, Sister Marty Drescher, First Aid – Chairman.

Sister Joy Beth Williams, Support First Responders and Past Grand Matron of Louisiana.

Sister Irma Maxwell, Support First Responders and Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Brother David B. Dibrell, Youth, Past Grand Patron of Texas, Jurisprudence, District 1, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and his wife, Sister Marlene Dibrell, Arrangements, Distinguished Guests-Chairman and member of the House of Gold, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Sisters and Brothers, let's show them how much we appreciate their labors. (Applause)

It is a pleasure that I introduce the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions

Sisters:

Barbara Blanton, Florida  
Debbie Poche, Louisiana

And the Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions:

Brothers:

James Ford, Florida  
Alonzo G. "Lonnie" Smith, Louisiana, and his wife, Sister Lanie Smith, Grand Organist, Louisiana  
Jim Davis, New Mexico, and his wife Sister Edith Davis, Grand Escort and  
William "Bill" Most, Oklahoma

Join with me in welcoming our visitors. (Applause)

I have the honor of introducing the Past Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters:

Sue Peterson, Arizona  
Elizabeth A. Cooney, Arkansas  
Glenda Peyton, Arkansas  
Judy Covey, Florida  
Pamela Gill, Louisiana, and Grand Secretary of Louisiana, and her husband, Brother Harvey Gill, Grand Sentinel of Louisiana  
Barbara "Barbie" Holmes, Nevada and her husband Russell S. Holmes, escort to Past Grand Matron  
Betty Robertson, New Mexico  
Margaret Clarke, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and the widow of Fred Clarke, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter  
Lynne Atkinson, Ontario, Canada  
Shirley Ayers, Rhode Island  
Katherine Newman, Rhode Island  
Elizabeth Bordeaux, Vermont  
Julie Birrer, Wyoming

And Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions:

Brothers:

Bill Rhyan, Arizona, and his wife, Sister Jay Rhyan, Inspiring Cook, Cookbook General Chairman  
Carl P. Larson, Connecticut, and his wife, Sister Donna Larson, Past Matron  
Larry Frost, Indiana, and his wife, Sister Nancy Frost, Grand Representative of Oregon in Indiana  
Gerald Houston, Louisiana  
Owen Major, Oklahoma, and his wife, Sister Donna J. Major, Grand Escort  
William C. Barnes, Oklahoma, and his wife, Sister Rynd Barnes, Past Matron  
Ronald Ayers, Rhode Island  
And Ronald Newman, Rhode Island

Join me in welcoming our guests. (Applause)

I have the honor of introducing the brightest stars in this Grand Jurisdiction, the Past Grand Matrons of Texas:

Sisters:

Betty Benham, Purposes and Policies, District 2

Dr. Effie Mae Davis

Betty Y. Friend, Jurisprudence, District 5, and her husband, Jack Friend, Grand Escort

Jimmie Lee McMahon

Doris Hester, Purposes and Policies, District 5

Karen Morgenthaler, Grievances and Appeals

Nancy Brown

Joyce Nicklas, Purposes and Policies, District 3

Vi Griffin, Jurisprudence, District 4 Chairman, and her husband, Brother Tommy Griffin, Masonic Family, General Chairman, and a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Cheryl Albrecht, Jurisprudence, District 3, and her husband Darrell Albrecht, Masonic Family General Co-Chairman

And the fine gentlemen of the Lone Star State, the Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Brothers:

Nelson Campbell, and his wife, Sister Georgia Campbell, Grand Escort

Duane "Buddy" Baker, and his wife Sister Judy Baker, Arrangements- Distinguished Guests

Jerry L. Martin, Grand Chapter Dad, and Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and his wife, Sister Betty C. Martin, Grand Chapter Mom

Bill Wyatt, Financial Investments, Chairman, and his wife, Sister Ann Wyatt, Arrangements, Decorations and Chairman of the General Banquet

Let's tell them how much we love them. (Applause)

We are honored by the presence of the Grand Master of Masons in Texas.

It is my pleasure to introduce Brother Jerry N. Kirby, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Thank you for taking the time to be with us here tonight. Join me in welcoming our distinguished member. (Applause)

We are so pleased to have with us Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions:

From the Grand Jurisdiction of Delaware Sister Virginia Crockett, Associate Grand Matron and her husband Brother Crockett, Grand Representative of Italy in Delaware.

From the Grand Jurisdiction of District of Columbia Sister Beverly J. Gurner, Grand Adah, Hummingbirds, Co-Chairman, a Special Committee of the Most Worthy Grand Matron

From the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida

Sisters:

Donna Schrock, Associate Grand Conductress, and Florida Vendors Committee of GGC, Chairman  
Carol Poole, Grand Esther  
Kay Ann Bauder, Grand Martha  
Katie Mason, Grand Electa  
Nancy Bice, Grand Warder  
And Brother Lance Kleinsmith, Grand Sentinel

And From the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois  
Sister Wanda Florow-Hirsch, Grand Marshal

From the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas:  
Sister Garrie Oppitz, Grand Conductress

From the Grand Jurisdiction of Louisiana:

Sisters:

Suellen Kirk, Grand Chaplain  
Brother Jeff Freeman, Grand Warder, and his wife, Sister Susan Freeman, Past Matron

From the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts:  
Sister Evelyn Bogue, Associate Grand Conductress

From the Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma:

Sisters:

Lana Jamison, Associate Grand Matron, and her husband, Brother Robert E. Jamison, Grand Sentinel of Oklahoma  
Kathy Miller, Grand Conductress  
Myjha Reim, Associate Grand Conductress  
Margaret Wait, Grand Adah  
Terri Brown, Grand Electa

Let's show them how much we appreciate their traveling here to be with us in Texas.  
(Applause)

I am proud to introduce the Honorees tonight, the Installed Grand Officers of Texas who have shared their time and talent serving our Grand Chapter:

Sister Melissa S. Hudman, Associate Grand Matron, and her husband, Brother Richard Hudman, Grand Escort

Brother Richard "Rick" Skidd, Associate Grand Patron and his wife, Sister Lou Skidd, Deputy Grand Matron, District 5, Section 7

Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary, and her escort, Brother Jim Pickrell, Grand Escort

Sisters:

June Bell, Grand Treasurer Pro-Temp and District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5, and her escort, Brother Richard King, Masonic Family, District 5, Chairman  
Carolyn Ann Martin, Grand Conductress, and her escort, Brother Harold Wert, Grand Escort

Linda Winn-Christenson, Associate Grand Conductress, and her husband,  
Brother Victor Christenson, Grand Escort



Laura Geyer, Grand Chaplain, and her husband, Brother Jeff Geyer, Grand Escort  
Glenda S. Klemm, Grand Marshal, and her escort, Brother Dennis Brunson,  
Arrangements, Labryinth

Susan M. Smith, Grand Organist, and her escort, Brother Daniel Caldwell, Grand Escort  
Kathy N. Paschal, Grand Adah, and her husband, Brother Joe Paschal, Grand Escort  
Mary Bond, Grand Ruth, and her escort, Brother Bradley "Brad" Grimmet, Grand Escort  
Susie Rodgers, Grand Martha, and her husband, Brother Allen Rodgers, Grand Escort  
Monette Littlepage, Grand Electa, and her husband, Brother Terry Littlepage,  
Grand Representative of Italy in Texas

And Brothers:

Don L. Lawrence, Grand Warder, and his wife, Sister Kenlyn Lawrence, Grand Escort  
Paul Zappe, Grand Sentinel – Pro-Temp, and Specialty License Plates, Co-Chairman,  
and his escort, Sister Gail Fuller, Grand Page to Grand Electa  
Sister Betty Fogerty, Fraternal Correspondent, and her husband, Brother Derrell Fogerty,  
Arrangements, Labryinth

From the Board of Directors:

Brothers:

Ray Hargis, District 1, and his wife, Sister Linda Hargis, General Grand Chapter Assistance  
James Parker, District 1, and his wife, Sister Xanthe (Zanthe) Parker,  
One Degree – I Can Make a Difference, General Co-Chairman  
Sister Audri Rowell, District 2 - Chairman  
Sister Jean Hobbs, District 3  
Brother Robert W. "Bob" Royall, Jr., District 4, and an Eagle, a special appointment of the  
MWGP, and his wife, Sister Cheryl Royall, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4  
Sister Phyllis Wilson, District 5, and her husband, Brother Garvid Wilson,  
An Event to Remember

From the Board of Grand Examiners:

Sisters:

Phyllis Macon, District 1, Hummingbirds, Chairman, A Special Committee of the  
Most Worthy Grand Matron, and her husband, Brother Carrol Macon  
Susan K. Dormandy, District 2 and her husband, Brother Bill Dormandy,  
Save the Children, Chairman, District 2  
Terri L. Rozell, District 4  
Joan Miller, District 5  
Shelly Walker, Grand Examiner At Large, and her husband, Brother James Walker,  
Arrangements - Elections

Join me in thanking these devoted members for their service to the Grand Chapter of Texas! (Applause)

I am pleased to introduce the Deputy of General Grand Chapter

Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and Friendship, 4 State Exchange, Chairman, District 5, and her husband, Brother Charles Whitfield, An Event To Remember. Let's thank her for her service to the Most Worthy Grand Matron

and Most Worthy Grand Patron in General Grand Chapter. (Applause)

The following are special members who have assisted Sister Helen Westmoreland and Brother Robert Penoyer through the years. It is a pleasure to introduce members of the Hummingbirds, a Special Committee of Most Worthy Grand Matron:

Sisters:

Martie L. Mac Kidd, Past Matron, California

Delores J. Woods, Past Matron, Louisiana, and her husband, Brother Robert Woods

Pauline "Polly" Thomassen, Past Matron, Washington

Please help me welcome them. (Applause)

We would also like to recognize a special friend of Texas:

Sister Betty Morris, Fond Memories, and widow of Brother Charles Morris, Past Grand Patron of Texas

Let's show her how much we love her! (Applause)

Due to time constraints this evening, we will not be introducing the Grand Representatives individually. This was done just a few hours ago on the Grand Chapter floor. But, we do want to recognize you. So, will the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions to Texas, Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions, and Grand Representatives of Texas. Please stand.

Sisters and Brothers, let's thank these Ambassadors of Good Will in their respective Grand Jurisdictions. (Applause)

Will the District Deputy Grand Matrons,

Deputy Grand Matrons

And the Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron please stand:

Join me in thanking them collectively for their service to our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and to the Grand Chapter of Texas. (Applause)

We are honored by the presence of the:

Supreme Deputy, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Joann Weaver, and her husband Bruce Weaver Grand Executive Committee

Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Hunter Nodwell, and her traveling companion, Paula Nodwell,

Brittany Stevens, Grand Nature, and her traveling companion, Sister Tina Stevens, Registration, District 3

Let's thank them for all they do for our youth. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, we have worked very hard to ensure that all have been introduced properly in a very short timeframe. If we have missed your name, please know that we are glad you are here, and we hope that your time at the Texas Grand Chapter is enjoy-

able.

And Finally, Sisters and Brothers (Ring Sleigh Bells)

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?  
In the lane snow is glistening,  
A beautiful sight,  
We are happy tonight,  
'cuz these introductions are done! (Applause)

**MC Ann Wyatt:** Wasn't that a beautiful job from Sister Pat. (Applause) Beautiful, beautiful. I knew it would be. Thank you, Sister Pat for that beautiful job. We will now have some presentations. If there are any presentations, enter on my left and exit on my right. And I will begin those presentations. If my Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will join me. All of these folks love you very much and this is to say they love you. All of these friends, you know I call them my "Circle of Friends" so they all love you too.

**WGM:** Thank you so much.

**WGP:** Thank you.

**MC Ann Wyatt:** Are there other presentations?

**Brother Paul Garner:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, your Executive Committee, I choked up on this a little bit this morning but I'm not going to do it again. It has absolutely been our pleasure and distinct honor to have served both of y'all, actually all four of y'all. All year long we have become a family not only with the Executive Committee but with the four of y'all as well. We don't think the year is ending we think what is next is beginning. But we would like to leave you with a couple of very special gifts from your Executive Committee to each of you.

**Sister Jean Hanna:** Gary, you've traveled with Sharon some, not a whole lot but we appreciate you too. And this is from all of us. So y'all go ahead and open. Tom, we know that you've enjoyed that train and you are going to be taking it home with you when you leave but we also have something that we hope you will enjoy. And Glenda, we've enjoyed being with you all of this year and this is for you.

**WGM:** It's my INSPIRE word. You know for years you didn't see snowflakes but now you just see them everywhere and a lot of them this weekend that's for sure. But I used the word "Inspire" years ago and you didn't see that word a lot and now don't you see "inspire" "be inspired" and "inspirations" most everywhere you go? But it's my word "INSPIRE" and they built the box to hold it in. Isn't that beautiful? Thank you so much.

**Brother Gary Mosmeyer:** Oh my gosh. Thanks to each of you. I got a Yeti mug. It has my name, "Grand Escort 2016-2017" and it has the Eastern Star emblem on the back. Very nice. Thank you very much. Is this just for water? (Laughter)

**WGP:** I got a train pocket watch. It has a steam engine on the inside and it looks like it's a couple of hours behind. Kind of like our program. (Laughter) The inscription on the back is "To Tom from Executive Committee, 2016-2017". It is a beautiful watch. Thank you all so very much. (Applause)

**Sister Glenda Murphy:** (Ha ha ha) I got my own Yeti mug.

**MC Ann Wyatt:** We now have a very special presentation, Sister Marianne Shenefelt.

**MWAGM Marianne Shenefelt:** Thank you Sister Ann for this opportunity to have our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob Penoyer, come and join me. Could you snow shoe on over here?

**MWGP Bob Penoyer:** I always had trouble with snow shoes.

**MWAGM Marianne Shenefelt:** Well you did pretty good. You got here. That's good. This is for you (for MWGP) and it's a little bit late but I hope that you subscribe to the same philosophy that I have that if you get a birthday card in the same month, it's not late. So this is Happy Birthday to you on August 7th from your General Grand family. We love you and Happy Birthday. I think we should sing. (Sings Happy Birthday)

**MWGP Bob Penoyer:** Thank you to everybody. Thank you very much. You don't very often get a belated birthday from such a large audience. It's nice but after 83 years I feel very well accomplished and able to accept this. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Ann Wyatt:** Thank you Sister Marianne. That was sweet. That was so sweet.

A special one to all of us and if you didn't know, from my home state of the wild wonderful west of West Virginia is Sister Bobbie White, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Bobbie I invite you to bring greetings to this membership.

**PMWGM Bobbie White:** Good evening everyone. Have you had a good time this evening? (Yes!) Well it's about to end. (Laughter) Sister Sharon and Brother Tom, I hope you realize what this Banquet has meant to everyone here tonight. It's a beautiful setting and I hope you are pleased with all the arrangements that your committee has done to make this such a delightful evening. The decorations are just great and I'm sitting over there feeling like I'm in the "Winter Wonderland". But aren't we fortunate to belong to the Order of the Eastern Star? (Yes) You know if it wasn't for the Eastern Star none of us would know each other and we wouldn't be here as a group that we are this evening and enjoying everything in the Grand Chapter of Texas. Sister Rennie, where did she go? Is she out? Okay, well I'm going to talk about her anyway. (Laughter) I have been following Sister Rennie in the line in General Grand Chapter since 1997 and I still followed her today when we were introduced and she said, "You know we could start some excitement if you would ride in my little basket" on top of her scooter. (Laughter) I almost did it but she didn't dare me. Brother Henry, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, I'm real pleased to be with you. Your honor at that dinner last evening was so enjoyable and I hope you were pleased with that affair as well. It was a Black Tie affair. I'm partial to those. Sister Alma Bane, Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary, you're going back to D.C. That's great and we hope that you will have a tremendous rest of this term to fill in for Brother Gary. I think you'll do wonderful. I said that when you went in you brought the General Grand Chapter office up to the twentieth century and I know you'll do better. You got your work done but you did it once and you can do it again. It's been said that a man's home is his castle and that a dog is man's best friend. Well, one day a man was leaving a convenience store with his morning coffee when he noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery. A black hearse was followed by a second black hearse about fifty feet behind the first one. Behind the second hearse was a solitary man walking a dog on a leash. Behind him as short distance back were about 200 men walking single file. Are you with me? The man couldn't stand the curiosity so

he respectively approached the man walking the dog and said "I am so sorry for your loss and this may be a bad time to disturb you but I've never seen a funeral quite like this before. Who's funeral is it?" The man said, "My wife." "What happened to her?" he asked. "Well," the mourner said, "She yelled at me and my dog attacked and killed her." He inquired further "But who was in the second hearse?" The mourner answered "My Mother in Law. She was trying to protect my wife and the dog attacked and it killed her." A very poignant and touching moment of brotherhood and silence passed between the two men. The second man said, "Can I borrow the dog?" (Laughter) The mourner replied, "Get in line!" (Laughter) Thank you and good evening. (Applause)

**MC Ann Wyatt:** One that is traveling the world communicating our Eastern Star message is Brother Robert Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Robert I invite you to greet this delegation.

**MWGP Robert Penoyer:** Thank you Sister Ann. It is a pleasure for me to be here with you. I didn't really realize, I thought this was a banquet to honor Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I didn't know they were going to turn it into a birthday party also. Anyway, my wife and I are certainly enjoying our stay here with you in Texas. And we will be here the next couple of days yet. So, we'll be seeing a lot more of each other and hopefully I'll get to meet and greet a lot more of you as we go along. And we'll "Keep Flying High for OES." Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Ann Wyatt:** Thank you Brother Robert. One that holds the reigns on all of us and tells the world what Eastern Star is all about is Sister Helen Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Helen I invite you to greet "your" Eastern Star membership.

**MWGM Helen Westmoreland:** Thank you very much for this opportunity. We are a little late and over a half an hour late for your meeting. I have to pack up tonight because we are leaving in the morning and I'm sorry that we have to go so early but I have other things to do and places to be. But I do want to say thank you for the wonderful time we have had. I love my room and I don't even want to leave it so if there's anyone going toward Florida that could take me back next week...anyway, I have had a wonderful time here and I'm so glad that Henry had a wonderful time last night and I enjoyed it very much. I want to know, where is Effie Mae Davis? Put your hand up so I can find you. Are you still here or are you gone? Where are you? Is that you? I want to come over there and see you before I leave, okay? You know you are my mentor and Parliamentarian and I don't want to leave without saying something to you because I remember in 1997 I was having a little trouble, we don't have Parliamentarians in Florida, and I said to my Page "you see that lady sitting over there? Go get her up here." So, when she came to the East I said "Parliamentarian for Florida." (Laughter) And we've been friends ever since. And I'm glad that Florida is here. I'm delighted that you were able to come and be with us. And look at this table here. It's just a wonderful time to be here. And my Committee members from Texas, thank you for what you are doing. All of the Committee members. I appreciate everything that you're doing and I want you to please remember "Orlando is the place to be seen in 2018." Get your housing forms now. You can always cancel if you have to but we don't want you to. I want you to come and be with us. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron you have been just wonderful to us and thank you. Thank you to the state of Texas and I will tell my little grandson when he gets older that he's a Texan. (Applause)

**MC Ann Wyatt:** Thank you Sister Helen. To bring the Tribute to the Installed Grand Officers will be Sister Judy Baker, Arrangements, Distinguished Guests. A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations, but look what they can do when they all stick together! Sister Judy, I invite you to bring the Tribute.

**Sister Judy Baker:** Mistress of Ceremonies, thank you. I was told I had ten minutes and if I had to establish protocol, that would have left me about three minutes. So, thank you Master of Ceremonies for establishing protocol. You're still going to get three minutes and you're welcome. (Laughter)

Wouldn't this old world be better if the folks we meet would say  
We know something good about you  
And treat us just that way.  
Wouldn't it be fine and dandy  
If each handclasp warm and true  
Carried with it this assurance  
We know something good about you.

I'm here to pay Tribute to our Installed Grand Officers. You all know when you know something good about somebody. You also know something else about them. So, after doing a little research, I sent a little email to each of our Installed Grand Officers to tell them what I was going to say about them. Some of them sent me cash. (Laughter) One of them threatened bodily harm. (Laughter) And you did notice I limped up here, didn't you? Well, let me tell you what I found out about our Installed Grand Officers and at this time will you please stand. They are all dedicated Sisters and Brothers who have served their own Subordinate Chapters and Grand Chapter of Texas for a lot of years. They are our loyal friends who would go to the ends of the earth for any one of us. And we could not find a better group of Sisters and Brothers to represent us on the floor of Grand Chapter. This membership of Texas is extremely proud of each of you.

Wouldn't life be more happy if the good that is in us all,  
Were the only thing about us that folks bothered to recall.  
Wouldn't it be a nice place to practice and fine way of thinking too  
You know something good about us, we know something really good about you.

And we know you are the best. Thank y'all. (Applause)

**MC Ann Wyatt:** Thank you Sister Judy for that beautiful Tribute to our Installed Grand Officers. The response to this Tribute will be given by our Queen Esther and the queen of our Worthy Grand Patron's heart too, Sister Glenda Murphy, Grand Esther I invite you to respond to this Tribute.

**Sister Glenda Murphy:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Thank you for asking me to do that. It's a little overwhelming when people start saying really nice things about you. This has been a year of tremendous honor for all of us. And at this moment I would like for all the Installed Grand Officers to please stand with me. It has been our privilege to serve this Grand Chapter. It has been our privilege to follow behind our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron. I know everyone thinks their Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are the best but I promise you, ours is. We are truly the best Installed Grand Officers ever. (Laughter) We have had an incredible year. We have laughed together, we have traveled together, we have cried together and we have prayed

together. This is a year that I don't think any of us will ever forget. It has been one of the best years of my life. One I wouldn't trade for anything. We all appreciate everything you all have done for us. We appreciate the times you have made us feel so very special. So, I will leave you with this thought that I think of often "we may not always remember everything you did to us or for us but I can promise you but we will always remember how very special you made each of us feel." Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Ann Wyatt:** Thank you Sister Glenda. That was beautiful. To give a Tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron will be Brother James Parker, Board of Directors, District One. Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it covers. Brother James, I invite you to give the Tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron.

**Brother James Parker:** Thank you for establishing protocol. And I'll try to talk as fast as a Texan can because I know I'm slow but I have a few things I want to say about our Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Head Tables, my Sisters and Brothers all. It is a great honor and privilege to bring this Tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron, Thomas R. Murphy. I have a short biography on him that is condensed as much as I could. He's done a lot of things. Tom was born to Richard and Dorothy Murphy on May 2nd in Beaumont, Texas and is one of ten children. His family moved to Houston when Tom was five years old where he spent his childhood working with his brothers at the family service station. Every morning Mom sent the four little blue uniformed boys off to work with Dad with a sack lunch. At work Dad required a full-service experience for all of his customers so Tom learned his work ethic at a very early age. Tom graduated from Spring Branch High School in Houston and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches. Some years later Tom met a beautiful woman named Glenda who gave in to handsome Tom's charming personality and they were married. Together they have five children, sixteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Some of Tom's fondest memories are with his grandchildren which include pushing them in a wheelbarrow until he ran out of gas, making Pawpaw eggs for breakfast, building a club house and playing the big bad wolf while huffing and puffing and threatening to blow their club house down. Knowing Tom as we do he probably had much less success at blowing the club house down than the wind bag, the big bad wolf. Tom's life includes many notable highlights. He served on the Board of Directors at the Texas Concrete Pavement Association, the Board of Directors of the Congressional District 8 Military Service Academies Nomination Board, and is presently serving as Vice-President of the Angelina and Naches River Authority. While working and raising a family, Tom's call to a higher calling began his Masonic and Eastern Star journey. Tom was not brought up in a Masonic family but was introduced to Masonry through his wife Glenda's father. He has since become very active in both the Masonic Fraternity and the Eastern Star. He currently serves as the Secretary at Lothrop Lodge #21 in Crockett and has served as Master of both Lothrop Lodge #21 and Tolerance Lodge #1165 in Beaumont. He was a District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District #23 in 2013. He's a member of the York Rite Beaumont Chapter #188, Beaumont Council #226 and Beaumont Commandry #38. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite in Galveston and several other Masonic organizations. Tom's Eastern Star service includes membership in Beaumont Chapter #71, Palestine Chapter #395 and Crockett Chapter #509 where he has served as Worthy Patron five times. He presently serves as Worthy Patron of Crockett Chapter and Associate Patron of Palestine Chapter. Over the years Tom has served on many

Grand Chapter Committees. He was a Grand Page for our Past Grand Patron, Brother Trey Smith. Last year as everyone knows, Tom served as Associate Grand Patron and currently serves the honor of distinction as our Worthy Grand Patron. Surprisingly Tom still has time for hobbies and enjoys working in his woodshop. Now on a personal note I'd like to tell you a little bit about Tom, the man. I was privileged last year to serve as one of Tom's Pages when he was elected Associate Grand Patron. A Page as many of you know have a unique opportunity to learn firsthand who a person is and what they are really like. While his Pages were eager to assist, Tom is a very hands-on person and really didn't let us do much. His habit is to do everything himself. I've seen this displayed in his Chapter all the way up through his service in the Grand Chapter. In order for the Pages to perform our duties we almost had to hogtie him. While he was Associate Grand Patron, he made sure that each Page had the opportunity to sit in the big chair at Grand Chapter, the Associate Grand Patron's chair. He would sometimes make an excuse to leave his station pretending on having something important to do and he'd be back in just a couple of minutes. He would sit in the Page chair and not let us get up out of the big chair to go to the Page side knowing what it would mean to us to be able to sit there. You may now wonder what the future has in store for Tom. Well, by serving as our Jr. Past Grand Patron, he will also serve as Worthy Patron in the Crockett Chapter, Associate Patron in the Palestine Chapter, Secretary of his Lodge in Crockett, he'll also serve as the Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Angelina and Naches River Authority. Brother Tom sets an extremely high standard that we should all attempt to achieve. Even after the past two years of service to our Grand Chapter he shows no signs of slowing down. When I ask him if he was a glutton for punishment his response was simply a smile. I worked alongside him as his Page during the good times, during trying times, days when he was fully rested and days when he was dog tired. No matter how he felt or what stresses he was under either emotionally or mentally it made no difference in his attitude or his treatment to others. He was always kind, compassionate, thinking of others before he thought of himself. He's a person we should all strive to be like. In closing Tom, thank you for allowing me to share in your journey. Most importantly I'd like to express a heartfelt thank you to both you and Glenda for the special friendship that the two of you have shared with my wife Xanthe and me. It's been my honor to share my thoughts of you with this group. I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors and I want you to know that your Sisters and Brothers are going to join with me in wishing you God Speed. Would everyone please join with me and show our Worthy Grand Patron how much we appreciate him. (Applause)

**MC Ann Wyatt:** Thank you Brother James. That was a fine Tribute there. Enjoyed it. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Thomas R. Murphy – Sir, I invite you to respond to that Tribute.

**WGP Tom Murphy:** That definitely will be a tough act to follow. That's true, we did go to work at my Dad's station, I remember that part of his speech. (Laughter) Every morning in my little blue heavily starched uniform when everybody else was out for summer school. My Dad did instill a good work ethic in all of his boys, we think the girls got off easy but they don't think so. I really don't know what to say. It's easy to be kind and loving and giving when you are with an organization like the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Fraternities. Everything they do is for the benefit of others. They're there to make you a better man, a better person and the benevolent work that the Order of the Eastern Star does just makes it real easy to work hard to make that happen. An example would be ESTARL. We put a student through a Seminary. When he graduates we've



touched him only but think of all the hundreds of hearts that this person will touch because of us. And if you multiply that times five or six in our area, many, many more across the United States, Order of the Eastern Star is a great organization to be a part of. And it makes it easy to do what you need to do to get things done. And I thank James. Thank you so very much for...wherever you disappeared to. There you are! Thank you. You were a good Page and an even better Board of Director member and I appreciate what you are doing for the Board of Directors. I appreciate what all of our Board of Directors do. They spend many, many hours making our organization run smoothly and I thank you for that. I thank everyone else for being here this evening and I'm going to cut it short so we can go back to Grand Chapter. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Ann Wyatt:** To bring the Tribute to our Worthy Grand Matron is a special friend of our WGM, Sister Betty Martin, Grand Chapter Mom. I invite Brother Jerry Martin, Grand Chapter Dad to stand with Betty as I believe this Tribute is from both of them. Sister Betty, Brother Jerry, I invite you to speak.

**Sister Betty Martin:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies, Sister Ann. Protocol having been established the hour is getting late. This Tribute is going to be very short. Sister Sharon so many things I could say but what is said in private as you know, stays in private. So many, many nice Tributes have been given to you but mine is going to be the shortest one I think you have ever had. Sister Sharon I really got to know you when you were the Grand Marshal in 2004-2005. You inspired me then and you still inspire me. Yes, you appointed me to be the Grand Chapter Mom, I adopted you as my daughter and you will always be my adopted daughter. (Applause)

**PGP Jerry Martin:** I think it just got passed to me. Believe me an orators best ally is brevity and I know that this is going to be the chop sui version. But I want you to know that the charming smile and the sweet personality of this lady only hides a brilliant intelligence. This lady can handle anything that you can throw at her and turn it into something really good. She first caught my eye in 1999-2000 wasn't it Betty Friend? She was your Deputy and I noticed that this lady had a special talent. Good fortune came my way and a short time later Henry Martin had given up the Texas Cardinals to start getting ready for bigger things as Executive Director and so I inherited the Texas Cardinals and where better could I find a Secretary than right here. We did a lot of great work and you were a big part of it so I know that you can handle those things. We watched her progress as a Deputy Grand Matron, District Deputy Grand Matron to Grand Examiner and then the rest is history. Here she stands. Any woman that can take a law office in Houston and run it by herself for a lawyer in Austin has got a lot on the ball and that's what this lady did for so many years, 35 years. She also has become part of the family. Betty had to take me to the hospital one night and in a panic, she couldn't think of anybody else to call and she called Sharon. Being nighttime, Sharon hopped in the car and drove three hours to come to New Braunfels to comfort Betty which comforted me a great deal. That's the kind of friend that she is. That's the kind of leader that she is. So, you've been inspiring us all year, you've been inspiring this Grand Chapter all year and I know that the things that you have done and the words that you have said to these wonderful members of ours will live with them and will continue to inspire them long after your term has ended. And only the proceedings of this Grand Chapter will record the true successes you have had. The tremendous, tremendous amount of money you have raised for service dogs, for the Hospital Burn Unit, on and on I could go. And as I said, only your pro-

ceedings will close. And my daughter, we love you. (Applause)

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Thank you Dad.

**MC Ann Wyatt:** Thank you Sister Betty and Brother Jerry. That was so very special and sweet. One that is as beautiful as a snowflake is our Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Gary you're a lucky guy. Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, I invite you to respond to this Tribute and greet this membership.

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** I am so humbled by this membership but the membership of Texas has inspired me to be the Worthy Grand Matron that I have been. You know you can take a person and put them in a position and they'll do the best they can but they will strive to do better when they have the support of the ones who work for them and for Tributes like that when people really love and care about you. Where else can you find that except in Eastern Star? I love the membership. I love the membership all over the world that we have been to but certainly my heart is always in Texas. One thing I can tell you is Sister Ann put together this Banquet in pretty short notice because the one that I had asked had some health problems and had to back out. And look at this beautiful room and the things that she has accomplished. This happens all over the world at all of our Eastern Star. We work so hard for each other in our benevolent projects and it's you, the membership that inspires me. So, thank you Ann and this beautiful Banquet is due to her work and the ones that helped her today. Let's thank her. (Applause) Also thank you Patricia Stallings, the "funny honey", your introductions are always good. That's where we kind of bonded doing introductions years ago. We kind of helped each other. So, thank you for that. You did a beautiful job. The Executive Committee that made the presentation to us today, they are correct. We have become a family. We worked together just like I said. We have made strong bonds and I love and appreciate every single one of you. I thank you so very much for everything. Betty and Jerry Martin thank you for that beautiful Tribute, Mom and Dad. They didn't give me a raise in my allowance and they wouldn't give me the keys to the car. But, they did give me the key to their house and I can stay there anytime I want but I cannot leave dirty laundry like the Worthy Grand Patron does at their house. (Laughter) I can see his face turn red. I just have one last thing to say to you. The late Irving Stone spent a lifetime studying greatness, writing novelized biographies of such men as Michael Angelo, Vincent Van Gogh, Sigmund Freud and Charles Darwin. Stone was once asked if he found some common thread that runs through all of the lives of these exceptional people. He said "I write about people who sometime in their life have a vision or a dream of something that should be accomplished as they go to work. They are beaten over the head, knocked down and for years they get nowhere. But every time they're knocked down, they stand up. You cannot destroy these people and at the end of their lives they have accomplished what they set out to do". I have said many times this year, it's just earth no one is perfect here. We only get to be perfect when we get to heaven. But the accomplishments that we make here on earth are the things that we're rewarded for in heaven. And Eastern Star is one thing that we will all be rewarded for in heaven. For the good projects and the good things that we do for others for this organization. Thank you for being here. It's a trite expression but it comes from my heart because I really appreciate every single one of you being here. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Ann Wyatt:** I want to take just a moment and ask those that assisted me in getting this Banquet together please stand. And there were many others that are not here tonight

that are at home, that helped me. No one person can do it on their own. With a deep appreciation and a big THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. I could not have attempted this task without your help. Membership please help me thank those that assisted me. (Applause)

Thank each of you for being here this evening. We invite you to attend the ESTARL and Memorial programs back in our Grand Chapter room with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

### **LIFE IS A SNOWFLAKE**

Life is a snowflake, a free falling star  
A fragile reminder of all that we are.  
Born of a raindrop, laced by the breeze.  
Spinning through space, dancing through trees.  
A diamond of light, a gem in the sun.  
A journey of hope, a new life begun.  
(@Charles Ghigna)

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. To voice our Benediction will be Sister Laura Geyer our Grand Chaplain. And our thoughts and prayers go out to Sister Marty Drescher. Love you Hun.

**Sister Laura Geyer:** Please hold the hand of your neighbor. Our gracious heavenly Father, we pause to give thanks for all things. Thank you for these Sisters and Brothers here tonight who have given freely of their time and talent for the benevolent work of Eastern Star. Thank you for our leaders, for their dedication and their inspirations throughout this year. We ask that you continue to bless this Grand Chapter so that our work may be pleasing to you. Be with each one here as we go home after the ESTARL and Memorial Program. Protect and guide us so that we can come together again to do Your work. For in His precious name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
**135TH GRAND CHAPTER SESSION**  
**THURSDAY EVENING**  
**“INSPIRATIONS OF THE SPIRIT” ESTARL AND MEMORIAL PROGRAM**  
**Marriott Convention Center**  
**August 17, 2017**

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| <b>7:15 PM</b> | <b>Musical Prelude</b> | <b>Mrs. Susan Smith,<br/>Grand Organist</b>              |
| <b>7:30 PM</b> | <b>Call to Order</b>   | <b>Mrs. Jayne Yenger,<br/>Ambassador to Germany, GGC</b> |
|                |                        | <b>Mr. Trey Smith,<br/>ESTARL, GGC</b>                   |

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** Good Evening Sisters and Brothers I am very excited to greet you along with my Worthy Grand Patron Brother Trey.

We are aware of the honor that has been extended to us and we hope each of you feel the love and excitement of this session this evening. We welcome each of you to this 135th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. It is my sincere hope that when you return to your respective Chapters, you will continue to share the inspiration of being in the Woodlands at this Grand Chapter Session.

It is exciting to be united again in the Grand East with Brother Trey. How magical and enchanting to look out at this magnificent setting and to be able to greet this wonderful membership. It brings back many wonderful memories

Sister Susie Smith, Grand Organist thank you for your beautiful music, we always love hearing you play. Sisters and Brothers please help me thank her.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family Distinguished Members all, welcome to the Woodlands and Texas Grand Chapter! Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the special honor you have accorded me this evening. It is a privilege to open this Thursday Evening Session with my Worthy Grand Patron Brother Trey.

Sister Sharon, you have served Grand Chapter in a caring and loving way. Your faithful spirit has endeared you to this membership and you have been a true inspiration to many. Brother Tom, you have been a true friend and served this Grand Chapter with kindness and respect, may the good Lord bless you both.

Brother Trey, will you bring your words of greeting at this time.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Thank you, Sister Jayne. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to share the Grand East with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jayne, it seems like it was just a few days ago we were in Waco preparing to welcome everyone. Sister Sharon and Brother Tom, you are two of the biggest flakes in Texas, and I love ya!!! Sister Sharon, I treasure your friendship very much. I will always remember when you

were elected to the grand north and it snowed in August! You have served this membership with integrity and grace, thank you for your caring service. Brother Tom, you are one of my lifesavers. You have served this Grand Chapter in a respectful and kind manner which is a reflection of who you are, a true gentleman. Together your service has made a positive difference to this Grand Chapter! Bless you both.

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** The Grand Officers for 2016-2017 will now enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. \*\*\*

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pleasure and pride that I present Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Thomas R. Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) \* Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much pleasure and pride that I present to you your gavel that you may continue the business of this Grand Chapter. Again, we love you both.

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

Sister Jayne and Brother Trey, I want to thank you for calling this "Inspirations of the Spirit" Session to Order. I remember your "Golden Links" Session in Waco and I also remember many, many years of service that you have both given to the Grand Chapter of Texas. I have loved the years we have grown close as we traveled the state of Texas and the many memories and happy days that we have shared. Also, I would like to thank you for your continued devotion to our Order. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Sister Jayne and Brother Trey thank you for your comments for the beginning of the Session. I want to thank you both for calling this "Inspirations of the Spirit" Session to order and I thank you both for all you have done and continue to do for our Order.

**WGM:** It is my pleasure to call upon Mrs. Susan Neuenschwander, General Chairman of ESTARL for the presentation of our ESTARL Program.

**ESTARL Program**  
**2016-2017**  
**"Inspirations of the Spirit"**

**Sister Susan Neuenschwander:** Good Evening. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, General Grand Elected Officers, General Grand Appointed Officers, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, and Distinguished Members. It is my pleasure and honor to welcome you to the 2017, "Inspirations of the Spirit" ESTARL Service and Awards Program. This has truly been "A Year of Inspiration" as we, the ESTARL Committee, interacted with these inspiring ESTARL Scholarship recipients. Each of them were inspired to dedicate their lives to service and to answer our Father's call and, in turn, have inspired others to become followers of Christ. Sisters and Brothers, through your donations to the ESTARL Fund, we are able to assist these young people in continuing their education

to become better equipped to spread His word and to offer spiritual support to others. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the membership in the support given to this worthy cause to help these young people dedicated to serving the Lord. Through your unselfish gifts we were able to offer 15 scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each to deserving ministerial students. This is a partial report. The final report will be given tomorrow after we tally tonight's offerings. As ESTARL Chairman, this year has been an inspirational year for me as I was uplifted and encouraged by the experience of working with these very special young people. I thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity to serve. At this time, it is my honor to introduce the five District Chairmen who have served on the ESTARL Committee for the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter year. I am grateful to the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon, and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom, for assigning such dedicated members to work on this committee. Please stand as I call your name.

Sister Liz Cherry, District 1  
Sister Sue Barnes, District 2  
Sister Jean James, District 3  
Sister Angele Meyer, District 4  
Sister Colleen Asaro, District 5

Please join me in thanking them for their dedication and work. (Applause)

**Sister Colleen Asaro:** Boston White is a Senior Seminary student at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and is sponsored by Gonzales Chapter #403, District 5, Section 8. She will give us the Invocation.

**Sister Boston White:** Before I pray I feel called to turn to the Book of Jeremiah 29:11. It's a verse that has been near and dear to my heart growing up and one that my mother always told me through every moment of my life. Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to give you hope and a future. Plans to not harm you." And I think that speaks volumes to each of us for God has so many wonderful plans for us as recipients but also for each of you as members of Eastern Star. And God has so many awesome plans ahead. So, will you please join me in prayer. Good, gracious and wonderful God. As we come to You as Your children, God, we ask that You shine tonight not us. For each of us are called to bring Your Kingdom here to earth to do Your glory and to spread Your word. Lord I ask that You bless each recipient of the ESTARL scholarship and Lord I ask that You bless each and every member of Eastern Star. For as my family, I hold them dear. And Lord I know that as Jeremiah 29:11 says You have wonderful plans for each of us. For You are a good, wonderful and gracious, gracious God. Amen (Amen)

**Sister Colleen Asaro:** Matt DesAutels is also a District 5 recipient from Section 6, Austin Chapter #304. Matt will provide us with our opening Musical Selection.

**Mr. Matt DesAutels plays guitar and sings.**

(Applause)

**Sister Angele Meyer:** Thank you Matthew for such wonderful music. I'm Angele Meyer, ESTARL District 4 and I have the honor to introduce Mandy Williams who is our District 4 recipient as a repeat recipient sponsored by Bryan Chapter #222 and she will give us our Scripture Reading.

**Ms. Mandy Williams:** Good evening. New Testament reading is from I Corinthians, Philipians and Romans. *“Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered and it keeps no records of wrong. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophesies, they will cease, where there are tongues, they will be stilled, where there is knowledge, it will pass away.”* I Corinthians 13:4-8 *“I can do all this through him who gives me strength”* Philipians 4:13. And a blessing from Apostle Paul *“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.”* Romans 15:13 Amen.

**Sister Jean James:** Thank you, Mandy. It is my pleasure to introduce Christian Messemer who brings our message this evening. Christian is a District 3 a returning recipient and he studies at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth.

**Mr. Christian Messemer:** Good evening. They gave a Southern Baptist five to six minutes to do a sermon so buckle your safety belts and let’s go to work. One of the scripture verses that we just heard was Romans 15:13 which says, *“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”* This verse is the conclusion of what Paul discussed for the previous fifteen chapters. That’s why we are going to have to speed through it. So you get the importance of the verse we are going to do a quick run through Romans. In Romans Paul is speaking to the many house churches scattered throughout Rome. These churches are diverse in their makeup. Some having more Jewish Christians, others having more Gentile Christians. Jewish Christians are those that have come from a Judaism to a faith in Christ while Gentile Christians have come from the pagan beliefs of the day to faith in Christ. And what do we know about differences when we start to shove them together? There is always conflict and this is what Paul is addressing the book of Romans. This difference appears to have caused strife and relationship problems between the two groups. And Paul seeks to unify the church by undermining these differences instead focusing upon their foundation. Their Savior Jesus Christ who was, to quote Romans 1:2, a descendant of David according to the flesh who was declared to be the powerful Son of God by the resurrection of the dead according to the Spirit of Holiness. But before these groups can re-establish unity, Paul weighs in on the question that everyone wants answered. Who is number one? The Jews or the Greeks within the church. Now remember that this letter would never have been read aloud, it wouldn’t have been written or read aloud in the church during the day, so you can see the two churches listening. You can kind of see that. Okay Jews are better, Gentiles are better, Jew are better, Gentiles are better. . . Each certain that by the time the end comes, the tally is going to swing their way. And Paul comes out swinging. The Gentile world is Godless and unrighteous. They suppress the truth and descend into further sin. Now the Jews have a law that is a safeguard for sin so you’d think that’s great, yet the safeguard isn’t a safeguard when you don’t uphold the law. The same goes for circumcision. But rather to draw them to the promises of God, it created a self-reliance upon themselves. As we move forward we see that everybody is a sinner and sin brings death. What about Abraham? He’s the chosen Father, he’s the Father of Jewish Christians. Yes, but Abraham was not just by works of the law but by faith. And that same faith that Abraham had in God’s fulfilled promise is the same faith we must have in Jesus Christ. Everything seems even as we go forward. This faith between Jew and Gentile brings the declaration that you are righteous and if

you are righteous you are reconciled there is no difference again between Jew and Greek. They are just worse off because they have the law and election by God, uh, no, God's word to Israel is not failed. It did exactly what it was intended to do. Move from Israel's chosen position to its failure and dependence on worst base righteousness which led to what? The descending of Christ who became the stumbling block to the Jews. Israel's failure became the salvation of the Gentiles who in turn caused the Jews to come to Christ. Just as the law of circumcision and the Fathers of Israel can boast in neither is the fact that the Gentiles are currently enjoying the blessings of the gospel. The Gentiles were incorporated into the Jewish vine which has the same root as Jesus Christ. There is no Jew or Gentile class in the church. Instead they are one community. One people, one body. This body has one head, Jesus Christ. He serves as the answer to the question, who is number one? And all the redeemed find equality of personhood in Him. Now for our verse "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." We've seen in Romans a picture of this creator God who was working out a salvation plan from Genesis to Revelation. Seeing that there is no priority among Israel or Gentiles that we as Gentiles are not Plan B and that should excite all of us in the room, right? Because we are predominantly Gentile, I would say. We are not the Plan B because the Jewish experiment failed, all this should bring us hope for the future that we've been promised. The hope of the resurrection of the body. The hope of a body that is no longer in bondage to sin. A resurrected body. Right? Should fill us with joy that we had the opportunity to hear the gospel and should fill us with peace as we know our salvation is secure. Now that our hearts are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and our hearts illuminated to the plan of God, how much more excited, how much more hope do we have individually and in corporately about the future promised not to Jewish or Gentile but to those who are in Christ Jesus. Thank you.

**Sister Colleen Asaro:** Christian that was wonderful. Thank you for your warm message for us today. Boston White is also a repeat recipient of ESTARL love. She is an Eastern Star Member and Past Matron of Princeton Chapter #1126 and she will now give our Offertory Prayer

**Sister Boston White:** Will you please join me in prayer once again. Good and wonderful God as we come to You as Your children Lord, we are so grateful for the abundance of things that You give us. God, You provide and You provide and You provide and we are blessed beyond our means. God, as we come to You during a time that we are going to take up a small offering of love for we know that You are going to take this and You are going to multiply it for wonderful things. For Your people. For the people that You have set aside, that You have called to ministry to God and to do Your work God and to bring the glory of Your amazing Kingdom here to this earth. Lord we ask that You be in this moment, in this time as we are reminded of what we do we do for no one other than You. For you are a good, wonderful, gracious and loving God. Amen. (Amen)

**WGM:** I have an emergency announcement. Dr. Garrett Burriss to call his wife on their home phone. Peggy Burriss called and you need to call your wife on the home phone.

**Sister Susan Neuenschander:** Thank you, Boston. As school costs continue to rise, it is vitally important to many students to receive the financial aid it takes to make ends meet. Please remember that your donations tonight will become the starting funds for next year's ESTARL Committee. By helping those who are devoting their lives to be "In-



spirations of the Spirit”, we are able to touch many lives through their work. Will the Deputies now help me by passing out the containers and when you finish then place them on the Secretary’s desk. Thank you.

**Sister Colleen Asaro:** It is now my pleasure to re-introduce Matt DesAutels who is working on his Masters of Arts in Christian Ministry at Truett Seminary in Waco, Texas. Matt is performing our Offertory Music. Matt.

**Mr. Matt DesAutels:** Thinking about what to do for an Offertory Song made me think of the gifts that have been given on behalf of the recipients to myself and the other recipients tonight. It shows the truth that you have learned from scripture that it is not the things we hold on to in this world that have value. It is when we hold on to Christ and give of ourselves and give back what He has given us. So that truly is a blessing here. So the song I want to do for you is “Things we Leave Behind.”

**“Things we Leave Behind”  
Offertory Music  
(Applause)**

**Sister Susan Neuenschwander:** Matthew, thank you again for sharing your musical talents with us. That was beautiful. Thank you so much and thank you to the Deputies for your assistance here tonight. I now invite the District Chairmen to call the names of the recipients from their respective Districts. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, please honor us by presenting the certificates to the students who were able to attend. I invite the family, friends and the members of the sponsoring Chapter to stand when the recipient’s name is called. Please hold applause until all names have been called.

I present Sister Liz Cherry, District 1, Chairman.

**Sister Liz Cherry:** District 1 is fortunate to have had four recipients this year. Unfortunately because of prior commitments they were unable to attend tonight but they are as follows:

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| Austen Winfrey  | Bullard Chapter #972       |
| Matthew Scott   | White Wright Chapter # 939 |
| Robert Shepherd | Carpenters Chapter # 183   |
| Dustin Benac    | Plano Chapter # 703        |

Thank you. (Applause)

**Sister Jean James:** We have seven recipients from District 3.

James Atkins, Gatesville Chapter #1005, he’s going to Candler School of Theology University in Atlanta, Georgia

Christian Messemer, who is here this evening. S. Ft. Worth Chapter #835, he’s going to the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Kristen Warthen, N. Ft. Worth Chapter #684, she attends Bright Divinity School at TCU in Ft. Worth

Justin Steadman, Ruth Chapter #20, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Grant Conder, Killeen Chapter #490, he’s going to be attending Naropa University in Boulder Colorado

Austin McNeil, Webb Chapter #1140, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

in Ft. Worth

Jacob Turner, Everman Chapter #624, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
in Ft. Worth

Thank you. (Applause)

**Sister Angele Meyer:** District 4 had two recipients this year. The first one is:

Suzanne Smith, sponsored by Texas City Chapter #626

Mandy Williams, sponsored by Bryan Chapter #222

(Applause)

**Sister Colleen Asaro:** I'm Colleen Asaro from Canyon Lake #1103 and it is my pleasure as District 5 Chairman to re-introduce our recipients

Boston White, who is sponsored by Gonzales Chapter # 403, this is her Senior year so we won't be seeing her unless she goes for her Masters like Matt DesAutels, a first-time recipient from Austin Chapter # 304 and we are so proud to have these worthy recipients. Thank you. (Applause)

**Sister Susan Neuenschwander:** Sisters and Brothers join me in showing these recipients how much we appreciate them. I think you just did though. (Applause)

**Sister Jean James:** Christian Messemer is going to come back to the mic and give us the Response from the Recipients.

**Mr. Christian Messemer:** I feel like Paul Harvey. Now we get the "rest of the story." A moment ago we were in Roman 15:14 and the focus was unity. And as I look before me I see what the power of unity can accomplish. I was speaking to the registration desk earlier and I heard that there were a thousand people here, eight hundred from the state of Texas. Two hundred from outside of the state of Texas. We've got different states, different denominations, you run the whole gamut up here on the stage. Different political affiliations, different nationalities all finding unity in the Savior. All finding unity in the mission. Your generosity is a testimony of the power of the body of Christ working together to accomplish the task set before it. The raising of funds for the training of future ministers of the gospel. Your giving as you heard earlier, raised \$15,000 which went to fifteen students to help fund our educational expenses. On behalf of the recipients, thank you. Thank you very much for your sacrifice for your generosity, for the time that it takes. We are appreciative. We all vow to be good stewards of the funds which you have entrusted to us. May you continue to be unified in your mission in the OES body under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Thank you. (Applause)

**Sister Susan Neuenschwander:** Thank you, Christian. I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to bring greetings together.

**WGM:** Sister Susan Neuenschwander thank you for this wonderful program and your leadership to the committee; members of this committee, thank you so much for your dedication it took to look over the applications, making sure all the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed. I know it is a rewarding appointment and I know that each of you have, not only a better knowledge of how our ESTARL works, but a greater appreciation for the rewards of the valuable assets of ESTARL to Eastern Star all around the world. To each of the recipients here tonight, I would like to thank you for your contribution to this program. We want you to know you have Eastern Star's support and we congratulate

each of you on your continued Theological studies. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Sister Neuenschwander, thank you and your committee and for this beautiful program. To the recipients here tonight I hope you are successful in your studies and afterwards in your individual endeavors. It is through contributing to your growth that the Order of the Eastern Star can contribute to the many hearts and souls that you touch. Thank you for what you are doing. (Applause)

**WGM:** That concludes our ESTARL program. We will now prepare for our Memorial program. Wait no, that doesn't. Oh, excuse me. Benediction.

**Sister Angele Meyer:** I would like to re-introduce Mandy Williams who will give us our Benediction.

**Ms. Mandy Williams:** To add to the Benediction in closing for our ceremonies, I wish every Sister and Brother here, which I am a part of your group, to look to your left, to your right, to the front, to the back, to all the members that are here tonight. We have just talked about unity. These are the Brothers and Sisters that will enter the gates of love at the eternity together. So, you will prepare yourself for prayer please. Almighty God, we beseech Thee, now we have come to the setting of the sun and our eyes hold the vespers light. We sing our praises not only with our lips but in our lives by giving of ourselves with thy service. Lord Jesus, stay with us for evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our companion on the way. Kindle our hearts, awaken hope that we may know You as revealed in the scriptures and the breaking of the bread. Grant us this for the sake of Thy love. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you grace. In Jesus name, Amen. (Amen)

**Sister Susan Neuenschwander:** Thank you, Mandy. This does conclude our service. Thank you very much for attending our "Inspiration of the Spirit" ESTARL Service and Awards Program. We appreciate your continued support and encouragement for these ministerial students and especially our ESTARL Program". Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** And now we will now prepare for our Memorial program

### MEMORIAL PROGRAM

**Musical Prelude**

**Sister Susan Smith  
Grand Organist**

**Memorial Program**

**Laura Geyer  
Grand Chaplain**

**WGM:** \* Thank you to everyone who is here tonight to witness our Memorial Program to pay tribute to our General Grand Chapter members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Texas' own Past Grand Matron, Sister Elsie Paladino, Subordinate Chapter Members and our United States Military.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. \*\*\*

**WGM:** Brother Jeff Geyer, please come forward and bring our Invocation.

**Brother Jeff Geyer:** Let us pray. Our heavenly Father we come here tonight to honor those, our Sisters and our Brothers who have gone before and entered your heavenly house this preceding year. We ask that you give continued protection, comfort and support to their families and their friends. And we ask that you always keep us mindful that each day is a gift. That tomorrow is not promised. To live each and every day with joy in our heart and what we do, and where we do it and most importantly who we do it with. So that when You come and reach out Your hand to take us home we can say we have done everything we need to do. Please be with the rest of this Memorial Service that it may be pleasing to You. For it's in Your precious Son's name we pray. Amen (Amen)

**WGM:** \* I invite our Grand Chaplain to bring our "The DASH" Memorial Program.

**Sister Laura Geyer:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you, Jeff for that Invocation, and thank you for being my encourager for the past 30 plus years.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our very Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and visitors, I welcome you to "The DASH Memorial Program" in honor of those that completed their DASH since we last met and have joined the beautiful Stars in Heaven that shine down upon you and me. I would like to dedicate this Memorial Program to all of those that have gone before us and have left an impact on yours and my life. This year has been one of Inspiration. We were asked in the beginning to find something that inspires us. My list, like yours, could probably go on and on. But my list goes to many of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons that have fulfilled their DASH and have helped me and have been a part of my family during our DASH. Beginning with my Father, Leland G. Benefield, Sisters Sherrill R. Cain, Doris Efird, Virginia Lynn Green, Marcella Curry, Wanda Fairchild and Sharon Fentress, all of whom were close by the week that our first daughter, Shelby, was born in 1992. Well done, my good and faithful servants.

Our Order was saddened by the loss of a Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and an Elected General Grand Chapter Officer. We were notified of the deaths of 42 Past Grand Matrons and 46 Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions, some of which were also serving as General Grand Chapter Committee Members this Triennium. We, in Texas, felt the loss of our very own Past Grand Matron, Sister Elsie Paladino. There were 1,089 subordinate chapter members that fulfilled their DASH this past year.

I sent memorials in memory of Sister Maxine Flint Justice, Brother Gary E. Miller and Sister Elsie Paladino. The other Grand Jurisdictions received a letter of sympathy from Texas. As you can tell many of our members heard the whisper of eternal life and now dwell in the beautiful city not made with hands.

I mailed many birthday, anniversary, get well and sympathy cards to the membership of Texas at the request of our Worthy Grand Matron.

To each of my Pages, will you please stand. Sisters Sherry Thompson, Gloria Mann, Linda Huddleston and Terri Hugo. Thank you for your hugs, your smiles and willingness to assist me this year. It has been my pleasure to walk this path with EACH of you. You each know what you personally mean to me. Thank you.

I also want to express sincere appreciation to our Grand Secretary, Sister Ellen Pickrell,

who kept me aware of the passing of General Grand Chapter members and others. Thank you very much. I was pleased to travel to several banquets, Fraternal Visits and Schools this past year, as time allowed.

To our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Sharon Mosmeyer and our Worthy Grand Patron Brother Tom Murphy, I am forever grateful for the honor and privilege as serving as your Grand Chaplain. I remember the day I got the phone call as I was sitting in the hospital with my mother after a fall and I literally had no voice to respond. (Knock on wood) I have kept my voice for over a year now. Thank you for having the faith in me to handle this important task. I was able to accept this appointment this year knowing that you were so understanding that my children come first in my life. This year was quite busy for our middle one, Emity, as she is the loudest and proudest member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2021 and moving into her dorm in College Station on Saturday. Our youngest, Kelley Ann, is very involved in her Weatherford High School class of 2019 as a lieutenant on the drill team. Your understanding is appreciated. Thank you very much. It has been a privilege to share this year with the other elected and appointed Grand Officers. As Glenda Murphy said today, we are the best group.

Making preparation for this night was a challenge. Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming is what makes life meaningful. And this year has been very meaningful!!

We will now listen to "The Prayer" by Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion.

**"The Prayer" Recording  
Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion**

We will now hear the DASH poem which was written by Linda Ellis and now voiced by my friend and radio personality, Dave Kelley.

**"The DASH"**

"I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend  
He referred to the date on her tombstone  
From the beginning to the end  
He noted that first came her date of birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years.  
For that dash represents all the time  
That she spent alive on earth  
And now only those who loved her  
Know what they little line is worth.  
For it matters not how much we own;  
The cars, the house, the cash  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.  
So think about this long and hard

Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left  
That can still be rearranged.  
If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel.  
And be less quick to anger,  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a little while.  
So, when your eulogy is being read  
With your life's actions to rehash  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spent your dash?" \*

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We must remember that we are all put here for God's timing and not ours. We each strive in our own way to reach spiritual goodness during the DASH of our life. God is the only one who knows when and how that final moment will come. We are rest assured that it will come when his timing is right.

During this Memorial Program, we give thanks to God for the loan of our beloved members who have heard the whisper for eternal life. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of these departed ones.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 says:

*For everything there is a reason,  
a time for every activity under heaven.  
2 A time to be born and a time to die.  
A time to plant and a time to harvest.  
3 A time to kill and a time to heal.  
A time to tear down and a time to build up.  
4 A time to cry and a time to laugh.  
A time to grieve and a time to dance.  
5 A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones.  
A time to embrace and a time to turn away.  
6 A time to search and a time to quit searching.  
A time to keep and a time to throw away.  
7 A time to tear and a time to mend.  
A time to be quiet and a time to speak.  
8 A time to love and a time to hate.  
A time for war and a time for peace.*

With that being said, we now realize that it is time for us to remember those Sisters and

Brothers that fulfilled their DASH this last year. We owe it all to God for placing them here on earth, enriching our hearts during our Eastern Star time with them.

We honor those that have served our General Grand Chapter and who have fulfilled their DASH this year.

We pause to remember Sister Maxine Flint Justice, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia. She will be fondly remembered across our entire Eastern Star World, which she traveled extensively, and remembered for her beautiful smile and winning personality. She traveled to 50 states and 91 overseas Chapters during her three-year term. She said, "If we live on in the hearts of others, then we do not die."

We also remember our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Brother Gary E. Miller, Past Grand Patron of Illinois. He fulfilled his DASH right up until the end. One of his lifelong dreams was to be elected & serve as Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter. There was never any doubt that Gary enjoyed every member that he met while visiting Chapters. He and Kathy had just arrived back at the Belmont Mansion a half hour after getting home from Germany when he suffered a heart attack that took his life.

Sister Maxine and Brother Gary both served our Order far beyond their call of duty. They have written their name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of those that they came in contact with and they will never be forgotten. Their memory will live on through their influence in the lives of others.

We will now listen to 'It Is Well' by The Issacs.

### **"It Is Well" Recording The Issacs**

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. We acknowledge their contributions of time and service to our Order. We are saddened because they are no longer by our side but we rejoice that they now live in the light of God's love. Let us remember the words of the Lord from John 14:1-4 "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. 2 There is more than enough room in my Father's home.[a] If this were not so, I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?[b] 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. 4 And you know the way to where I am going."

After their year in the East has passed for our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, they continue to feel the same responsibility to build strong relationships for the benefit of others. This next selection is written and sung by my daughter and son-in-law's friends, Lance and Rebekah Gibson. Lance was beneficial in selecting our songs for this Memorial Program. If their schedules had allowed, they would have been here in person to perform for us. We will now listen to "Mountains and Valleys".

### **"Mountains and Valleys" Recording Lance and Rebekah Gibson**

We pause, not to recall sadness and heartache, but to pay loving tribute to the memory of our dear friend and sister, who entered the garden of Heavens to be with our Heavenly

Father. John 14:6 says, Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Our hearts were saddened in May with the passing of Sister Elsie Paladino, our very own Past Grand Matron of Texas who served in 1985 to 1986 at the 104th 'Anchored in His Love' Session in Houston. The simplicity of the nautical decorations made realistic the theme of the year as the Friendship arrived dock side from its "voyage of discovery". Her service, deeds and unselfish giving were shown throughout her DASH.

I'd like to read a poem written by Brother Bill Curry on September 6, 1985 in Honor of Sister Elsie.

### **Our Pilot and Our Pearl**

Look now the sun with colors glow  
Moves slowly to the West.  
How time has flown, a year gone by,  
The Windmills stood the test.  
But even as the sun goes down  
The closing of a day  
We turn across the starlit sky  
Tomorrow's on its way.  
With promises of goals and deeds  
And mountains we shall climb  
Of hearts to touch and hands to hold  
'Tis all a part of time.  
Where Windmills stood, now Precious Pearls  
Shall shine beneath the Star.  
Paul's Pilot's guide our royal ship  
Across tomorrow's bar.  
To sail the seas of service  
To our Order and our world,  
Look now the glow in Eastern sky  
Our Pilot and our Pearl.  
For Elsie Paladino  
Has laid the groundwork plan  
And all should know and all shall see  
She'll be our Worthy Grand.

1,089 of our Sisters and Brothers have reached the end of their DASH this year and received their rewards of service in Heaven. Their hours on earth are over, but their kind deeds, acts of service, and Fraternal endeavors, will remain forever. We rejoice that they were able to serve with faithfulness with the principles of our Order and are thankful for the many rays of light and service they gave to others during their DASH. We recognize the void their passing has left in their families and in their chapters.

Let us now listen to 'Precious Memories' by The Statler Brothers

**"Precious Memories" Recording  
The Statler Brothers**



Because of our men and women who served unselfishly, we meet here tonight to honor their passing. May we always recognize the sacrifices they put forth so we can have the opportunity to worship, to meet, and to express our thoughts in this great nation. Let us never forget that their service has richly blessed each one of us and allowed us to stand proud as Americans.

This poem was also written by Brother Bill Curry. It speaks in no uncertain terms of our debt to those who won and preserved our freedoms and our debt to those who follow us tomorrow.

### **It Shall Not Be!**

It isn't just the flag we fly  
or just the song we sing.  
It isn't just the pledge we give  
Or any single thing.  
The Constitution that we have,  
and talk about today.  
The freedom that we have and love  
Would all have passed away.  
Except that men stood strong and tall  
and said, "I shall be free  
and bow to none except my God."  
And died for me and you.  
So, as we look to those who wrote  
upon the winds of time,  
a Constitution based on law  
the first of this, in kind.  
We shall be judged by time in flight  
if less, it slips away  
the freedom that they set to words  
and history will say...  
They took it all and gave none back  
each thinking just of I  
And slowly, ever slowly, still  
We let our freedom die.  
And when there's none of those who come  
with yonder morning sky.  
Our children and their heirs shall say  
We let their freedom die.  
So, stand and shout... "It shall not be!  
I'll hold our freedom tight.  
I'll stand or die, I shall not run  
for Freedom, I will fight."  
And keep for those tomorrow brings  
the greatest gift of man  
the right to be, what I can be  
In this, my own, my land.

Please stand with me as we listen to Lee Greenwood sing 'God Bless the USA'

**"God Bless the USA" Recording**  
**Lee Greenwood**  
(Applause)

Please be seated. The memories of loved ones and friends are one of life's most persistent possessions and cherished memories are forever. Let blessings rest upon this Grand Chapter Session. As you leave here tonight please think about how you want to fulfill your DASH. If we do not see you again here on earth, we will see you when they ring those golden bells for you and for me. This concludes our Memorial Program. I hope it has been pleasing to you and satisfactory to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. It has been my pleasure. (Applause)

**WGM:** At this hour, we pause and pay loving tribute to the memory of those who have passed into the life of complete understanding. Our hearts are grateful for our many blessings, believing that God doeth all things in His great wisdom. We know the parting is temporary and the meeting eternal, always remembering Jesus saith "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in Me, tho he were dead, yet shall he live". Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, and Grand Chaplain, you will assume your positions for draping our altar. \*\*\*

**Draping of the Altar**

Life is only the prelude to eternity as we all move toward this higher chapter above, we pause in loving remembrance of our members who have gone before us to dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, you will place the drape upon the altar which they already did. Sister Grand Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

**Sister Laura Geyer:** Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the memories of these that have been called Home to their final quest. Thank you for their dedication to You and to us. Comfort those left behind and let us grieve not, but rejoice that their new Home is far better than ours. Forgive us of our sins and the way that we have failed You. Thank you for those that are here this evening to help us honor those that completed their DASH. We thank You for the gift of Eternal Life. In Jesus' name. Amen (Amen)

**WGM:** No one hears the door open  
When they pass beyond our call,  
Soft as the dropping petals of a rose,  
One by one our loved ones fall.  
But the memory of each loved one,  
Like the fragrance of a rose,  
God sends to linger with us  
Till our own life's door shall close. \*

**WGM:** We will now have our Benediction which is the Lord's Prayer in Unison and close our Holy Bible afterward the Grand Officers will retire quietly and you are dismissed.

## The Lord's Prayer

Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. \*\*\*

\*You are dismissed.

(End of ESTARL and Memorial Program)

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
**135<sup>TH</sup> GRAND CHAPTER SESSION**  
**FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, August 18, 2017**  
**Marriott Convention Center**  
**“INSPIRATIONS AT WORK”**

**7:45 AM - 8:00 AM Musical Prelude**

**Mrs. Joyce Gilbert**  
**Necrology, Chairman, GGC**

**8:00 A.M. Organist Opening**

**Ms. Linda Hugo**

**8:00 AM Call to Order**

**Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane**  
**By-Laws, Chairman, GGC**

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

**PGM Alma Lynn Bane:** Good morning Texas! My Sisters and Brothers, the Worthy Grand Matron has accorded me, assisted by my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin, the honor of calling to order the Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening of the 135th “A Year of Inspiration” Session of our Grand Chapter. We do thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, not only for this privilege, but for the opportunity to greet our membership.

My Sisters and Brothers of Texas and our invited guests, you are a beautiful sight and I am very pleased to be with each of you this morning.

Being at a Grand Chapter Session in The Woodlands, Texas brings back many memories. Bill and I may have met in San Antonio, but we got married just south of here in a city called Houston. Bill was raised a Master Mason in Aldine Lodge. We taught in the Aldine Independent School in the early 1970s.

Through the years we have learned that the membership of Texas is one of the finest Eastern Star memberships in the world, and that is my “story and I am sticking to it”.

What happens in Texas, does not stay in Texas, it travels around the world on the Eastern Star Express. I want to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen J. Westmoreland, who is leaving us today to continue her travels and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Robert C. Penoyer, to this 135th Grand Chapter Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I wish for them safe travels, good health, and a successful completion of their plans and projects. We look forward to the 49th Triennial Assembly in November 2018 in Orlando Florida – the place to be seen in 2018.

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

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer; and Worthy Grand Patron, Thomas Murphy; we are so very proud of both of you and of your many accomplishments. May you continue to follow the pathway of Service for our beautiful Order.

Sister Sharon, your Eastern Star pathway began in this area and you have served our

Grand Chapter and inspired many to strive to help our Order to grow and to serve in our local communities.

Brother Tom, you have been a super leader and mentor to the Chapter's Conductors. Do not think of this session as being the end of your journey. This is just a whistle-stop on the OES railway.

Another Texas member on the Eastern Star Express is MY Worthy Grand Patron of 1998-1999, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and one very Gallant Gentleman, Brother Henry S. Martin.

Brother Henry, I know you would love to greet everyone.

**RWAGP Henry S. Martin:** Thank you Sister Alma. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, I appreciate your asking me to share the podium this morning with Texas and my own Worthy Grand Matron and Cameo Lady, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, as we call this Friday morning "A Year of Inspiration" Session of Texas Grand Chapter to order.

Sister Alma, being with you here in the East brings back many wonderful memories of that year of 1998-1999, when we had the privilege of serving this Grand Chapter of Texas and the inspiring membership.

And to this membership of Texas, and to all of our invited guests, you look great this morning and it's my pleasure to be with you.

This is a very special Grand Chapter for Texas as we welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland for her official visit and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob Penoyer. Texas is honored to have both of you with us this week. We know of your heavy schedule during this Triennium and the work that you have been doing to improve our beautiful Order worldwide, and we thank you for your dedicated leadership. And to say that I am looking forward to your 49th General Grand Chapter Assembly in Orlando would be an understatement...

And I also want to thank the elected and appointed General Grand Chapter Officers and our other guests from other Jurisdictions who have traveled to be with us in Texas this week. We are honored to have you, hope you thoroughly enjoy your stay with us and return again soon.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, thank you for your inspired leadership of this Texas Grand Chapter this year. We are very proud of your many accomplishments and Texas has benefited from your dedication. To our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Murphy, you have provided this membership with a year of dedicated leadership and we thank you for all that you have done.

**PGM Alma Lynn Bane:** Thank you, Brother Henry. It is indeed my pleasure to call this Friday Morning Opening for "A Year of Inspiration" Session to order. \* We are honored with the presentation of a tradition of Texas, the "Let It Snow Parade" Drill of the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter Officers and their Pages.

**(DRILL)**

Thank you, Sister Grand Marshal, the Drill was outstanding. (Applause)

Under the direction of William "Bill" Wyatt, we will now have the Precision Drill to set up the Chapter room.

**(Precision Drill)**  
(Applause)

Gentlemen, as always this was most impressive. We thank you. I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. \*\*\*

Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege and honor to present Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Thomas R. Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) \*

Worthy Grand Matron, it is with great pleasure and extreme pride that I present to you your gavel to preside over this Session. This is a day that we have looked forward to and wanted to share with our Sisters and Brothers. We have laughed together and we have cried together. But, now let us rejoice and be glad that the Lord has been our constant companion and guide. May God bless you and Brother Tom as you preside.

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

Sister Alma Lynn and Brother Henry, thank you so much for opening this Friday morning session. For many years each of you have been my "go to" person for questions especially regarding General Grand Chapter procedures, and now you are both still my go to person. Your continued commitment and love for our Order has always set the example for all of us to follow. You are always prepared, conscientious and dedicated and I appreciate both of you so very much. Thank you again, for opening our Session today. Sister Joyce Gilbert and Sister Linda Hugo, thank you for the beautiful music to start out our day. We always appreciate the beautiful notes to start out our day! Worthy Grand Patron I know you would like to acknowledge these members.

**WGP:** Sister Alma Lynn and Brother Henry, I also thank you for opening this Friday Morning Session. Both of you have been and are a great asset to General Grand Chapter and we are Texas Proud of both of you.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, I have had complaints from yesterday that you are not able to hear me in this room with the high ceilings, I think the noise really carries. The sound people have told me that they have pushed the limits to the speakers as high as they can. If they push it any higher they start to squeak and make that horrible shrill noise. I please ask you to keep the noise down and for you to talk to each other in a whisper. Especially in the back when you are coming in the door please try to keep the noise level down. Thank you so much. Brother Grand Warder.

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron

**WGM:** 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, Brother 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.

**AGM:** Worthy Grand Matron

**WGM:** You will ascertain if all present are members of the Order.

**(Proving of chapter)**

**WGM:** It is well, Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. \*\*\*

**(Conductress opens the Bible)**

**WGM:** Sister Mary Ruth White, Regenerative Medicine of General Grand Chapter will bring our Invocation.

**PGM Mary Ruth White:** May we bow our heads in prayer. O Lord and Father of us all, we come together with glad hearts this Friday morning, the 135th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the "Inspirations at Work" session. We are grateful for our Founder of our Order. He was a dedicated Mason and Scholar and strived to teach us to live that our efforts would always be to benefit all mankind. We know that every human being on this earth is precious in thy sight and may brotherly love be foremost as we meet in friendship to perform the necessary business of this Grand Chapter. Grant us O Lord to live that we may be enabled to love our neighbors as ourselves. We pray our blessings upon the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron as they preside over this session. Give them wisdom, strength and love to do thy will and may we as members be thoughtful in every way. May this Friday morning session fill your hearts with joy and bless each hour with peace. These blessings we ask in His Name. Amen (Amen)

**WGM:** I now declare the "A Year of Inspiration --- "Inspirations at Work" Session called from REST to LABOR. Brother Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel. \*

**WGM:** Sister Mary Ruth, thank you for your constant love and devotion to our Order over the many years that you have served Grand Chapter. Thank you for getting us started this morning with prayer. I now call on Effie Mae Davis, to bring our scripture reading. Our Past Grand Matron.

**PGM Effie Mae Davis:** This is the Worthy Grand Matron's favorite Scripture from the book of 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."

The Worthy Grand Patron's favorite Scripture is from Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven."

**WGM:** Thank you Sister Effie Mae, I appreciate your kindness and service to our Order and thank you for presenting our Scripture this morning. At this time before we go into our reports I recognize Sister Janet Travers, our Parliamentarian to bring our rules re-

garding our voting and reports that will be given today.

**Sister Janet Travers:** Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. I call your attention the Grand Chapter Session Book pages 55-58. You'll probably be pleased to know that I'm not going to read all of them but I would like to point out Number 9 which states: "Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker for each question. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission is given by the Presiding Officer. The three-minute time limit can be extended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer, if there is no objection."

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

Number 12.e. relating to the asterisked "previous question." It states: "A member wishing to close debate shall proceed to a microphone; wait to be recognized; address the Presiding Officer; state your name, title and Chapter 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.

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

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of the Parliamentary Rules of Procedure for this Grand Chapter.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion of the Parliamentarian to adopt the Parliamentary Rules as written in your Session Book pages 55-58. Is there a second? Seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? Sisters and Brothers, we're going to vote with our blue cards so if you will be ready. All in favor to adopt the Parliamentarian Report raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue card. Motion carried. \* Thank you, Sister Janet. At this time, I ask for Sister Effie Mae, we are going to begin our reports. Oh, by the way, they are listed on page 49 of your Session Book. I would ask that the Chairman of each Committee of Grand Chapter come and be seated in the East so you will be ready with your report. Also remember that you need three copies of your report to be given to the Grand Secretary. Just a reminder the blue cards are for voting by the Chapter members and the red card is the Chapter Representative. Chapters U.D. At this time, I recognize Sister Effie Mae Davis for her report on Chapters U.D., Sister Effie Mae.

**PGM Effie Mae Davis:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. May I introduce the members of this Committee. Brother Kenneth Gregory, Brother Trey Smith and myself. There have been no new Chapters organized this year so the duties of this year's Committee are over. Worthy Grand Matron, this Committee would like to move for the adoption of the Report for the Chapters Under Dispensation.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, the motion to adopt this report comes from a committee and needs no second. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue cards. Motion carried. \*

Sister Effie Mae, Brother Kenneth and Brother Trey, thank you so much for your "work" on this committee. I was really hoping that you would have more work to do as I heard



of Chapters wanting to be formed. Maybe this committee will have some work next year as we may have new Chapters and won't that be wonderful!

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

**WGP:** I call on Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron to give her report.

**WGM:** My report is printed in the Advance Annual Report which you should have a copy of in your credentials packet. I hope you have had the opportunity to read it as it has much information included. I will now read to you my supplemental report.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

### **BY-LAWS**

The following are additional By-Laws that were approved:

| <b>Completed List</b>        | <b>Date Approved</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Alice Chapter No. 61         | 7/2/2017             |
| Brock Chapter No. 274        | 7/2/2017             |
| Carrizo Springs No. 353      | 7/2/2017             |
| Canyon Lake No. 1103         | 7/2/2017             |
| Gainesville Chapter No. 1123 | 7/2/2017             |
| Harlandale No. 750           | 7/2/2017             |
| Huffman Chapter No. 1112     | 7/2/2017             |
| Iola/N. Zulch No. 458        | 7/2/2017             |
| Richland Hills No. 1040      | 7/2/2017             |
| Waskom No. 812               | 7/2/2017             |
| Whitewright Chapter No. 939  | 7/2/2017             |
| Wolfe City No. 458           | 7/2/2017             |
| Yorktown Chapter No. 945     | 7/2/2017             |
| Hillsboro Chapter No. 769    | 7/14/2017            |
| Saint Jo Chapter No. 17      | 7/14/2017            |
| Groesbeck Chapter No. 810    | 8/18/2017            |
| Liberty-Dayton No.634        | 8/18/2017            |

### **Chapters Rejected**

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| Groesbeck Chapter No. 810    | 7/2/2017 |
| Friendswood Chapter No. 1131 | 7/2/2017 |

### **DECISIONS, RULINGS, IRREGULARITIES, DISCIPLINE**

One chapter consolidated with another chapter and had 2 life memberships that the receiving chapter did not want to accept. The receiving chapter voted to not accept those 2 life memberships. I was contacted by a concerned member and told them I would not overturn the vote of the chapter. Several other problems occurred in this consolidation regarding audit, bookkeeping, dues cards. The receiving chapter is still working with the members to get things worked out.

In the Worthy Grand Matron's original report, I mentioned that a District Chairman of a committee who had a large amount of merchandise. The merchandise or money has still not been recovered and I have sent her a Certified Mail Letter, Return Receipt Requested demanding the money or the merchandise. No response has been received to date. Sisters and Brothers I want you to know I am going to do everything I have to do to regain the merchandise or the money for this Committee because that money goes to our Youth and that is very important.

The Audit Committee of a Chapter was having a difficult time getting the Secretary and Treasurer to turn over their books over for the Audit. I called and talked to the Worthy Matron and told her the Secretary and Treasurer must turn over their books over to the Audit Committee. The Audit was completed and all went well.

**Grand Treasurer:** At the Corporate Board meeting on June 24, 2017 I went over some continuing and new problems concerning the Grand Treasurer. After much discussion and questions from the Corporate Board members to the Grand Treasurer I asked the Corporate Board to vote whether to remove the Grand Treasurer or not. I distributed ballots to everyone and collected the ballots. I asked the Grand Treasurer if she would prefer to resign or to open the ballots. After much discussion, the question was presented to the Grand Treasurer again. After more discussion the decision was made to open the ballots. The vote was to remove the Grand Treasurer and with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron I removed her. The Jurisprudence Chairman and a member of the Grievance and Appeals committee were present at this meeting. Prior to the meeting I had called the Jurisprudence Committee members and kept them informed and they were aware that we may have to vote for removal. I was told by members of the Jurisprudence Committee that they would support the Corporate Board vote. As you can see the Corporate Board and Jurisprudence Committee is standing with me at this time.

A member wrote a 6 page letter to the DGM complaining of certain incidents where she alleged members were unkind to her. Some of these incidents occurred 10-12 years ago. The DGM responded kindly to her. The member was not consoled and requested that her letter go to the next level. The DDGM forwarded it to me. The problem had escalated to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge setting up a committee and he expressed to me that the Chapter may be asked to move from the Lodge building. I sent a letter to the Chapter, which the Worthy Grand Patron hand delivered to the secretary during the meeting and the letter was read. Another letter was hand delivered to the member with the complaints and another letter was delivered to the Worthy Matron.

A chapter wrote a letter asking for a ruling on female members wearing slacks/pants to the meetings. I answered her letter telling her the tradition in Texas was for ladies to wear a dress or skirt. But, in circumstances when a member would come to chapter in slacks the Worthy Matron should be kind and tolerant.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Mosmeyer  
Worthy Grand Matron

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report and that it is referred to the proper committee.

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and I seconded, that the printed

report and the Supplementary Report of the Worthy Grand Matron be referred to the proper committee. All in favor, raise your blue card. Cards Down. All opposed, raise your blue card. Motion carried. \* Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you.

**WGM:** I now recognize our Worthy Grand Patron for his report.

**WGP:** Worthy Grand Matron, my annual report is printed in the Advanced Report and I will now read my Supplemental Report.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

The following Supplemental Report includes only those activities that occurred after June 29, 2017. All the other activities are included in the Annual Report.

I attended the TMRC July 4th party on Sunday July 2nd at it was another great event put together by Jeanette Rife Cotton and the Time and Talent Committee.

I was unable to attend the DeMolay Conclave in Waco and the Board of Directors Retirement party for Jean Hobbs and Audri Rowell due to medical issues.

I was able to make the District 4 Banquet thanks to my wife driving me to the Monument Inn. The event was beautifully decorated and the hugs and fellowship were wonderful. The Deputies of District 4 did a wonderful job for the banquet.

I also attended the last Fraternal Visit for the year in Humble Chapter No. 415. As with all the other Fraternal Visits, the food was excellent and the hugs and handshakes were great. Then we were off to the Worthy Grand Matron's round-up in Granbury, Texas. The two-day event was filled with food, fellowship and fun. The Appointed Grand Officers really did a great job.

As a Special Deputy of the Worthy Grand Matron, I carried letters from her to a Chapter where the discord between two members was affecting the relationship between the Lodge and the Eastern Star Chapter.

Before I finish, let me say thank you, thank you to the Membership for all the "get well" cards, but more especially for the prayers while I was having some medical issues. You are all a real blessing.

Worthy Grand Matron, this concludes my Supplemental Report, and I move for the adoption of this report and it is referred to the proper committee.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded by Sherry Fowler, my District Deputy Grand Matron. that the printed report and the Supplementary Report of the Worthy Grand Patron be referred to the proper committee. We are going to vote with our blue cards. All in favor, raise your blue card. Cards Down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. \*

**WGM:** I now recognize our Grand Secretary, Sister Ellen Pickrell for her report

**Grand Sec. Ellen Pickrell:**

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. It has been a pleasure serving as your Grand Secretary this year. There are a few additions to my Advance Report. There were numerous Special Dispensations issued.

Late Installation - 5

Ridglea #999

Decatur #543

Sarah #353

Decatur #543

San Angelo #10

Late Election for All Officers – 2

Mart #109

Eustace #1062

Late Election for Worthy Matron - 3

John L. DeGrazier #881

West Columbia #705

Mary Martha #981

Late Election for Worthy Patron - 3

Lipan #127

Prospect Hill #817

Sarah #353

Late Election for Assoc. Matron – 1

Jasper #291

Late Election for Associate Patron – 1

Decatur #543

Late Election for Treasurer – 1

Belle Moon #90

Late Election for Conductress – 2

Richland #1040

Lorena #1124

Late Election for Assoc. Conductress – 4

Bellaire #1021

Leah Elliott #1119

Trinity #186

Wisteria #823

Waive Disability – 2

Sumerville #245

Rockport #479

Move Meeting Place/Date – 8  
 Schertz #911  
 Travis #472  
 Aldine #1088  
 Beckville #273  
 Houston-Ransford #135  
 Port Neches #677  
 Anahuac #649  
 Odessa #447

Lost Secret Work – 5  
 Bluebell #856 - C  
 Edwin J.Kiest #959 - AP & AC  
 Deport #1045 - C  
 Kountze #724 – WP  
 Mesquite #887 - All

**Membership Report found on page 29 of the Advance Report:**

Total Membership Ending Grand Chapter 2016 – 24,606

**MEMBERSHIP INCREASES:**

|                      |                |              |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Initiated . . . . .  | 449            |              |
| Affiliated           |                |              |
| Transfers . . . . .  | 91             |              |
| Plurals . . . . .    | 304            |              |
| Demits . . . . .     | 32             |              |
| Reinstated . . . . . | 75             |              |
|                      | Total Increase | <u>1,051</u> |

**MEMBERSHIP DECREASES:**

|                                 |                |              |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Demitted . . . . .              | 174            |              |
| Grand Demits . . . . .          | 39             |              |
| Plural Withdrawn . . . . .      | 124            |              |
| Expelled . . . . .              | 2              |              |
| Transferred Out . . . . .       | 43             |              |
| Suspended . . . . .             | 772            |              |
| Died . . . . .                  | 1,089          |              |
| Lost in Consolidation . . . . . | 31             |              |
|                                 | Total Decrease | <u>2,274</u> |

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF GRAND CHAPTER 2017 . . . . . | 23,383 |
| PLURAL MEMBERSHIP . . . . .                         | 1,704  |
| ACTUAL MEMBERS . . . . .                            | 21,679 |

## CHAPTER REPORT

Total Chapters as of 5/31/17 . . . . . 306

Chapters consolidated from June 1, 2017 to Grand Chapter:

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Ore City #1033   | with Gilmer #355     |
| Lott #94         | with Vashti #32      |
| Jourdanton #581  | with Poteet #913     |
| Kirbyville #1143 | with Newton #224     |
| Brenham #144     | with Somerville #245 |

Total Chapters as of Grand Chapter 301

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 Connie Harrell. Also, thanks to those who have volunteered in our office this year - Donna Noe, Debora & Jerry Boldin and Dewey Teague. I love and appreciate all of you.

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

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded that the printed report and the Supplementary Report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the proper committee. It was seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. All in favor, raise your blue card. Cards Down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. Gavel\*

**WGM:** Thank you Sister Ellen for a very productive 1st year that you served. I will continue to be in your debt for the constant help and assistance I have received from you and your office. Your dedication and hard work is an asset to Grand Chapter

I now recognize Sister Audri Rowell, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the reports of the Board of Directors.

**Sister Audri Rowell:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my honor to introduce the members of your Board of Directors.

Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild, Vice-Chairman, District 5  
Mrs. Barbara Martin, Secretary, District 3  
Mr. Ray Hargis, District 1  
Mr. James Parker, District 1  
Mrs. Deborah Land, District 2  
Mrs. Jean Hobbs, District 3  
Mrs. Debi Fincher, District 4  
Mr. Bob Royall, District 4  
Mrs. Phyllis Wilson, District 5

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron while all my members are still standing, we have a love gift for you for a wonderful job and for everything that you have done.

**WGM:** All in favor of me excepting this love gift raise your blue card. (Laughter) Thank you so much to all of the Board of Director members.

**Sister Audi Rowell:** This is your Board of Directors. Please help me show them how much I appreciate them. (Applause) It is my pleasure to present the Report of the Board of Directors from the Grand Chapter year of 2016-2017. You will find a completed report in the Advanced Annual Report beginning on page 30. No words can express my appreciation for the dedication and hard work these Board Members have given to Grand Chapter this year. Each member brings something unique to the Board of Directors along with giving their time to the membership of Texas. Together these members have worked as a team looking for various ways to create financial gain for this Grand Chapter. The other Board Members will bring their detailed reports of the financial affairs of this Grand Chapter. Sister Janet Travers was appointed once again as Secretary to the Board of Directors by our Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you Sister Janet we appreciate your commitment this past year. As always, the first Order of Business was to welcome new Board Members, James Parker from District 1 and Phyllis Wilson from District 5. Regular Board Meetings were held at the Grand Chapter Office with the exception of the January meeting which was held in conjunction with the Worthy Grand Matron's school in Ft. Worth. 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. It is with pleasure that I report that all items have been removed from the U-Haul storage unit and the account is closed. The total donations received and deposited into the General Fund were \$4,122. The Safe-Site Storage account has also been closed. J.P. Morgan Chase is working for the betterment of our Order to present quarterly reports. The Board and the Chairman of your Financial Investment Committee are working together to insure that Grand Chapter receives the highest quality of investment advisors available. This is an intense and detailed process that will carry over into our 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year. The Board Members with the assistance of the Worthy Grand Matron's Purposes and Policies Committee have established a records retention plan and schedule for the Grand Chapter. The Board continues to work with the Grand Secretary to insure that our database provided is insured that all information after 2009 is scanned in to our Grand Chapter database. To increase revenue, the Board voted to participate in the Amazon Smiles program which allows Non-Profit 501(c)3 holders to receive .5% cash back on purchased items from Amazon members. As of January, 2017 the Grand Chapter now has digital copies of the Bulletin available. The Grand Chapter bulk permit with the United States Postal Service allows advertisements to be placed in our Bulletin. The Board adopted this practice with the exception of any political ads. The attendance of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer at our monthly meetings was appreciated. We say thank you for your patience and understanding with the information you provided and the answering numerous questions. To the sweet membership of Texas, your Board of Directors Members have worked hard this year to be good stewards of the funds of Grand Chapter. To our General Grand Chapter family, our Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members, please know that your time you shared with us in the Boardroom was our honor. To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Murphy, thank you for your leadership and assistance this year. It was a delight when your schedule allowed you to be in attendance at our

meetings. As this 2016-2017 year of service comes to a completion please know and keep in mind that the decisions are not always as simple as they may seem. Through the love and support from this sweet membership you have made this year one in which these ten Board Members will treasure while hoping that we have not failed this Grand Chapter. To the other nine Board Members, I say thank you for the generous ways in which each of you have served and supported not only this Grand Chapter but me personally. The confidence you placed in me to serve as your Chairman these past two years means more than you will ever know. To my mom and traveling partner, I will never be able to express the love and gratitude that I hold for you and for what you do. My years of service to the Board of Directors has come to an end. No words can express the appreciation I have felt these past years. I want to thank this sweet membership for allowing me the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter as a Board of Director. Audri Rowell, Board of Directors, Chairman. I move the adoption of this report as printed in the Advanced Report.

**WGM:** We have heard the motion to adopt the report of the Board of Directors. Be prepared to raise your blue card. All in favor, raise your blue card. Cards Down. All opposed. Motion carried. \*

**Sister Audri Rowell:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Carlotta Fairchild who will present Board of Directors Report #2.

**Sister Carlotta Fairchild:** Thank you Sister Audri. It is my pleasure to present Report #2, the Proposed General Fund Budget. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all. Your Board of Directors presents for your consideration, deliberation and approval the Proposed General Fund Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal year. The proposed budget was printed in the July, 2017 Bulletin on pages 17, 18 and 19 as found in both the paper version and the electronic version. It is also located in the Advanced Annual Reports on pages 50, 51 and 52 found in your Registration packets. The preparation of a proposed budget is actually a yearlong project as the financial reports presented by the Grand Treasurer are reviewed monthly by your Board of Directors. In May the Board of Directors held a Budget Workshop to hear the presentation by the Associate Grand Matron regarding her proposed budget for the upcoming year. Several line items were adjusted according to actual income and expenses incurred. The General Fund Budget was adopted via email and ratified at the July Board meeting. I would like to remind you that the actual income and expenses you see before you are as of April 30, 2017. As of April 30th the income totaled \$545,912.63 and the expenses totaled \$235,987.93. I commend our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on the success of their Special Projects as you will hear in a later report. Many of the monthly expenses are previously set and cannot be changed. Some of our income is controlled by our current per capita and the rate that is assessed at this time. Our oil and gas revenues are completely out of our control.

The following is a summary of the Proposed General Fund Budget:

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| \$ 884,076 | <b>Total income</b>                            |
| \$ 396,505 | Interest Income                                |
| \$ 128,000 | Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Funds         |
| \$ 70,500  | Per Capita based on a membership of 23,500     |
| \$ 47,000  | GGC Per Capita based on a membership of 23,500 |



|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| \$ 223,941 | Grand Chapter Office Income |
| \$ 18,130  | Donations                   |

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>\$875,795.00</b> | <b>Total Expenditures (Which includes)</b>            |
| \$ 86,000           | Office Salaries                                       |
| \$ 35,000           | Elected Officer Salaries                              |
| \$ 7,000            | Grand Officers Expense Allocation                     |
| \$ 1,500            | Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron Jewel Expense |
| \$ 57,200           | Grand Chapter Office Expense                          |
| \$ 21,500           | Grand Chapter Van and Trailers                        |
| \$ 667,595          | Grand Chapter Operation                               |

**Leaving a net income of \$8,281.00**

We are pleased to present to Grand Chapter a balanced General Fund Budget. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers we have a motion to accept this report. Is there any discussion?

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** I recognize Sister Rosemary Swetland Berry.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Worthy Grand Matron I am Rosemary Berry, Worthy Matron of Lufkin Chapter #382. And I want to commend the Board for a good job they are doing to help balance our budget. However, I have a sincere concern. Sister Carlotta I am referring to the Bulletin. And it looks like it's item #49 and I'm wishing to ask you approximately how much it would save the Grand Chapter by eliminating a hard copy to all of our 301 Chapters. Can you give me that answer please? Worthy Grand Matron, while they are checking that may I continue that so I will not take up a lot of time?

**WGM:** Yes ma'am.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Thank you. I want to address the directive that was placed in the July Bulletin on page 9 regarding the discontinuing of a free hard copy of our State Bulletin. I don't see in that budget a real savings but I want to say that the Bulletin is not free. Worthy Grand Matron, my own Chapter, Lufkin Chapter paid \$1,350 Per Capita this June to help expenses on Grand Chapter. And as far as I see the only real benefit that a Chapter receives is a hard copy of the Bulletin so that the Worthy Grand Matron's message and all pertinent items from the Grand Secretary are to be read. Now I understand and I am a retired College Professor so I'm computer literate. I understand all of that however, as a whole our Chapter Secretaries are uncomfortable using the Secretary interface plus copying pages to be read and I see that the eventual result of this is that the Secretaries won't even bother to read the Worthy Grand Matron's message or any important School announcements or any others because they're not going to print it out. How do I know that? I have been told by numerous Secretaries "I'm not going to fool with it if we don't have a hard copy." Now that's an attitude we've got to work with. That's an attitude we need to move on with and maybe do things better in another year or so. But to say as an edict that we will no longer receive the Bulletin, I do not believe that the Board of Directors gave that and so I want to know if it's saving that much and I have a motion to make but before I do that I want to call your attention to...

**WGM:** Sister Rosemary. We adopted the Parliamentary Rules of the three minutes speaking each time. I will allow the Board of Directors to respond to your question because we waited several minutes while they were looking, I think it is fair that I allow you to continue and I believe you were right to the end of your talk there, but let me allow him to respond to your question.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

**Brother James Parker:** Sister Rosemary, your question is answered on line #100. It will show Grand Chapter Bulletins Furnished to Chapters. The amount that we spent in the current year is estimated to be \$4,388.69. In the budget, we did not allow any amount for that expenditure based on the direction of the Associate Grand Matron.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Thank you Brother Parker. Our Constitution page 47, Section 7 says "The Official Publication has the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's message and items from the Grand Secretary." I wish to move that a hard copy of the Official Bulletin continue to be furnished to our Subordinate Chapters and that possibly the Board could research further cutting cost in this next year and if they can really prove that it needs to be done perhaps we can visit again next year. But I make that motion Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion from the floor that the Bulletin continue to be mailed to the Chapter Secretaries at no cost to the Chapters. Did I hear a second? I need a person please to go to the microphone so we can record who seconded the motion.

**Brother Ronald Gubrud:** Ronald Gubrud, Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. Out of Order Worthy Grand Matron, we already have a motion on the floor. There was a motion to approve the report and we can't have another motion at the same time, I believe.

**WGM:** I'm having a little discussion with my Parliamentarian and yes, we had a motion from the Board Member to adopt the report but she's making a motion to change that report. You see where the dilemma is. Sister Rosemary do you have three copies of your motion?

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** I do Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** So if we have you make that an Amendment to the report then we can vote whether to do an Amendment to the report.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I wish I was more Parliamentary literate. So, I apologize so very much. I need to make an Amendment is that right?

**WGM:** Yes, ma'am.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** I move that the report given by the Board of Directors on our General Fund Budget be Amended to include a hard copy of the Official Bulletin to each of our Chapters.

**PGP Nelson Campbell:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Nelson Campbell, a Past Patron of Silsbee Chapter #298 and I second that motion.

**WGM:** For an Amendment to the motion, we need three copies so you have that and you can bring it to the Grand Secretary, is that correct?

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Worthy Grand Matron, I only have the one I gave just a moment ago. I was not aware of an Amendment. May I please have three copies typed of that Amendment? Does the Parliamentarian accept that?

**WGM:** I'm going to ask the assembly if you would like to give Sister Rosemary Berry time to go back. She had it typed up as a motion and it needs to be an Amendment. So, does the assembly wish to give her time to go type the Amendment up? All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. Sister Rosemary you have time to go type up your Amendment and we will...can we wait to adopt this report? Now we are going to vote...I'm sorry I'm having to get this from my Parliamentarian. So now we need to vote to not vote on this motion that the Board made. To put this on the table to give her time to bring it back. So, we are voting to postpone this to a different time. This report from the Board. Are there any questions? Do you understand what we are voting on here? Do I hear a second? (couldn't tell where it was coming from) All in favor of postponing this part of the Board's report until a later time, to lay it on the table, raise your blue cards. Okay, cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. \* So you have time and we are going to lay this on the table until you have your Amendment ready.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Thank you kindly Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** We will go on now with the next Board report. Postponed to a different time, not lay on the table.

**Sister Carlotta Fairchild:** It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Barbara Martin who will present Report #3.

**Sister Barbara Martin:** Thank you Sister Carlotta Fairchild. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. The Board of Directors presents to you Report #3 which consists of two parts:

1. Ladies OES Retirement Fund 501(c)3
2. Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC)

The Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund (often referred to as the Ladies Retirement Fund) is a 501(c)3 fund, which is a designated fund and can only be used for the care of the Ladies. The income is received from several sources, which is detailed in the proposed budget on page 48 of your Advanced Annual Report. The four main sources of income are:

1. A portion of the Per Capita (\$5.00 per member)
2. Interest from the OES Grand Chapter Endowment Fund
3. Interest from the 501(c)3
4. The Ladies Pensions

A breakdown of the Revenues and Disbursements from September 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 can also be found on page 48 of the Advanced Annual Report.

The Board of Directors are requesting \$176,170.00 be transferred from the interest earned by the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Account 501(c)8 to cover the deficit balance of the 2017-2018 Ladies Budget. The transfer will assist the Grand Chapter in paying the expenses of our ladies residing at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The care of our Ladies continues to be the main objective of the Board of Directors, as they have

entrusted us to care for them for the remainder of their lives.

This report is on your Ladies residing at TMRC from August 31, 2016 to August 13, 2017. I had the privilege of continuing to be the liaison for the Grand Chapter of Texas Eastern Star and the Masonic Retirement Center this year. We currently have 8 ladies residing in the Retirement Center: 4 in the independent living and 4 in the clinic areas. We were saddened by the death of Wanda Brown on July 3rd of this year. She had been a resident for 11 years and would have been 95 years old on August 2nd. She was a member of South Fort Worth Chapter #835 and we held a graveside service for her per her request. The ladies range in age from 80 to 99 years young. I told our 99 year-old resident that next year we are going to have a blowout birthday party for her so let's all get ready. I, along with our Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell, attend the Care Plan meetings quarterly for the 4 ladies in the Clinics. This involves meeting with the Assistant Director of Nursing, Director of Nutrition, Social Worker, Activity Director and a Nurse from the Clinic with input about how each lady is progressing. Of course, we are seeing some decline in each but at their ages that is expected. The Clinic resident rate is \$298.12 per day. The 4 ladies in the Independent Living area is just that, they are independent. They come and go as they wish; go out for lunch, attend ballgames, go to the movies, etc. They each have their own room in the main building and it is easy for them to get to the dining room for meals and games afterward. They have some really wild games of chicken foot after lunch! They also watch a movie every afternoon, complete with popcorn and Coke (or Dr. Pepper if you prefer). They can be as busy as they want or can keep busy in their room watching their own TV or crocheting, as the case may be. The Independent resident rate is \$57.91 per day.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the membership for the continued support you show for the Ladies. I know our Ladies are happy and are so appreciative of everything that is being done for them. They have told me they love to get mail, especially from their home and adopted Chapters. Don't forget to send them a newsletter or just drop a note in the mail to them. Please visit them as often as possible. I can assure you it will be just as rewarding for you as it is for them. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to give this report on some of your Snow Crystals. Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of Report #3. It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Jean Hobbs, Benevolent Aid Chairman, to present Report #4.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers we have a motion to adopt the Board of Directors Report #3. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. \*

**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 77 of our Code of Laws, we, your Board of Directors, wish to present this report on the Benevolent Aid Fund for the period of September 1, 2016 through August 17, 2017. This is a year-to-date partial report as of August, 2017.

Beginning Balance for September 1, 2016

Income Received:

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Benevolent Aid Per Capita | \$49,212.00 |
| Humanitarian              | \$12,192.00 |
| Total Income              | \$61,404.00 |
| Prior Year Unspent Funds  | \$37,378.00 |

Total Funds Available for Benevolent Aid \$98,782.00

The Expenditures are a little bit different than what is in our proceedings because I hadn't updated these totals.

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Long Term Benevolent Aid | \$31,750.00   |
| Temporary Benevolent Aid | \$10,500.00   |
| Emergency Benevolent Aid | \$ 4,500.00   |
| Total Expense            | (\$46,750.00) |
| Net Income               | \$52,032.00   |

The Benevolent Aid Fund currently extends Long Term Aid to eight (8) members of our Order representing eight (8) Subordinate Chapters. The current fiscal year began with five (5) Chapters and five (5) members for Long Term Aid. One (1) Chapter reported a deceased member receiving Long Term Aid. Throughout the past 12 months, Temporary Benevolent Aid was extended to eight (8) members, at eight (8) Subordinate Chapters. Emergency Aid was extended to three (3) members of three (3) Subordinate Chapters.

The Benevolent Aid budget for the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter Fiscal Year is projected as:

Income Received

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Benevolent Aid Per Capita | \$47,000.00 |
| Humanitarian Donations    | \$13,200.00 |
| Total Income              | \$60,200.00 |

Projected Expenditures:

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Long Term Benevolent Aid | \$28,715.00   |
| Temporary Benevolent Aid | \$12,000.00   |
| Emergency Benevolent Aid | \$11,660.00   |
| Total Expense            | (\$52,375.00) |
| Net income for 2017-2018 | \$7,825.00    |

Respectfully submitted, Jean Hobbs, Benevolent Aid Chairman for the Board of Directors, District 3. I have also attached a report that will be given to the Grand Secretary for each month of Benevolent Aid given. Also for Temporary and Emergency Aid and it will be with our Grand Secretary. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Benevolent Aid #4.

**REPORT NUMBER 4**  
**Benevolent Aid Fund**

**Long Term Aid**

**September, 2016 through December, 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** **\$ 9,000.00**

**January, 2017 through March, 2017**

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 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** **\$ 7,750.00**

**April, 2017 through May, 2017**

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Kerrville #24         | \$ 500.00        |
| Springtown #498       | \$ 500.00        |
| Everman #624          | \$ 500.00        |
| Alamo Heights #734    | \$ 500.00        |
| South Fort Worth #835 | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |

**TOTAL** **\$ 5,000.00**

**June, 2017 through June, 2017**

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Kerrville #24         | \$ 500.00        |
| Springtown #498       | \$ 500.00        |
| Everman #624          | \$ 500.00        |
| Alamo Heights #734    | \$ 500.00        |
| South Fort Worth #835 | \$ 500.00        |
| Duncanville #1014     | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |

**TOTAL** **\$ 3,000.00**

**July, 2017 through July, 2017**

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Kerrville #24      | \$ 500.00 |
| Springtown #498    | \$ 500.00 |
| Everman #624       | \$ 500.00 |
| Alamo Heights #734 | \$ 500.00 |

|                       |    |               |
|-----------------------|----|---------------|
| South Fort Worth #835 | \$ | 500.00        |
| Duncanville #1014     | \$ | <u>500.00</u> |

|              |  |                    |
|--------------|--|--------------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> |  | <b>\$ 3,000.00</b> |
|--------------|--|--------------------|

**August, 2017 through August, 2017**

|                       |    |               |
|-----------------------|----|---------------|
| Kerrville #24         | \$ | 500.00        |
| Winnie #160           | \$ | 500.00        |
| Springtown #498       | \$ | 500.00        |
| Everman #624          | \$ | 500.00        |
| Alamo Heights #734    | \$ | 500.00        |
| South Fort Worth #835 | \$ | 500.00        |
| Richardson #921       | \$ | 500.00        |
| Duncanville #1014     | \$ | <u>500.00</u> |

|                                     |  |                           |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        |  | <b><u>\$ 4,000.00</u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL LONG TERM AID EXPENDED</b> |  | <b>\$31,750.00</b>        |

**Temporary Aid**

|                       |    |               |
|-----------------------|----|---------------|
| South Fort Worth #835 | \$ | 1,500.00      |
| Athens #177           | \$ | 1,500.00      |
| Richardson #921       | \$ | 1,500.00      |
| Lorena #1124          | \$ | 1,000.00      |
| Duncanville #1014     | \$ | 1,500.00      |
| Winnie #160           | \$ | 1,500.00      |
| Adah #49              | \$ | 1,500.00      |
| Lewisville #935       | \$ | <u>500.00</u> |

|                                     |  |                     |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>TOTAL TEMPORARY AID EXPENDED</b> |  | <b>\$ 10,500.00</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------|

**Emergency Aid**

|                 |    |                 |
|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| Park Place #721 | \$ | 1,500.00        |
| Tomball #838    | \$ | 1,500.00        |
| Hillsboro #769  | \$ | <u>1,500.00</u> |

|                                     |  |                           |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL EMERGENCY AID EXPENDED</b> |  | <b><u>\$ 4,500.00</u></b> |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|

|                                  |  |                            |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL BENEVOLENT AID FUND</b> |  | <b><u>\$ 46,750.00</u></b> |
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**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report and the motion to adopt the report, the Report for Benevolent Aid #4 from our Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue card. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. \*

**Sister Jean Hobbs:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. Today is the last report that I will make as a member of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter. After five years of service my tenure is up on this Board. I have enjoyed

my years and appreciate all of the love and understanding that I have been given. I have learned a lot and it has been great pleasure to work with each one of the Board Members these past years. The Grand Secretary's office has been a great help to me in giving me numbers. Thank you to each one of you. Thank you very much to the Grand Chapter and to District 3 for allowing me to represent District 3 on the Board of Directors. It is my pleasure to introduce Brother James Parker who will present the Board of Directors Report #5.

**Brother James Parker:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all. The independent accounting firm of Ratliff & Associates, P.C. has completed their audit of our consolidated financial statements for the years ended August 31, 2016 and 2015. Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas, both non-profit organizations which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as prescribed by our Constitution and Laws, Page 72, Chapter 5, A. Board of Directors, Article 82.b.

Ratliff & Associates conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These standards require that the auditors plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance that 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 a written opinion of Ratliff & Associates, P.C. 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 of Texas as of August 31, 2016 and 2015.

This report will be printed in its entirety in the proceedings of the August 2017 135th Annual Session of Grand Chapter. Respectfully submitted, James R. Parker, Board of Directors, District 1

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

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue card. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. \*

**Brother James Parker:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce Brother Bob Royall who will present Report #6 on Endowment.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Thank you Brother Parker. I hope everyone can hear me. I don't usually have a problem. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East and my Sisters and Brothers. I am pleased to present this morning the Board of Directors Report #6 which deals with our Endowment Funds.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in our Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Texas on Page 38, Division III, Article VII, B. Board of Directors, Section 4, Duties, Financial Affairs. I respectfully submit the following report.



Sisters and Brothers 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 currently by J.P. Morgan Chase & Company.

The first fund that I will report on this morning is the O.E.S. 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 2016-2017 includes:
 

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| Beginning Balance on June 1, 2016   | \$ 9,257,246.09 |
| Income-Dividends/Distributions/Interest   | \$ 358,213.84   |
| Gains/Losses  | \$ 85,701.79    |
| Management Fees/Commissions   | \$ -35,326.58   |
| Annual Interest Transfer to ES Home Fund<br>(to help care for our Ladies in the Home) | \$ - 272,391.76 |
| Balance as of 5/31/2017   | \$ 9,393,443.38 |

The second fund that I will report on this morning is the O.E.S. 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, Chapter in financial need, local benevolence, worthwhile community needs and educational purposes, including office expenses, and archiving existing records and automating current records.
3. Fund activity for 2016-2017 includes
 

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| A Balance was brought forward as of June 1, 2016: | \$ 3,121,332.07 |
| We realized Interest Income of                    | \$ 90,726.74    |
| Gains/Losses                                      | \$ 57,420.14    |
| We paid Management Fees/Commissions               | \$ -15,000.96   |
| Annual Interest Transfer to General Fund          | \$ -94,574.50   |
| Ending this year as of 5/31/2017                  | \$ 3,159,903.49 |

The third fund that I will report on this morning is the Endowed Membership Fund.

1. Administration of the Endowed Membership Trust Fund shall also be under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The principal of the fund representing \$500 paid by each member purchasing an Endowed Membership and it 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 back to

the Sub-Ordinate Chapters.

3. Fund activity for 2016-2017

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| Beginning Balance on June 1, 2016            | \$ 3,175,671.75 |
| We realized Interest Income of               | \$ 88,499.12    |
| We also realized positive Gains              | \$ 51,082.98    |
| Management Fees/Commission                   | \$ - 15,065.80  |
| We had new Endowed Memberships               | \$ 74,500.00    |
| Annual Distribution to Sub-Ordinate Chapters | \$ -128,765.40  |
| Balance as of 5/31/2017                      | \$ 3,245,922.65 |

Respectfully submitted, Robert W. Royall, Jr, Board of Directors, District 4. Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers you have heard our Board of Directors move for the adoption of this report. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue card. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. \*

**Brother Bob Royall:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and the Membership. It is now my great honor to introduce to you Brother Ray Hargis who will bring Report #7.

**Brother Ray Hargis:** Thank you Brother Bob. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all. 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 following amount for this purpose.

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| Kennington Fund | \$ 1,479.99  |
| Humanitarian    | \$ 13,321.52 |
| Fanny Ward Fund | \$ 475.80    |
| Education Fund  | \$ 672.23    |

**Total** \$ **15,949.54**

Checks were mailed by the Grand Secretary's Office to those selected by the Educational Fund Committee on July 17, 2017. A full report will be given by the Educational Funds Committee. The Board of Directors wishes to thank Sister Delphia Von Heeder and her Committee for their hard work and dedication to our Order. This concludes my report. Brother Ray Hargis, Board of Directors, District 1.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report #7.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion to adopt Report #7 from the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion. All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. \*

**Brother Ray Hargis:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Sister Phyllis Wilson who will present the Board of Directors, Report #8.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers I apologize for the sound so if you cannot hear, if you would just take your book and wave it, I will try to watch to make sure everyone can hear what is being said. So, if you can't hear be sure and wave to me and I'll try to make an adjustment. Sister Phyllis.

**Sister Phyllis Wilson:** Thank you Brother Ray. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to bring to you Report #8 concerning the Contingency Funds of the Grand Chapter referencing Article 11, Section 3(b). As of July 31, 2017, the Contingency Fund has a balance of \$10,000.00. No funds or expenditures were allocated from this fund. Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Wilson, Board of Directors, District 5.

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of Report #8.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion to adopt Report #8 from the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue card. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. \*

**Sister Phyllis Wilson:** It is now my pleasure to call on Sister Deborah Land to bring the report of the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects.

**WGM:** This is the best part so we don't want you to miss this. One of the best parts.

**Sister Deborah Land:** Thank you Sister Phyllis. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. The Board of Directors is pleased to present Report #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 and these numbers are as August 9th. So, keep that in mind.

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| From the sale of the Snowmen Dress Pins          | \$ 33,713.00        |
| Cookbooks  | \$ -345.27          |
| Travel Books                                     | \$ 927.75           |
| Proficiency Stickers                             | \$ 1,564.00         |
| License Plates                                   | \$ 0.00             |
| Texas Who's Who                                  | \$ 6,140.85         |
| Change for Change                                | \$ 3,531.25         |
| Fond Memories, Yearbook (No Expense/No proceeds) |                     |
| Name Badges                                      | \$ 1,694.00         |
| OES Recycle                                      | \$ 2,271.29         |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>\$ 49,496.87</b> |

The Projects listed below are those designate by the Worthy Grand Matron to return 25% of the Net Proceeds into the General Fund.

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| WGM and WGP's music                       | \$ 244.96           |
| Calendars                                 | \$ 703.25           |
| Stuffed Puppies                           | \$ 2,627.50         |
| Save the Children                         | \$ 3,638.49         |
| An Event to Remember                      | \$ 5,571.75         |
| Give Us Paws                              | \$ 2,431.83         |
| Undesignated Donations                    | \$ 257.88           |
| Silent Auctions at Schools of Instruction | \$ 7,849.95         |
| Masonic Knives                            | \$ 3,575.25         |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>\$ 26,900.86</b> |

Total from all Projects deposited into General Fund \$76,397.75

As of August 9, 2017 all projects except one realized a profit which was the cookbooks. At that time it was in the red \$345.27. However, we did anticipate that project being in the black as of the end of Grand Chapter and I have been told that there has been over \$2,000 deposited since Tuesday from the sale of those cookbooks. Legal obstacles encountered for the Specialty License Plates project prevented any incoming proceeds. It should be noted that this project will have no expenses. We anticipated that project receiving final approval by the end of July.

This is a partial list of Disbursements from sale of items. A total was collected of \$31,399.81 from the Silent Auctions held at the School of Instruction. \$23,549.86 of this amount was used to defray the costs for Mayfest Celebration and the food functions at Grand Chapter (the 25% of the profits going to the General Fund is \$7,849.95 as I reported earlier).

\$3,000 each has been donated to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay.

\$10,000 was donated to the Shriners Hospital following proceeds from Save the Children and An Event to Remember.

\$1,000 was paid to the Blackwood Quartet for performing at An Event to Remember. \$400 was paid to Heather Little for her part in An Event to Remember.

\$5,000 has been donated to the Grand Lodge of Texas from the proceeds of the sale of the Masonic Knives.

Deborah Land, Board of Directors, District 2  
Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of Report #9.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt Report #9 from the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue card. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. \*

**Sister Deborah Land:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you very much and it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Debi Fincher who will present Report #10.

**Sister Debi Fincher:** Good morning. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. I am Debra Fincher, Board of Directors, District 4, Chairman of the Board's Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee. One of the responsibilities of the Board of Directors is to manage the funds and assets of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. We are continuing to update our records and have been working to create guidelines which will outline a process to ensure that all our assets have been accurately identified, documented and then reviewed on a periodic basis, as outlined in the Code of Laws, Article 152-Q. For the period beginning September 1, 2016 through August 10, 2017 we identified 13 journal entries for oil and gas royalties totaling \$20,936.66. I would like to note that during the period of August 2011 to October 2016 we received \$338,935.03 in oil and gas income which averages out to approximately \$68,000 per year. So there has been a decrease in income, as well as the number of identified assets. Respectfully submitted, Debra S. Fincher, Board of Directors, District 4. Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this Report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion to adopt Report #10 from the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards

down. All opposed. Motion carried. \* To our Board of Directors, are you finished except for the one that we are waiting for? We are discussing the Amendment so if we could have a song by the Grand Choir at this time while we figure out what we need to do with this. Brother Jerry our Grand Choir Director.

**Choir sings**  
**“Over the River”**  
**“Sleigh Bells”**

**WGM:** Okay Sisters and Brothers, we have a decision that the Parliamentarian has made. Let me see if I can explain this to you. Because the budget was presented as a balanced budget and now they want to make a change to the budget it would change the amount and the Board of Directors is ready to address that. So, we have an Amendment that says, “I’m Rosemary Swetland Berry, Worthy Matron of Lufkin Chapter #383 and I wish to make an Amendment to the Board of Directors Report #2 regarding the General Fund expenses and add back the expense of our Official Bulletin in hard copy to the 301 Chapters.” Does everyone understand? The Board of Directors has worked it out in the Budget where that money will come from. It’s been seconded on here. I have two signers (Nelson Campbell was second signer). Do I have any discussion? I recognize Rick Skidd. Before you speak Rick I just want to make one more clarification. That this is only an Amendment for this Budget, it is not a Constitutional Amendment. It will only affect the next coming year. Brother Rick.

**AGP Rick Skidd:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Richard Skidd, Past Patron of Adah Chapter #49 in Helotes, Texas and I wish to speak against this Amendment. Sisters and Brothers, when Sister Melissa made this budget she was not trying to cheat anyone out of a Bulletin. What she was trying to do was find ways of saving money for you, the membership. Currently, we pay \$72,000 a year to have the Secretary’s database, the means that we can communicate with the Secretaries and give them information that they would have normally gotten in a hard copy from the budget. So, we looked at it as \$4,000 versus \$72,000 and thought the \$4,000 could be absorbed that way. Secondly, it does not say anywhere in our Constitution is the word Bulletin covered. If you have an electronic copy of the Constitution you can put the word “Bulletin” in and nowhere does it show up. It does say “Official Correspondence”. And that Official Correspondence will be provided to the Chapters via the \$72,000 Secretary database. Because it doesn’t say anything about the Bulletin, it just covers Official Correspondence” therefore it is at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron as to how this information is distributed to the Secretaries. Therefore, if you vote in favor of this you are voting to go ahead and take the authority away from Sister Melissa to make a decision to have a balanced budget and to provide to you through the Constitution the information she is supposed to. If we want to change this then it needs to be a Constitutional change to cover the Bulletin and not an Amendment to go ahead and change the budget. Thank you very much Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** I recognize Paul Garner.

**Brother Paul Garner:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Paul Garner and I’m Worthy Patron at Spring Chapter #1105. I’m not speaking for or against the motion. I wanted clarity. Since the budget that was presented originally was a balanced budget and the Amendment takes the budget out of balance. You mentioned a while ago that the Board

has found the money, that means that some other line item in the budget has changed. Therefore, the budget would need to be re-presented in whole with the corrections so that it remains balanced or we vote on an unbalanced budget. Can the Board explain that or help us understand where the money is coming from?

**WGM:** If this Amendment passes they do have a balanced budget and they do have line items that will change and they will report on that. Do you want to hear it now? Would it make a difference in the vote? Is that what you are saying?

**Brother Paul Garner:** It very well could make a difference from the vote because we would be taking money away from something else and giving to this and the membership may prefer one or the other if that is the case.

**WGM:** I will allow the Board Members to tell where the money is going to come from.

**Brother Paul Garner:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

**Brother James Parker:** Brother Paul, if you have your budget in front of you, Line #100 in the Hudman column would be changed to \$4,388.69. The Line down below #111 which is total expenses would change to \$880,183.69. The Line below that for Net Income would change to \$3,892.31. We would still have a balanced budget but it would be \$3,892.31 in the black so we would not cut any expense or change anything else.

**Brother Paul Garner:** Thank you Brother James. So, the membership understands, we are just taking it from our Net Income, we are actually operating at a surplus. We are reducing the surplus but we are still in surplus. Is that correct?

**Brother James Parker:** That's exactly correct.

**Brother Paul Garner:** Thank you Brother James.

**WGM:** Is there any other discussion? I recognize Jackie.

**Sister Jackie Parsonage:** Worthy Grand Matron I am Jackie Parsonage, Past Matron of Sugarland Chapter #1107 and current Secretary in Rosenberg #429. Currently in both of my Chapters as well as several Chapters in the state, our Chapters have already voted or have members donate a subscription of the Bulletin to cover those costs. I don't see why we should sit here and try to put it back into the budget. The information that we have, as Brother Rick said, is in the database so the Secretaries have the information if they want it or we have members or the Chapter can buy a subscription. I don't understand why we need to go ahead and spend extra money to go ahead and put this back into a Line Item when it's already been taken care of.

**WGM:** Is there any other discussion? At this time, we will vote on this Amendment. Do you need me to read it to you again? "Make an Amendment to the Board of Directors, Report #2 regarding the General Fund Expenses and add back the expenses of our Official Bulletin in hard copy to the 301 Chapters in our state." Are you ready for voting? All in favor of this Amendment raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed. Uh-oh. Okay I can see the cards so I'm not going to ask you to stand but it's difficult to call. I'm going to ask my Jurisprudence Chairman, Sister Vi would you stand with me and see if you can help me decide if this carries or not? Worthy Grand Patron if you will stand as well. It's really close so all in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed. Sisters and Brothers, it's way too close. I cannot call this. We will have to ask for a paper ballot on this because

this is an important thing so we will have to vote on this again tomorrow because we don't have the tables set up to do a paper vote. So, we will wait and vote on this tomorrow when we can do a paper ballot. \*

**Brother Tommy Griffin:** Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Tommy Griffin, Worthy Patron, Wisteria Chapter #823. I have a question about the third Report that was given. We have a hard time hearing over here and I'm not sure that they relayed to us that we were going to take \$176,000 out of that Trust Fund. Brother Bob reported that we have increased that by \$272,391.76. So, we're okay, we're covered by a long shot with that \$176,000 being taken out of there but I think it should have been reported to us that that was going to happen. Just a bone to pick and not chicken, but just a bone to pick about not knowing and everybody voted for it without anyone coming. I realize down below it we are taking a deficit and I know we are covered but just a comment that I would have rather had Bob's report before this one to let us know that that was a good thing probably. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you Brother Tommy I appreciate that. Okay we are going to go on with our business. I didn't do this earlier because I didn't realize we were going to have some discussion on the Amendment that came on the floor. But I'm going to dedicate this microphone on the North side against. The North is No and Against. On the south side, we're going to dedicate this microphone for "For". So, as we are talking about the Amendments coming up if you wish to speak against it, go to the microphone in the Northwest. If you want to speak for it, you go to the microphone in the Southwest. My Parliamentarian says we need to vote on the Amendment to take it to tomorrow because I cannot call it today. So, now we are just going to vote to just have a paper ballot tomorrow on the Amendment for the amount of the Bulletin to be changed in the budget. All of those in favor, it needs to be 2/3rds, so all of those in favor raise your blue cards. All of those against, blue cards. Motion carried. \* I apologize but it is very very close. I now invite Sister Vi Griffin, Jurisprudence Chairman to present the Jurisprudence Report on Unfinished Business.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. At the 2016 Session of this Grand Chapter, a Resolution was presented by the Board of Directors with regard to the Lease Agreement for the Grand Chapter offices. The Resolution passed is not printed in your Advanced Report. I will read that motion to you to refresh your recollection of it. The Resolution was: "that a five (5) 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 renegotiating the terms of said agreement if applicable or developing a plan for the relocation of the Grand Chapter office should the situation warrant. The Committee shall develop a path forward plan and provide a recommendation for consideration by the membership at the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter Session." Worthy Grand Matron does your Committee have a report?

**WGM:** Sister Melissa? Brother Rick? Do you want to make your report from up here or down there?

**AGM Melissa Hudman:** We'll give it up there. We'll come up there.

**WGM:** I recognize our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Hudman to give us her

report.

**AGM Melissa Hudman:** Good morning. I didn't hear you. Good Morning! I'm not having a very good one so I want you to have a good morning. Sorry I was late. Right now our lease expires November 17, 2017.

### **Report on the Location of the Grand Chapter Office Executive Summary**

In accordance with Resolution #1 which was presented and adopted by the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas at the One-hundred, Thirty-fourth Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, held in Tyler, Texas in 2016, a Committee consisting of

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| Melissa Hudman - Chair | Richard Skidd | Carolyn Martin        |
| Linda Winn-Christenson | James Parker  | Robert W. Royall, Jr. |

was appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon Mosmeyer for the express purpose of reviewing the terms of the current Grand Chapter Office Lease Agreement, renegotiating the terms of said agreement if applicable, or developing a plan for the re-location of the Grand Chapter Office should the situation warrant and to develop a path forward plan and provide a recommendation for consideration by the membership at the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter Session, do hereby respectfully submit the following report and recommendations.

- The Committee asked James Parker and Bob Royall to contact a commercial real estate broker to look at potential properties for lease and for purchase.
- With the approval of the Board of Directors, James Parker and Bob Royall worked closely with Real Estate Broker and Representative Agent Daniel Olivas of the Judge Fite Group.
- A Comparative Analysis of one property that was available for purchase and three spaces available for lease was conducted.

#### **Recommendations:**

- The Committee does not recommend that we purchase property at this time.
  - Spending nearly \$600,000 is a bad idea considering our current financial picture.
  - Maintenance and upkeep would be a major issue with an organization made up of volunteers.
- The Committee does not believe there is a benefit in moving the Grand Chapter Office at this time.
  - Our current lease costs per square foot is comparable to that of other properties in our geographical area.
  - There would be unwarranted costs incurred by moving.
  - Business interruptions would negatively impact the efficiency of the Grand Chapter Office.
- The Committee recommends that the Grand Chapter approach Mr. Moody, the current landlord, and renegotiate our current lease.
  - For greater flexibility, the Grand Chapter should seek at least a 42 month lease in order to move the renewal date later into the Grand Chapter year.



- We should also seek a provision, whereby the Grand Chapter would have an option to extend the terms of a new lease for a period of at least 36 additional months at a rate that would be agreed upon at the initial signing.
  - Mr. Moody, the current landlord, should be informed of our intentions as soon as possible as we are at the 90-day point for terminating or renewing the current lease.
- a. It has now been 2 1/2 years since our last move. We are still trying to locate important items that have been misplaced during the move.
  - b. With the state of our current financial situation, We are not willing to recommend a move at this time and incur those additional moving costs.
  - c. Even though our wonderful Office Staff is excellent at making things work, we will lose months of efficiency if we move.
  - d. Our current lease per square foot is comparable to other properties in our geographical area so we cannot justifiably recommend a move just for the sake of moving.
  - e. We cannot, with a clear conscience, recommend purchasing property at this time. As our Order is comprised of volunteers, we have nobody consistently available to perform maintenance and upkeep if we own property.

**Recommendation:** After much thought and careful examination of the referenced factors, we respectfully recommend:

1. That the Grand Chapter Office not be relocated at this time.
2. That we approach Mr. Moody and let him know of our intentions as soon as possible.
3. That we seek at least a 42-month lease to alleviate the issues associated with our current renewal timetable.

Respectfully submitted by this Committee. Worthy Grand Matron I move to accept this Committees Report.

**WGM:** This motion comes from a Committee and does not require a second. Is there any discussion? All of those in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. \* Thank you to this Committee for the work that you have done. The Grand Chapter appreciates you. We will now begin our Jurisprudence. Sister Vi.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers, good morning. First, I would like to thank each of you for being here, prepared to take care of business of this Grand Chapter. You are the governing body of this Grand Chapter, your opinion counts, and your vote counts.

Now, I would like to introduce the valuable members of your Jurisprudence Committee:

Mr. David B. Dibrell, District 1 I want them all to see you. You've all worked so hard.  
 Mrs. Bess Caldwell, District 2  
 Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, District 3  
 Mrs. Betty Friend, District 5

Tell them how much we appreciate the work that they have done. (Applause) They are my champions.

The Jurisprudence Committee submits the following preliminary report.

To conform with Article 152-e of the Code of Laws governing this Grand Chapter, which outlines the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee. We recommend that matters contained in your advance annual reports, including the supplemental reports of Grand Chapter, be referred to the following committees for consideration:

To the Board of Directors:

The report of the Grand Secretary  
The report of the Grand Treasurer

To the By-Laws Committee:

The amendments to the by-laws as contained in the reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Code of By-Laws submitted by any Chapter under dispensation

To the Committee on Grievances and Appeal:

All matters of controversy or grievance coming before Grand Chapter by appeal or in reports of the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron, or referred to it by Grand Chapter, including the matters of suspended officers and arrested charters and dispensations.

To the Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation:

That portion of the Worthy Grand Patron's report on new Chapters instituted.

To the Jurisprudence Committee:

All matters contained in the reports specifically assigned to the Jurisprudence Committee by Chapter 10, Article 152-e of the Code of Laws governing this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, this completes the preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Committee. I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion made by our Jurisprudence Chairman. It comes from a committee and does not require a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your blue cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. \* Is the sound better over here? Can you hear better now?

**PGM Vi Griffin:** The Jurisprudence Committee will be presenting one (1) Constitutional Amendment for the Second Reading and four (4) Amendments to the Code of Laws. One amendment was received after the May 9 deadline and is not eligible for presentation. These amendments will be presented in the order in which they are printed in your Advance Annual Report. Each amendment will be considered separately and you will have the opportunity to address each one individually.

Any amendments to these proposed amendments must be presented in writing, in triplicate. The Arrangements Committee has staff available to help you with that. Worthy Grand Matron can you tell us where the Steno pool is located?

**WGM:** Yes ma'am. You know where the escalator is right here. If you are walking toward

the escalator there is a business center on this floor. There's a little cubby there and that is where the Steno is located.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you. Sisters & Brothers, as a Committee, we want you to thoroughly understand every motion and action and know exactly what you are voting on. Remember the only dumb question is the one that doesn't get asked.

These amendments have been printed in the Official Bulletin and presented in the Advance Report. You should have had plenty of time and opportunity to review, study, ask questions and discuss the legislation that will be presented.

That being said, I move that the Jurisprudence Committee be allowed to present a synopsis of each amendment, rather than reading the entire amendment. The only exception is and I need to ask you if you will look on page 42 of your Advanced Report and tell me if your page 42 does not say Constitutional Amendment #1. If your page 42 does not say Constitutional Amendment #1 would you stand up and wave it? Okay, that's fine. Since it is not printed in every Advanced Report, Sisters and Brothers, we are required to read that one in its entirety. Worthy Grand Matron I think we need to vote...I move that this Jurisprudence Committee be allowed to present a synopsis with each Amendment with the exception of Constitutional Amendment #1.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion from our Jurisprudence Chairman to be allowed to present a synopsis of every Amendment with the exception of Amendment #1 since it was not printed in all of the Advanced Reports. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed. Motion carried. \*

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you, Sisters and Brothers for allowing this Committee this privilege. We will give you ample time to ask questions and for discussion. If we present anything that is not clear to you, please ask a question! We're all in this together – some of us are just in a little deeper. All we ask is that you listen to what is being presented. If you listen, you understand, we move along smoothly & quickly and we all get to have a leisurely lunch. Thank you. We will begin with Constitutional Amendment #1. I call on Brother David Dibrell to be the reader for the day.

**PGP David Dibrell:** Amendment #1 on page 42 of the Advanced Annual Report, this is the Second Reading of this Amendment as Amended in the 2016 Grand Chapter Session and if adopted will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session.

**PAGE 32: CONSTITUTION; DIVISION III, ARTICLE III; LEGAL, STATUS, BUSINESS HEADQUARTERS; SECTION 3.** It is in proper form.

**WHEREAS** the permanent headquarters for 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 for commercial office space in Arlington, Texas is very expensive and,

**WHEREAS** there are more economically viable solutions for commercial office space in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Metropolitan area and,

**WHEREAS** the Grand Chapter of Texas should have greater flexibility in choosing an Of-

place location in an effort to reduce costs,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

**WHICH NOW READS:**

SECTION 3. 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 preservation of its records shall be maintained.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

SECTION 3. BUSINESS HEADQUARTERS. 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 preservation of its records shall be maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Audri Rowell       | Jean Hobbs         |
| Carlotta Fairchild | Barbara Martin     |
| Becky Austin       | Debi Fincher       |
| Ray Hargis         | Robert Royall, Jr. |
| Deborah Land       | David Ouellette    |

Worthy Grand Matron I find this to be in proper form and it gives the Board of Directors more flexibility in deciding the location of the Grand Chapter Office in the event that a change is needed. If adopted, this will allow the Board of Directors to select a location for the Grand Chapter business office outside of the city of Arlington, Texas.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, is your Amendment #1 up on the screen so you can see it? And our Jurisprudence Chairman from District 1 has read that to you. Do I have any discussion? All in favor of this Amendment raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Amendment #1 is passed. \* Now we will have the Chapter Representatives vote since that is a Constitutional change and that will be your red card. Do you have your red cards ready? Okay, all of the Chapter Representatives vote with your red card. All "For" Amendment #1 raise your red card. Cards down. All opposed, red cards please. This Amendment is passed. \*

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I recognize Sister Bess Caldwell to present Amendment #2.

**PGM Bess Caldwell:** Amendment #2, page 43 in your Advanced Annual Report. Can you hear me? Article 152-c, Code of Laws, page 104, Committee on By-Laws. If adopted it will take affect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session. It is in proper form. The rationale is that the duties of the By-Laws Committee are completed and reported well before the opening day of Grand Chapter eliminating the need for a meeting on the opening day. This change will eliminate the required meeting on the opening day of Grand Chapter but will have no effect on the By-Laws Committee.

## AMENDMENT #2

### Article 152-C, COL Page 104, Committee on By-Laws

**Whereas**, the requirement for the Committee on By-Laws to hold a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on the opening day of Grand Chapter is not necessary;

**Whereas**, the requirement for a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on opening day of Grand Chapter conflicts with other activities that members of the By-Laws Committee may wish to attend;

**Whereas**, the Committee's review on By-Laws should be completed and the report prepared prior to the opening day of Grand Chapter.

**Therefore, be it resolved that we the undersigned propose the following amendment:**

#### **WHICH NOW READS:**

**ARTICLE 152-C.** The Committee on By-Laws shall meet ~~at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the~~ day of the opening of Grand Chapter and examine all By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws approved by the Worthy Grand Matron during the year, or submitted to the Grand Chapter for consideration, and approved, modify or disapprove the same, and make report thereon to the Grand Chapter.

- a. No Change
- b. No Change

#### **BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**ARTICLE 152-C.** The Committee on By-Laws shall meet **before opening** day of Grand Chapter and examine all By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws approved by the Worthy Grand Matron during the year, or submitted to the Grand Chapter for consideration, and approved, modify or disapprove the same, and make report thereon to the Grand Chapter.

- a. No Change
- b. No Change

Submitted by:

Sue Barnes            Bess Caldwell  
Faye Murphy        Tamela Henington  
Patricia Pettit

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have Amendment #2 upon your screens, is that correct? And you have heard you Jurisprudence Chairman, District 2 to report on that Amendment. Do I have any discussion? I see some movement. Is anyone going to a microphone, raise your hand. We are going to vote with our blue cards. All in favor of Amendment #2, please raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed, blue cards please. Amendment #2 has passed. \*

**PGM Bess Caldwell:** At this time, I would like to present my co-worker, Sister Cheryl Albrecht, from District 3, for Amendment #3.

**PGM Cheryl Albrecht:** I will present Amendment #3 which is located on page 44 in your Annual Report. It concerns Division V: Chapter 8, Article 229, Vacancies of Appointed Officers. If adopted this will take affect at the end of this Grand Chapter Session. It is in

proper form. The rationale for it is to open the Chapter according to our Ritual and Code of Laws. Many Chapters have difficulty in meeting the requirements. There may be a quorum present but they may not be the core Officers required by the Ritual. Our Code of Laws states that an Installed Officer must fill his or her station during the Opening and Closing. This Amendment eliminates the phrase “except during the Opening and Closing” and adds the required Officers as listed in the Ritual. The effect of this will allow flexibility in the Installed Officers to pro-tem a station other than the one that they are Installed in.

**PAGE 168: CODE OF LAWS: DIVISION V; CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 229,**  
**VACANCIES – APPOINTIVE OFFICERS d.**

**WHEREAS** the current edition of the RITUAL of the ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR *Published by authority of the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, Copyright © 2015, Page 166, QUORUM* requires that the offices most essential to be filled and are required for the transaction of business are Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain, Warder, and Sentinel, and

**WHEREAS** the Code of Laws, as now written, states that elective or appointive officers may relinquish their stations to others, temporarily, when authorized to do so by the Worthy Matron or other Presiding Officer, except in the opening and closing of Chapter, and

**WHEREAS** the current wording in the Code of Laws is in conflict with the RITUAL, and

**WHEREAS** the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas continues to decline, and

**WHEREAS** our subordinate Chapters need the flexibility for officers to move between their stations during the opening and close of Chapter,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

**WHICH NOW READS:**

d. Elective and appointive officers may relinquish their stations to others, temporarily, when authorized to do so by the Worthy Matron or other Presiding Officer, except in the opening and closing of Chapter.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

d. Elective and appointive officers may relinquish their stations to others, temporarily, when authorized to do so by the Worthy Matron or other Presiding Officer. The offices of Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain, Warder, and Sentinel are required to be filled for the transaction of Chapter business.

Submitted by:

|                    |                  |
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| Audri Rowell       | Deborah Land     |
| Carlotta Fairchild | Debi Fincher     |
| Barbara Martin     | R.W. Royall, Jr. |
| Ray Hargis         | Phyllis Wilson   |
| James Parker       |                  |

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, that was Amendment #3 and should be up on your screen. Is there any discussion? All in favor of Amendment #3 raise your blue cards. Cards down.

All opposed, blue cards. Motion carried. \*

**PGM Cheryl Albrecht:** Worthy Grand Matron it is now my pleasure to introduce our Chairman Sister Vi Griffin.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you Sister Cheryl. I present to you Amendment #4 which is found on page 45 of your Advanced Report. It is Division V: Chapter 8, Article 225-c, page 166 of the Code of Laws, Officers (Elected and Appointed). If adopted it will take effect at the end of this Grand Chapter Session. It is in proper form and ready for your consideration. The rationale is as written this Article says that "No member shall be elected to serve as Worthy Matron, Secretary or Treasurer in two (2) Chapters simultaneously." There are varying interpretations of the current reading which causes much confusion when the interpretation might change from year to year. If adopted this will clarify the law and allow Plural members to serve an elected position in more than one Chapter at the same time.

**AMENDMENT #4**

**PAGE 166: CODE OF LAWS: DIVISION V: CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 225,  
OFFICERS (ELECTED & APPOINTED) \*c**

**WHEREAS** the Code of Laws, as now written, states no member shall be elected to serve as Worthy Matron, Secretary or Treasurer in two (2) Chapters simultaneously, there is some confusion about the intent of this wording, and

**WHEREAS** in the past, some Worthy Grand Matrons have had to render an interpretation on the intent of this Article, and

**WHEREAS** the wording of this Article needs to be clarified, and

**WHEREAS** the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas continues to decline, and

**WHEREAS** some subordinate Chapters have difficulty filling their elected offices, and

**WHEREAS** many members hold plural memberships and are willing to serve in multiple elected offices in support of their subordinate Chapters,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

**WHICH NOW READS:**

\* c. No member shall be elected to serve as Worthy Matron, Secretary or Treasurer in two (2) Chapters simultaneously. Plural Members, however, may serve two (2) Chapters simultaneously in ANY OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICE.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

\* c. Plural members may serve multiple Chapters simultaneously in ELECTIVE OFFICES but may not serve as Worthy Matron in more than one (1) Chapter simultaneously or Secretary in more than one (1) Chapter simultaneously or Treasurer in more than one (1) Chapter simultaneously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Royall  
R.W. Royall, Jr.  
Glenda Klemm

Phyllis Wilson  
James Parker  
Paul Garner

Rebecca Austin

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of Amendment #4 which should be up on your screen. Is there any discussion? We're going to vote by raising our blue cards. All in favor of Amendment #4 raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. This Amendment #4 passes. \*

**PGM Vi Griffin:** I now recognize Sister Betty Friend who will present Amendment #5.

**PGM Betty Friend:** Amendment #5 is found in your Advanced Annual Report on pages 46-47. The Article is Chapter IV, Article 17(r), page 58 in the Code of Laws. We have added one sentence to the original as it stands in our Code of Laws at this time. Currently the members of the Titles, Deeds and Properties are appointed for one (1) year. The sentence added "in order to maintain a continuity for this Committee, it will be necessary to initially assign members to a 1, 2 or 3 year term. The first year Districts 2 and 5 will serve a 3 year term which will end in 2020. Districts 1 and 3 will serve a 2 year term ending in 2019 and District 4 will serve a 1 year term which will end in 2018. There are two sentences added to this saying that if this passes this Committee will meet quarterly and it will provide ongoing support in the periodic review of Grand Chapter real and personal property and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for handling said properties. This means that the Committee basically starts from scratch each year as we now have it. So, the change is to provide continuity on the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee and ascertain that there will always be an experienced member on the Committee. Worthy Grand Matron this is in proper form and is ready for consideration by the Grand Chapter.

#### **AMENDMENT #5**

##### **Article 17: (R). Page 58. Titles Deeds & Properties Committee**

**WHEREAS**, the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee are responsible for examining, protecting and documenting titles and records of real and personal property belonging to the Grand Chapter of Texas, and making recommendations to the Board of Directors, and

**WHEREAS**, this committee is vital to the on-going support in the initial and periodic investigation and research of the Grand Chapter's real and personal property, and

**WHEREAS**, the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee serves only one year, and

**WHEREAS**, there is no continuity from one year to the next, causing each new committee to begin anew, and

**WHEREAS**, it will be deemed necessary to have at least two members having served previously to remain on the committee at all times.

We, the undersigned, propose the following amendment:

#### **WHICH NOW READS:**

**r. Titles, Deeds and Properties:** Five (5) Members who are learned in the Law, one from each of the Five (5) Districts for a term of one (1) year. A Chairman shall be appointed annually. Members may be re-appointed.

**BE AMENDED** by adding the following:



**r. Titles, Deeds and Properties:** Five (5) Members who are knowledgeable in the Law, one from each of the Five (5) Districts, shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. A Chairman shall be appointed annually. Members may be re-appointed. In order to maintain a continuity of the committee, it will be necessary to initially assign members to a 1, 2, or 3 year term. The first year Districts 2 and 5 will serve a three year term which will end in 2020. Districts 1 and 3 will serve a 2 year term ending in 2019. District 4 will serve a 1 year term which will end in 2018.

- (1) The Chairman shall arrange for quarterly meetings of the committee. The Committee shall meet the first month after grand chapter session and quarterly for the remainder of the year or as often as deemed necessary. Conference calls may be substituted for in-person meetings.
- (2) This Committee shall provide ongoing support in the periodic review of Grand Chapter real & personal property and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for handling said properties.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Sturtz

Carolyn Martin

Melissa Hudman

Linda-Winn Christenson

Richard Skidd

Rosemary S. Berry

**WGM:** You have heard the reading and referral of Amendment #5 by your Jurisprudence. Do I have some discussion? I recognize Brother Richard Ochs.

**PGP Richard Ochs:** Are you open for discussion?

**WGM:** Yes sir.

**PGP Richard Ochs** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, I've been an active member for a few years...

**WGM:** Richard we can't hear you.

**PGP Richard Ochs** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. I've been active since 1974. There are two items that I wish to point out relative to this. Our Trustees back in the earlier years when I served from 1983-1988, two very important items were part of our responsibility and really in my opinion, the very important things. Investments which were being exposed because of different things that happened in those days where \$100,000 is all the Feds were guaranteeing and they were conglomerating banks and we had some funds exposed where we had half a million dollars or more in certain institutions. The second one was the Titles, Deeds and Properties which we took very seriously and saw that things were kind of followed through somewhat better than more recently and each District representative that was elected were very involved in finding out total details and keeping up with things that were happening relative to wills and so forth. I feel very strongly that we made a mistake when we combined the ten people because we were being talked about to eliminate ten back to five but that's never been done and you could lose responsibility for various items when you've got that being proud and an even number of voters. I think it would be better at some point, I am not going to object to this Amendment. I support that we increase responsibilities of people who are relative to Titles, Deeds and Properties and Investments to see and to watch this on a regular basis and very closely follow to assure that we don't have the

kind of losses because of many things that have occurred. If it's going to be an appointment, the future Worthy Grand Matrons that do appointments must learn a little bit about qualifications, many didn't think I was qualified at that time.

**WGM:** (Timer going off) Brother Richard.

**PGP Richard Ochs** Thank you. I will quit.

**WGM:** Yes sir, your time is up. You finished right on time.

**PGP Richard Ochs** What's new, cut him off.

**WGM:** I recognize the Sister in the Southeast.

**Sister Kayla Smith:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Can everybody hear me? My name is Kayla Smith, I am the Worthy Matron of Montgomery Chapter #228. I have a quick question for the clarification on the terms. My question is, why is it there is a 1, 2, 3 year term and why is it for different sections have different terms? I just want clarification.

**PGM Betty Friend:** It was written for 1, 2, 3 year terms so that there will be experience people on the Titles, Deeds and Properties each year. As it stands now everybody can be new. They can be repeated but if the Worthy Grand Matron chooses three different people who have never been on the Titles, Deeds and Properties then it's like starting from scratch. They have no one to lean on, they have to learn everything by themselves.

**Sister Kayla Smith:** Okay that clarifies it. Thank you.

**WGM:** Is there any other discussion? Sisters and Brothers, we're going to vote on Amendment #5. If you are "For" Amendment #5 please raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Amendment #5 passes. \*

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you Sister Betty. Sisters and Brothers, I have received a Resolution to be considered as Emergency Legislation. This Resolution is in regards to the candidacy of Past Grand Matron, Sister Alma Bane, for the office of Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Worthy Grand Matron I can't just jump off into this by myself.

**WGM:** I'll help you. Sisters and Brothers, we have Emergency Legislation by Alma Lynn Bane for the Grand Chapter to support her to run as a candidate for the office of Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Do you want to hear the Resolution? We're going to vote, if this is emergency so you have to vote to accept this Emergency Legislation. Is there any discussion? We're going to vote with our blue cards. All in favor raise your blue card. All opposed same sign. Motion carried. \* We will hear Emergency Legislation.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

## RESOLUTION

Whereas, Texas' own Past Grand Matron, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, was elected Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the 46th Triennial Assembly and in Fort Worth, Texas at the 47th Triennial Assembly: and

Whereas, this place of service is an honor for the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star; and

Whereas, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter is elected at

each Triennial Assembly; and

Whereas, Sister Alma Lynn Bane desires to be elected to serve as the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter for 2018 thru 2021; and

Whereas, the members of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association have voted to support Sister Alma Lynn Bane for election to Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Gran Chapter;

Therefore, it is resolved that:

The Grand Chapter of Texas support and nominate Sister Alma Lynn Bane for election to the position of Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter at the 2018 General Grand Chapter 49th Triennial Assembly to be held in Orlando, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Henry S. Martin       | Joyce Nicklas  |
| Rosemary S. Berry     | Jayne Yenger   |
| Jimmie Lee McMahon    | Richard Ochs   |
| Jerry L. Martin       | Jerry Trees    |
| William L. Wyatt, Jr. | Joyce Gilbert  |
| Cheryl Allbrecht      | Trey Smith     |
| George A. Gwaltny     | Vi Griffin     |
| Nelson Campbell       | Nancy Brown    |
| John Creel            | Jerre S. Lucas |
| David Dibrell         | Betty Friend   |
| William H. Clabaugh   |                |

**PGM Vi Griffin:** I move the adoption of this Resolution.

**WGM:** We have a second from Cheryl Albrecht. Sister Alma Lynn would you come forward so the membership can see you as we vote on this? I bet you already know what she looks like. Sisters and Brothers, we are voting on this Emergency Resolution. Is there any discussion? Burley are you at the microphone? No, you're just adjusting it. Okay. If there is no discussion we will vote on this Resolution. All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed. This Resolution passes. \* (Applause)

**PGM Alma Lynn Bane:** Sisters and Brothers, I thank you. It is a place of service but each of you know of my love for the Order and at this time I feel that the Order needs something that I can offer. And I know that it's a big job. I've done it before and Bill and I are willing to do it again because we do love Eastern Star. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers and I hope to see every one of you in Orlando wearing our Texas outfits. (Applause)

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Worthy Grand Matron this concludes the work of the Jurisprudence Committee. I want to thank you Sisters and Brothers for your attention and your cooperation. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** I agree. Let's thank our Jurisprudence Committee. (Applause) Sister Vi, thank you so much for your work on this committee and for all the questions, problems, concerns I talked to you about. I appreciate your friendship so very much, I am truly glad I was a "Vivacious Lady". Brother David, and Sisters Bess, Cheryl and Betty, thank you to each of you for your work on this committee. Each of you have always had a special

place in my heart and I and Grand Chapter membership appreciates your continued devotion to Texas so very much. I now recognize Sister Karen Morgenthaler, Chairman Grievances and Appeals, who will present the committee's report.

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, Sisters and Brothers. I would like to introduce first those members appointed to serve on this Committee with me this year. Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sisters and Brothers the duties of this Committee are set forth in the Code of Laws, page 106, Article 152-F.

### GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS REPORT

After careful review of all documents received from the parties concerned, the decision to remove the Grand Treasurer from office made by the Worthy Grand Matron and was substantiated by a majority of the Corporate Board and the Jurisprudence Chairman to be within the parameters of her duties and should be sustained by this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Morgenthaler, PGM, Chairman

Alma Lynn Bane, PGM, Committee Member

Rennie Ofton, PGM, Committee Member

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report and the motion made by the Grievances and Appeals Committee. Is there any discussion? We will now vote with your blue cards to accept this report. All in Favor, raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. \* The Report is adopted. Sisters Karen Morgenthaler, Rennie Ofton, Alma Lynn Bane, thank you very much for your work on this Committee. I appreciate your determination to make sure that Grand Chapter is all proper and taken care of. Thank you so much. I now recognize Sister Tonya Foster, By-Laws Committee, Chairman, who will present their report.

**Sister Tonya Foster:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East and my Sisters and Brothers all. First, let me introduce the ladies who served on this committee with me. Sisters Becky Austin and Pat Pettit. This is almost a one-person job but knowing you have back up is a wonderful feeling. Also thank you to the Grand Secretary's Office as well as Sister Alma Lynn Bane for forwarding By-Law changes that were sent to you in error. There were forty-seven (47) request for amendments for Chapter By-Laws for the 2016-2017 year. There were seven (7) amendments returned for revisions and corrections that were in conflict with our Constitution and Code of Laws. Six (6) of the Chapters re-submitted with their correction for approval. Two Chapters submitted incomplete By-Laws and due to the lack of time before Grand Chapter they were returned to the Chapter with recommendations to resubmit for the 2017-2018 year. There was a total of 37 Chapters submitting By-Laws request with one Chapter submitting two (2) request for a total of 38 approved By-Laws for the 2016-2017 year. The majority of the proposed changes were Chapter finances, time, date and meeting place. Also, a Chapter consolidated and new By-Laws were formed for the Chapter. There were some general housekeeping changes such as changing Duel to Plural member and updating By-Laws to be in compliance with our Constitution and Code of Laws. I hope the changes and ad-

ditions will benefit everyone involved. Below is a complete listing of approved Chapters submitting amendments.

### CHAPTER NAMES AND NUMBERS

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Winnie Chapter No. 160        | 20. Dripping Springs Chapter No. 860 |
| 2. Zapata Chapter No. 1106       | 21. Bluebell Chapter No. 856         |
| 3. Goose Creek Chapter No. 798   | 22. Brookshire Chapter No. 652       |
| 4. Ferris Chapter No. 508        | 23. Alice Chapter No. 61             |
| 5. Coleman Chapter No. 360       | 24. Sarah Chapter No. 353            |
| 6. Brock Chapter No. 274 (1)     | 25. Canyon Lake No. 1103             |
| 7. Brock Chapter No. 274 (2)     | 26. Gainesville Chapter No. 1123     |
| 8. Lufkin Chapter No. 382        | 27. Harlandale Chapter No. 750       |
| 9. Medina Chapter No. 988        | 28. Huffman Chapter No. 1112         |
| 10. Leakey Chapter No. 18        | 29. Iola/N. Zulch Chapter No. 458    |
| 11. Humble Chapter No. 415       | 30. Richland Hills Chapter No. 1040  |
| 12. LaMarque Chapter No. 979     | 31. Waskom Chapter No. 812           |
| 13. Freedom Chapter No. 898      | 32. Whitewright Chapter No. 939      |
| 14. Aldine Chapter No. 1088      | 33. Wolfe City Chapter No. 1129      |
| 15. Creedmoor Chapter No. 607    | 34. Yorktown Chapter No. 945         |
| 16. Amistad Chapter No. 1115     | 35. Hillsboro Chapter No. 769        |
| 17. Throckmorton Chapter No. 500 | 36. Saint Jo Chapter No. 17          |
| 18. Woodville Chapter No. 462    | 37. Grosebeck Chapter No. 810        |
| 19. Deport Chapter No. 1045      | 38. Liberty-Dayton Chapter No. 634   |

Respectfully submitted Tonya Foster, Becky Austin and Pat Pettit. Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion from the By-Laws Committee to adopt their report. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your blue cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. \* That report has been adopted.

**WGM:** Sister Tonya, thank you seems to be inadequate. I know you were not familiar with this committee, but you took on the responsibility. I appreciate all your hard work and Sister Becky Austin and Pat Pettit, thank you for helping keep us all straight! I appreciate all three of these ladies very much! (Applause)

**WGM:** I recognize Sister Delphia Von Heeder, Chairman, Educational Fund Committee, who will present their report.

**Sister Delphia Von Heeder:** I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for this wonderful appointment. All five members of the Education Committee met at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center on April 8, 2017. The Committee members are:

John Puckett, District 1  
Pat Wicker, District 2  
Delphia Von Heeder, District 3  
Wanda Goodson, District 4  
Ron Zipp, District 5

There were 33 applications submitted for consideration. Unfortunately, some of the applications did not meet the requirements that were stated on the application or were in-

complete and we were not able to consider them. Due to the generosity of the OES Membership and our Worthy Grand Matron's contributions from her undesignated funds, our Committee gave sixteen (16) \$1,000 scholarships. The following applicants were awarded scholarships:

Madelyn Nauman  
Walker Goodman  
Regan Pilgrim  
Rebekah Noey  
Taylor Tadlock  
Oryenne Rosas  
Emily Cumming  
Camille Ahern

Clair Dettling  
Allison Parker  
Lindsey Carpenter  
Camille Reynolds  
Alan Robinson  
Dakota Taylor  
Emily Geyer  
Melissa Hannsz

Respectfully submitted, Delphia Von Heeder, General Chairman. Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of the Education Committee Report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion from the Educational Fund Committee to adopt their report. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. \* This report is adopted. A big thank you goes to Sister Delphia and this committee. I know the process was difficult to choose qualified recipients from the many, many that were received. Thank you to this Committee.

**WGM:** I recognize Brother William "Bill" Wyatt, Chairman of the Financial Investments Committee to bring his report.

**PGP Bill Wyatt:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Financial Investment Committee this year. I want to thank the Board of Directors for working with me. With their help, we were able to read the proceedings from back to the early 1900's to start the process to determine the amount of the restricted funds. Brother James Parker, a Board Member, has worked with me extensively this year. We have made several trips to the Grand Chapter Office to research Grand Chapter records looking for Trust documents, Endowment documents and Wills. We were able to collect a lot of information to assist with this process. I was able to make most of the Board Meetings and we met several times and had conversations with J.P. Morgan, our Investors and Ratliff and Associates, our CPA firm to determine the amount they show on their records. We also had conversations with previous Board Members, our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to determine the amount of our restricted funds. This process has been a lengthy one. Not only the past two years but previous Financial Investment Committee members for several years have contributed to the research. We are at the close of this Grand Chapter year and more time is needed to complete the task. For the coming year I anticipate the same people working on this with me to complete this task so the records of J.P. Morgan, Ratliff and Associates and our figures will match. Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report. (Bill Wyatt, Pauline McClymonds, Larry Tucker)

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion from the Financial Investments Committee to adopt their report. Is there any discussion? I recognize Brother Richard Ochs.

**PGP Richard Ochs:** I am Richard Ochs, Kingsland Chapter. I want to compliment Brother Bill. Brother Bill, our Past Grand Patron is much more knowledgeable in Investments than I personally and I don't want what I said earlier to be non-respectful. But I would like to share why I feel the way I do about what's been happening with these two issues I brought up in Finances and Titles, Deeds and Properties. Many did not think I knew a darn thing back in the earlier years. I was a contract administration officer on multiple million-dollar jobs. Also involved in many operations, maintenance, major conservancy in water districts and advising with them and the management. I am proud of what I have done, what I have tried to do in Grand Chapter. The membership is much more important and we've done things that I am not in agreement with but our organization is so good for many things. It is still great. And some of the Grand Lodge members will feel the same way about review of audit stuff I've done on one occasion. But folks, investment money is very important to us and the Titles, Deeds and Properties became our investments once they were provided to us in various ways. I really love Eastern Star. I really love Grand Lodge of Texas. Thank you for all of you that do, do things. I've been chewed out by Supreme Court Judges on water rights and various issues and District Judges and State Water Commissioner and state engineers therefore I have never been one that has been worried about how somebody objects to how I express. I apologize for the way I express sometimes but not for what I have tried to do because we get double-crossed on some issues at times. Thank you very much and I did not ask for an extra three minutes earlier so I took advantage and I appreciate your patience everyone. Love you all. (Applause)

**WGM:** Is there any other discussion? All in Favor, raise your blue cards All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. \* The Committee Report has been adopted. Emma Markins, Arrangements, Steno, please go to the Sound Booth in the back of the room please. Thank you, Brother Bill and your committee for your efforts and instruction on this committee. All the members of Grand chapter appreciate that you are keeping our investments under your close watch. I recognize Sister Judy Tucker. She's not going to be here today. Brother Jerry Neuenschwander our Grand Choir Director, thank you for the music today. You are adding the harmony to this Grand Chapter session is a great plus to us. That was our last report that I had scheduled for this morning. Before we close for our lunch and afternoon Session that we have noticed this area in the southwest has difficulty hearing especially when those doors are open and members are coming in and out. So, for this afternoon Session and for tomorrow we will only be admitted from the two middle doors here in the middle because this door is not being used so they're not having a hearing problem but it is difficult over here. So, for this afternoon we will have to seal these doors and only come in and go out from the center of the Grand Chapter room. This is just a reminder that our Vendors are located on the second floor in the foyer, you just can't miss them when you go by. Also, be sure to check out the part of our Museum on display here... Have you seen the dresses from our Museum? Our traveling museum that are out there. Period dresses from our Past Grand Matrons, it's beautiful. Announcements -- Lost & Found. Do we have any announcements for Lost & Found? Oh, we've kept track of all of our belongings. That's wonderful. I have one more announcement, Sister Betty Fogerty, we're going to do the Humanitarian and the Grand Representatives Drill at the end of this afternoon's Session. We will have the Session to start, then we will have the Representative and Humanitarian Drill. So, she's asking that it be announced before lunch that the flags for the Grand Representatives are behind the black curtain in the south. That's this

curtain over here. And I have a report for cookbooks. You know they have just come out and that's why we started out in the negative. But the cookbooks are now in the positive. They've sold 311 cookbooks since we've been here and there are still lots to be picked up. So if you pre-ordered a cookbook, please go out to the tables outside to pick up your cookbook that you've already paid for.

**WGM:** Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling the "A Year of Inspiration – Inspirations at Work" 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, Brother Grand Warder

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, your Order has been obeyed.

**WGM:** Sister Naomi Wolfe will now lead us in our Benediction.\*\*\*

PGM Naomi Wolfe: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you, for the privilege of bringing the Benediction at this time. Sisters and Brothers, will you pray with me? Our Father, we come to Thee again in prayer and thanksgiving for every kind thought and action exemplified during this Session; for the devotion to duty of members in the Christian spirit which we inherit from Thy teachings. We do praise and thank Thee, Father, for the guidance, protection, and special blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon our beloved Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and their Officers. We ask Your continued blessing upon them, and all who are here assembled.

Finally, Father, may we be ever mindful of Your eternal, everlasting love and care for each one of us. Be with us as we depart, and then bring us back safely with renewed strength, knowledge, and love for Thee and for each other. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen. (Amen)

**WGM:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.\*\*\*

Closing of the Bible

Mrs. Carolyn Martin  
Grand Conductress

**WGM:** I now call the "A Year of Inspiration – Inspiration at Work Session" from LABOR to REST until 1 PM on Friday this Afternoon. \* Brother Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel. I hope everyone enjoys our lunches today, they are located up on the second floor.

**(Called from Labor to Rest until 1:00 PM, Friday Afternoon)  
(End of Morning Session)**



GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
135TH GRAND CHAPTER SESSION  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON  
"INSPIRATIONS TOGETHER" SESSION  
Marriott Convention Center  
Friday Afternoon, August 18, 2017

12:45 PM Musical Prelude

Mrs. Sandra Perdue  
Grand Representative  
of California in Texas

1:00 PM Organist Opening

Mrs. Carolyn Black

1:00 PM Call to Order

Mrs. Joyce Nicklas,  
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Ray Hertenberger,  
Past Grand Patron

**PGM Joyce Nicklas:** Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. It is a pleasure to welcome you to this Friday afternoon session. I'm pleased to call to order this "A Year of Inspiration – Inspirations Together" Session of the 135th Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, for this special honor. We have enjoyed the prelude and I want you to help me show her how much we enjoyed the music. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron, I want to say a very special thank you for inviting MY Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger, to be in the East with me this afternoon. Brother Ray, it has only been eight short years ago that we presided together at the Peace in His Kingdom 127th Grand Chapter Session in Arlington. I invite you to greet the membership.

**PGP Ray Hertenberger:** Thank you Past Grand Matron Joyce Nicholas and it seems just like yesterday since we stood in the East together and it is indeed a great honor to do so. Thank you, Sister Sharon and Brother Tom for allowing us this sincere privilege. Sister Sharon we have been friends long before our year of service in 2008 – 2009 with you and Brother Gary and it is indeed an honor to stand here in the East while you are here. Thank you very much. You and Brother Tom have served this membership well this year and there is absolutely no way we could be any prouder of you for this dedicated year of service. Brother Tom, this year has been for you just an extension of your love for Masonry and your love for this membership. I thank you again, both for this distinct honor. Thank you.

**PGM Joyce Nicklas:** Okay Sisters and Brothers, somebody dared me to do something. They dared me and y'all know me very well if I have a dare but you know what? Sister Marianne Shenefeld is going to come up here and help me with this dare. Marianne? Well, first of all we're going to go bahk, bahk, bahk, bahk, bahk (supposed to be a chicken) and also we're going to go dee, dee, dee, dee, dee, dee, dee. (The chicken dance) (Laughter) Thank you. Y'all we've gotta have fun. But I have to tell y'all, y'all missed out, the Worthy Grand Matron's luncheon we had pork. Pork but we still had that little green stuff that was some kind of broccoli and it was wonderful! I invite the Worthy Grand Ma-

tron, Worthy Grand Patron, and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Sister Sharon and Brother Tom, we are so very proud of your accomplishments this year. You have been outstanding leaders as you have crossed this great state, inspiring our members with positive attitudes.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. \*\*\* (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege and honor to present our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, and our Worthy Grand Patron Brother Tom Murphy, You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) \*

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom, your happy go lucky presence and winning smile have endeared you to the members. You are truly a friend to all. We thank you for your service. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon, I knew when I asked you to serve as my District Deputy Grand Matron, I had picked a winner. You inspired me then, and you keep inspiring me today. You have been a true friend all these years. What a blessing you have been this year. Your projects have been a tremendous success; you have been an inspiration to all; and I love you Bunches and Bunches. Worthy Grand Matron, I now present you your gavel. (Applause)

**WGM:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of Grand Chapter. \* Sister Joyce and Brother Ray, thank you so much for opening this Friday morning session. I think the title is appropriate "Inspirations Together" as we have been "together" many times over many years. Your devotion and contributions to Eastern Star in Texas have been countless. Each of you continue to inspire me and I appreciate your opening this session so very much. And, I love you both bunches and bunches! Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to greet our friends.

**WGP:** Sister Joyce and Brother Ray, thank you so much for opening this Friday Afternoon's "Inspirations Together" Session. The Worthy Grand Matron and I have been inspired by your continued love and support of our great Order. Thank you for all you do.

**WGM:** Brother Grand Warder

**Gr. Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron

**WGM:** 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.

**Gr. 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.

**Gr. Sentinel:** There will be no interruption, Brother Grand Warder.

**Gr. 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 if all present are members of the Order.

*(Proving of chapter)*

**WGM:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. \*\*\*

**(Opening of Holy Bible)**

**WGM:** Brother Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron will bring our Invocation.

Bill Wyatt: Our most gracious heavenly Father, we come before you this evening Father we ask you to please be with us throughout our deliberations this evening and Father we ask that you be with our leaders of our Order and Lord we thank you for this beautiful Order that we belong to. And Father we ask you to be with our General Grand Chapter family in their travels too. All these things we ask in your most precious name Lord. Amen (Amen)

**WGM:** I now declare the “A Year of Inspiration - Inspirations Together” Session called from REST to LABOR. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel. \*

**WGM:** Thank you Brother Bill for your prayer. We will now have more inspiration from our scripture reading. Sister Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron, I invite you to come and give our scriptures for this afternoon.

**Nancy Brown:** Thank you so much Worthy Grand Matron. The scripture is so important to each of us and I’m sure we all have our own favorite scriptures. One of our Worthy Grand Matron’s most favorite is Philippians 4:13. I know it’s familiar to each of us. “I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.”

Our Worthy Grand Patron has a favorite Scripture. Romans 15:13 where Paul says, “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.” Thank you so much Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** Thank you Sister Nancy for our scriptures. We are all right on track when we have our prayer and our scripture for this afternoon. We will continue our reports and I would like to make the announcement, Belle Moon Worthy Matron. Is she in the chapter room? She needs to come see the Grand Secretary, please. Belle Moon Chapter. We had a very inspiring and beautiful ESTARL and Memorial Program last evening. We need to adopt their report at this time. I recognize Sister Susan Neuenschwander, ESTARL Chairman.

**Sister Susan Neuenschwander:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this appointment as ESTARL General Chairman for the 2016-17 Grand Chapter year. This has been a very enjoyable and rewarding year. The ESTARL Committee received, reviewed and approved 16 ESTARL Scholarship Applications for scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each at a meeting held on Sunday, April 23, 2017, in Gonzales, Texas. All Committee members were present: Mrs. Liz Cherry, District 1; Mrs. Sue Barnes, District 2; Mrs. Jean James, District 3; Mrs. Angele Meyer, District 4; Mrs. Colleen Asaro, District 5 and Susan Neuenschwander, General Chairman. There were four (4) recipients from District 1; seven (7) recipients from District 3; three (3) recipients from District 4 and two (2) recipients from District 5. The complete list of recipients with contact information has been submitted to the Grand Secretary’s office. After awarding the scholarships, one recipient from District 4 respectfully declined as his financial needs had been met from other sources. The total number of scholarships awarded for 2016-17 is fifteen (15). The Committee planned and conducted the ESTARL Service and Awards Program on Thursday, August 17. The

funds collected at this program were \$1,915.09 which will be used for next year's ESTARL Scholarship Fund. Respectfully submitted, Susan Neuenschwander, ESTARL General Chair. Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of the ESTARL Committee. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. \* Thank you, Sister Susan for taking on opportunity. You and your committee have done an OUTSTANDING job. I know it has been educational and inspiring adventure. (Applause) I now recognize Sister Laura Geyer, Grand Chaplain, to give her report.

**Gr. Chaplain:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Memorial Report that was given last night.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of the Grand Chaplain that was given last night. It was seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? We will vote by our blue cards. All in Favor, raise your blue card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. \* Thank you, Sister Laura. Thank you for being a beautiful Grand Chaplain this year and all the cards and letters that you sent to the other Grand Jurisdictions. I appreciate and love you so much. Thank you. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, have you been travelling to the Museum outside to see the dresses and the other Museum items that we have? Did you see the period dresses and my white snowflake gown? Our Museum Committee has made such progress this year and I invite Sister Sharon Hill Adams, Museum Committee Chairman to bring her report.

**Sister Sharon Hill Adams:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron

### **MUSEUM COMMITTEE GRAND CHAPTER REPORT 2016-2017**

The Museum Committee began the year by visiting the Premises in Arlington and assessing what would be required to fulfill our responsibilities. Over the previous years, items in the storage units had been sold and any leftover items had been placed within the 2 rooms comprising the 336 square foot Museum.

The first thing we did was to go through all the boxes crowded into the space, see what was in them and make some decisions about what to do with those objects. Once the boxes had been gone through we were able to:

- 1.) Remove and inventory photos from mildewed frames and transfer them, along with mold covered Scrapbooks, to Sherry Dieckmann to be scanned, recorded into continuous loop video slide shows and then discarded.
- 2.) Rearrange furniture to more efficiently & attractively display or store objects in the Collection.
- 3.) Create Parlor, Gavel, Baton, Silver/Silverplate and Jewelry Exhibits.
- 4.) Inspect, ascertain condition and inventory eight wardrobe boxes containing 60 WGM dresses.
- 5.) Organize, record and file archives.
- 6.) Remove objects from display cabinets, assess whether appropriate for Collec-

tion: clean and display or record, wrap and pack for sale at Grand Chapter.

- 7.) Hang Portraits, Paintings and Clocks.
- 8.) Create comprehensive lists of objects to be de-accessioned.
- 9.) Create, prepare and install Museum Policy signage.
- 10.) Accession items from Rennie Oton, Bay City Chapter, Dr. Chess Miles, Lallah Mae Vollus, and Mary Ruth White and place within the Collection if appropriate or de-accession to sell at Grand Chapter.
- 11.) Create & install a Dress Exhibit and Sales Booth for the Grand Chapter Session in The Woodlands.
- 12.) Reuse, repurpose and recycle all objects at no cost to Grand Chapter for the 2016-2017 year.

The above was accomplished with the assistance of many people. I am deeply indebted to District I Chairman, Mrs. Joyce Chapman, for that first week we spent bringing order to the chaos that confronted us; to District II Chairman, Ms. Clara Lewis, for serving on the Committee; to District III Chairman, Ms. Melynda Giesenschlag, for her creativity and resourcefulness - the traveling WGM dress Exhibit was her idea, and finally to District V Chairman, Mrs. Linda Crawford, for delivering items donated by PMWGM, Mrs. Rennie Oton, to the Museum.

We are especially grateful to the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Ellen Pickrell for her cheerful encouragement and to the wonderful and welcoming ladies that work in the Grand Chapter Offices, Konnie Harrel, Jany Pyle, Tava Smith and Betty Hancock. In the 5 weeks I spent there I was deeply struck by their incredible work ethic. Although they were always busy, they were endlessly kind, caring, and considerate.

Grand Officers, Board Members, Chapter Members especially Sherry Lamb, Sylvia Houston and Shirley Meerscheidt, Family and Friends all pitched in to help. We moved furniture, climbed ladders, hauled boxes, dressed mannequins and made signs. We also formed lasting friendships and warm memories.

Worthy Grand Matron, in that long ago board meeting you revealed how much visiting the old Eastern Star Home Museum had meant to you and how it had influenced your Eastern Star journey. Your passion inspired this Committee to try, in some small measure, to recreate a more pared down version in the current Grand Chapter Offices in Arlington. We have built on the efforts of all those who have labored before us and know that there is more to do, but hope the efforts that we have made this year have found pleasure in your eyes.

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

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made to adopt the report of the Museum Committee. It comes from a committee and needs no second. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue cards. All opposed raise your blue card. Motion carried. \* The report of the Museum Committee is adopted. Thank you, Sister Sharon Adams. What a blessing you are to all of us. Thank you so much to you and to your committee for working, and I know it was work. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, when you are in Arlington, be sure to go by the Grand Chapter office and see the work that the Museum

Committee has done. They spent I think a whole week just polishing silver. It is really amazingly beautiful.

At this time I have a little surprise for you. This year I have presented a few Grand Representative appointments to deserving members for many areas in our Big State of Texas. All the Grand Representative appointments that I have awarded, to my knowledge, have never received a commission before. At this time, right now, today, I am going to award 2 members a Grand Representative Appointment. I hope the membership will indulge me as these 2 members have received Grand Representative appointments in the past. But, Sisters and Brothers, for members who have helped me in so many ways, went out of their way to do and not look for any special thanks, this is my way of telling them how very important to me they have been. At this time, I ask that the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress present GARY MOSMEYER and JERRE MILLER in the West behind Esther's station. (Applause)

**Gr. Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor to present Gary Mosmeyer and Jerre Miller as requested.

**WGM:** So it is with great pleasure that I award these two appointments. To Brother Gary, I gave you some place that I wanted to go to. (Laughter) Sister Jerre I gave you a place that you have already been to but I know that you are going back so that's why these commissions are being made.

**WHEREAS,** Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas and Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of...I'm not going to tell you just yet... have agreed to cultivate with each other a more intimate and fraternal correspondence and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened. The unity, integrity and strength of our Order protected and confirmed by the appointment and reception of representatives of each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters of the above;

**THEREFORE,** be it known that as evidence of our trust and confidence do hereby present Brother Gary Mosmeyer, Maine. (Applause) He's been promising to take me to Niagara Falls for thirty something years. So now we're going to really go. And Sister Jerre Miller, Ontario. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort them to the East. Surprise! Sisters and Brothers, here are your two new Grand Representatives who will represent their different Grand Jurisdictions. \*\*\* You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) \* Oh, I thought I was going to cry a lot more than that, I did good. We will now resume our reports. I now call on Mrs. Mickie Campbell, Chairman OES Endowment Fund Committee to bring their report.

**Sister Mickie Campbell:** Sisters and Brothers, that is going to be a hard act to follow with my little report. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for asking me to Chair this Committee and to the members on the Committee; District 1, Martha Nesler, District 2, Alma York, District 3, Dwight Von Heeder, District 4, Linda Wentworth, District 5, Joyce Whiteside, thank you for serving on this Committee. The duties of the O.E.S. Endowment Fund Committee can be found in the Code of Laws, Page 112, Article 154P, a & b. In the essence of time, I will summarize these duties: To Promote, plan and receive contributions to the O.E.S. Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund, 501(c)(8). These contributions can be in the form of money, securities, real estate, stocks, bonds, etc. The

Committee shall also receive Grand Chapter Endowment Memorial Contributions. From September 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017, \$198.02 has been received at the Grand Secretary's office. This figure can also be found in the July Official Bulletin and on Page 48 of your Advanced Proceedings. Fraternaly, Mickie Campbell, Chairman. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All in favor please raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. You have adopted the report of the O.E.S. Endowment Fund. \* Sister Mickie Campbell and your committee, thank you so much for a job well done. I have appreciated every single one of you and the work you have done.

**WGM:** Now we will have Purposes and Policies Committee. I call on Brother John Creel, Chairman of Purposes and Policies. Brother John to bring his report.

**PGP John Creel:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all.

It is with pleasure that I introduce the five members of the Purposes and Policies committee:

Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham, District 2  
Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, District 3  
Mr. Ray Hertenberger, District 4  
Mrs. Doris Hester, District 5  
And I am John Creel, Chairman, District 1

On January 28, 2017, this committee consisting of 3 of the 5 Appointees, all of the Corporate Board, and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, met in Waco, Texas, to hear the proposed programs for the Grand Chapter year of 2017-2018.

It is also my pleasure to report those that were in attendance at the Purposes and Policies Meeting:

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron  
Mr. Thomas Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron  
Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Associate Grand Matron  
Mr. Richard (Rick) Skidd, Associate Grand Patron  
Mrs. Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary  
Mrs. Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer  
Mrs. Carolyn Martin, Grand Conductress  
Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson, Associate Grand Conductress  
Ms. Audri Rowell, Chairman of the Board of Directors  
Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors

Copies of the Associate Grand Matron's projects for the coming year were distributed to all in attendance, as well as the 2 committee members who were unable to attend, Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham and Mrs. Doris Hester, who were mailed copies of the projects.

The appointed Purposes and Policies Committee voted unanimously to recommend to Grand Chapter the following approval:

HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM, entitled "The Grace of Giving," includes the following:

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| G | General Fund                |
| R | ESTARL                      |
| A | Benevolent Aid              |
| C | Care for the Ladies at TMRC |
| E | Education                   |

COMMITTEES REQUIRING FUNDING:

Calendar Committee  
 Dress Pins  
 Give a Hoot  
 Helping Those Who Served  
 Kups for Kids - Youth  
 Let's Go Fly a Kite  
 Do You Really Care? Membership Committee  
 Music Committee  
 Patriot Paws  
 Proficiency Committee  
 Ritualistic Excellence Committee  
 Scottish Rite Hospital and Shriner's Transportation Fund  
 Texas Who's Who  
 Time and Talent Committee

COMMITTEES NOT REQUIRING FUNDING:

Bulletin  
 Endowed Membership Stamp  
 Forever Young  
 General Grand Chapter Projects  
 Grand Escorts, Grand Pages, and Appointed Secretaries  
 Grand Soloist(s)  
 Historical Highlights  
 Melissa's Melodies and Rick's Jesters  
 Name Badges  
 Poet Laureate  
 Remember When? Yearbook  
 Rob Morris Celebration  
 Specialty License Plates  
 Friendship 4-State Exchange  
 Multi-State  
 Humanitarian Program

The Purposes and Policies Committee, including Past Grand Matrons, Betty Phillips Benham and Doris Hester, who were unable to attend, approved all of the plans for the incoming year. We now request approval from the membership.

The Board of Directors requested that this committee consider approving a change in the wording of the Records Retention "plan" to reflect Records Retention "policy." All members of the Purposes and Policies Committee were contacted and approved the change as requested by Audri Rowell, Board of Directors, Chairman.



Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of the Purposes and Policies Committee Report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt this report. It comes from a Committee and needs no second. Is there any discussion? We will vote by the usual sign. All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. Blue cards in the air for those opposed. You have adopted the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee \*

**PGP John Creel:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** Thank you, John and your committee. I still apologize for the meeting date getting all confusing from last January. But I know you have worked so hard sorting everything out on the details for next year. I appreciate your outstanding work and devotion to our Order. We will now have the report of Titles, Deeds and Properties by Mrs. Gerry Sturtz, Chairman. Sister Gerry.

**Sister Gerry Sturtz:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers. First of all, I would like to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to serve as Chairman of this Committee. Second, I want to acknowledge and thank the members of my Committee for all their hard work. From District 1, Brother Herb Garon, District 2 Sister Chris Puckett, District 3, Brother Claude Erwin, I'm Gerry Sturtz from District 4 and from District 5, Sister Karen Wright.

We started our year with a conference call at which time I outlined for our Committee the things we needed to work on this year. I printed out all the Open Assets files, separated them by District and mailed the Assets printouts to the appropriate District. We have worked very hard this year to find which Oil and Gas leases are active and from who we should be receiving payments. We have done this through looking at records in the County Courthouses as well as researching through the Railroad Commission website. Many of our Assets do not list Volume and Page Registrations from the different Courthouses. Finding those Volume and Pages to update our files has been one of the goals this year. One area in which we became aware of a problem is that when a Leasing Company sends payments to the Grand Secretary's office, they only enter a description of the Lease in which they are paying. We have suggested to the Grand Secretary that perhaps she write a letter to each company from whom we receive payments asking them to assign a number, such as the API#, to each lease they are paying. If this can be done, we can add that company-assigned number to the description and when a receipt is posted in Quickbooks Accounting Program with that company assigned number rather than a lengthy description, the Asset can be tracked in the receipts file. What I found is that with all the receipts coming each month, it is hard for my Committee to find if Grand Chapter is receiving all lease monies due us. Another issue that will arise very soon is that because Microsoft plans to quit supporting Access software which is how our Assets files are stored in the computer. We will need to address how this Assets file will be handled to maintain our files. Also, the Assets file needs to be tied to Quickbooks so the redundancy of posting to the Assets file separately will not be necessary. We also need to have the documents in each Asset file scanned. We have been waiting on a loaner scanner to become available from the Grand Lodge of Kansas. The Grand Lodge of South Carolina owns the scanner, a value of some \$15,000 and has agreed to allow our Grand Chapter to use it next. Our Committee has requested a time to use it for that purpose. Scans of these Assets should be stored both at the Offsite storage and in the safe at

Grand Chapter Headquarters along with copies for this Committee and the Board of Directors. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the acceptance of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt this report for the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee. Is there any discussion? We will vote by the usual sign. All in favor of the motion raise your blue cards. Cards down. You will vote Against with your blue cards. All opposed raise your blue card. It passed that this report be accepted. \* Thank you, Sister Gerry and your committee for a job well done. I read deeds and check courthouse for ownership records in the deed records vault rooms. I know what a tedious and difficult job it is. I appreciate each of you.

Sisters and Brothers, it's only 2:20 and we have already completed everything that I had on the agenda for this afternoon. (Applause) You want me to make us some stuff so we can stay in here and work more? (No!) Alright, well we are going to have the Grand Representative Presentation and Report, but in order to do that we will need to close the Grand Chapter Session. Reminder that our Vendors are located on the second floor in the foyer, you can't miss them. Be sure to check out the part of our Museum on display and do we have any reports or any Lost and Found announcements? Grand Representatives will line up behind this curtain over here. Oh, the attire for Rob Morris is 50's. It's "Think Cool." So, we're going to "Think Cool" and wear our 50's outfits. And y'all don't want to miss because I'm going to have on my poodle skirt, I made my own skirt. I used to have a little Scotty dog so my poodle skirt is a Scotty skirt. And you'll probably not be able to find me because I'm going to have a ponytail tonight. Cart hours for pickup to take you down to the Westin Hotel is from 7:00 – 10:00 tonight in the back of each hotel down by the waterway. Were there any other announcements?

Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling the "A Year of Inspiration – Inspirations Together" Session from LABOR to REST and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**Gr. 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.

**Gr. Sentinel:** There will be no interruption, Brother Grand Warder

**Gr. Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, your Order has been obeyed.

**WGM:** Sister Jerre Lucas will now lead us in our Benediction. \*\*\*

**PGM Jerre Lucas:** Dear Father, we thank thee for this day. We thank thee for the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you, Father for our safe journey here and we ask your traveling mercies as we leave here on Sunday. We thank thee for our Grand Officers who have served us so well and ask Your grace in all of our future endeavors. May all we say and do here in this session be pleasing in Your sight. Forgive us where we fail thee. Now may the grace of God go with each of us here assembled. And may all of God's children join together in saying Amen. (Amen)

**WGM:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

**(Closing of the Bible)**

**WGM:** I now call the “A Year of Inspiration – Inspirations Together Session” from LABOR to REST until 8:00 a.m. on Saturday Morning. \* But we will have our Grand Representatives Drill and our Humanitarian Drill at this time. Brother Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

I now recognize Sister Betty Fogarty, Fraternal Correspondent for her Grand Representatives Presentation and Report. Grand Officers we will clear the floor so the Arrangements Committee can remove the chairs and labyrinth. (Chicken dance music playing at this time). The Humanitarian Drill will take place after the Fraternal Correspondent’s Report and Drill so after that is over the Humanitarian Chairman has said that Districts 1 and 2 to be outside these doors and Districts 3,4 and 5 to be out these doors in the hallway out there and that’s for the Humanitarian Drill. That’s the Worthy Matrons and Patrons current and the Jr. Past Matrons and Patrons.

**Sister Betty Fogarty:** Can I have everyone’s attention? \* I’m sorry it took a little longer than I thought to get Grand Representatives together but I think we have finally made it. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a lot of members that are waving because they cannot hear. There’s a lot of noise so will you please keep your conversations to a minimum so we can have our Grand Representative Drill. Maybe the doors need to be closed. If we could close these doors it will cut down on the noise from outside.

**Sister Betty Fogarty:** I’m going to try this again. What an inspiring year this has been for me. I would like to say thank you for this wonderful privilege of being your Fraternal Correspondent. Sister Sharon and Brother Tom, I have traveled the world with each of these Grand Representatives and have been inspired with their messages from the many Grand Jurisdictions. These Grand Representatives have truly been the “Inspirations of the World.” As they have traveled around the world, they have spread their warmth and enthusiasm for our beautiful Order. Each have brought the Inspirations of Texas to their respective state or country. To each of the Grand Representatives, I say thank you to you for the years of Service and Dedication you have brought to not only your Chapter, but also to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Each of you have brought your ideas, and your talents and love to not only Texas but to your respective state or country you represented. I have traveled with the Grand Representatives to the many Grand Jurisdictions they represent. There is no way that I can share with you all of the many details of their reports but I hope that you have been able to read the reports in the Official Bulletin of Grand Chapter. As a Grand Representative, you learn the many differences and similarities of each Grand Jurisdiction. I have learned that all of the Grand Jurisdictions support many of the same charitable organizations that Texas supports such as the Cancer Research, Shriners’ Hospital, the Service Dogs and especially the Youth Organizations by donations to the DeMolay and the Rainbow Girls. Many thousands of dollars have been also raised for the ESTARL Scholarships and the Eastern Star Scholarships. There are many differences in each Grand Jurisdiction, such as their Grand Sentinel is elected and advances to Associate Grand Patron, some allow all members to vote, the Conductress and/or the Associate Conductress is their Fraternal Correspondent, some have a Lecturer that is elected and some Lecturers are appointed by their Worthy Grand Matron. In many Grand Jurisdictions, they do not have a District Deputy Grand Matron or a Deputy Grand Matron.

It was amazing how many of the other Grand Chapters do not place the square and compasses on the Bible. We are so honored by the Grand Lodge of Texas and by our Texas Masons that Texas has the privilege of having the square and compasses on our Bible. I hope that each of you have read the differences there are in the many Grand Chapters. Even if you are not a Grand Representative and you would like to attend another Grand Jurisdiction, I am sure the Grand Representatives would love to have a traveling companion to join them in representing the Grand Chapter of Texas. The Order of the Eastern Star is still the largest Fraternal Organization to which both men and women may belong. We share the same Ritual, Obligation, Signs, Passes, Landmarks, Emblems and Colors. We have 62 Grand Jurisdictions in Texas and I know our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have been honored with awarding now 25 Grand Representative appointments so far, this year. I know there will be a few more tomorrow. Congratulations to those that will be receiving their commission tomorrow. As each of the Grand Representatives have traveled around the world, I know that they have felt blessed with safe travels and that our heavenly Father has watched over them. I know that they have not only been inspired by our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, but also been inspired by the membership of Texas.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will present our Grand Representatives and their counterparts or escorts for the cavalcade of flags in the "Inspirations of the World" Drill. We are also so privileged to have our Grand Organist, Sister Susan Smith, who will provide us with her beautiful music.

Alabama, Grand Representative Lela Hunn, escorted by Jim Leftwich  
Alberta, Grand Representative Annette Clark, escorted by Patricia Faltsek  
Arizona, Grand Representative Janet Kramer, escorted by Boyd Kramer  
Arkansas, Grand Representative Donna Caddenhead, escorted by Billie Mims  
Australia, Grand Representative Pete Araiza, escorted by Cindy Araiza  
Bolivia, Grand Representative Vickie Lynn Mathews, escorted by Mike Hall  
British of Columbia & Yukon, Grand Representative Catherine Rose Sammons, escorted by Ron Meitzner  
California, Grand Representative Sandra Purdue, escorted by Floyd Green  
Colorado, Grand Representative Georgie Faye Jennings  
Connecticut, Donna Larsen Grand Representative of Texas in Connecticut, escorted by Carl Larsen, PGP of Connecticut  
Delaware, Christina Crockett Grand Representative of Texas in Delaware, escorted by Worthy Grand Matron Sarah Quimby of Delaware  
District of Columbia, Grand Representative Diane Flanagan, escorted by Herman Flanagan  
Florida, Grand Representative Melba Jean Hanna, escorted by Butch Hanna  
Georgia, Grand representative John E. Berry, escorted by Rosemary Berry, PGM of Texas  
Idaho, Grand Representative Tava Jean Smith, escorted by Gerald Peck  
Illinois, Doris Blackmon carrying the flag, escorted by Gayle Blackmon  
Indiana, Grand Representative Patricia Bruce, escorted by Derrell Fogarty and I'm sorry Pat, I did not write down your counterpart's name.  
Iowa, Donna Vaden carrying the flag, she is DGM of D2, S8  
Italy, Terry Littlepage, Grand Representative  
Kansas, Kim Watkins carrying the flag, she is DGM of D1, S7  
Kentucky, Marceline Crenshaw Grand Representative, escorted by Sue Johnson

Louisiana, Sylvia Garcia Grand Representative, escorted by Raul Garcia

Maine, Gary Mosmeyer Grand Representative, escorted by Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas (Applause)

Manitoba, Diane Davidson Grand Representative, escorted by Ann Kelly

Maryland, carrying the flag is Carol Knutson, DGM of D2, S,2 and 3

Massachusetts, Jane Pyle Grand Representative, escorted by Henry Martin, RWAGP

Michigan, Grand Representative Marcia Olson, escorted by Jim Olson

Minnesota, Barbara Reynolds Grand Representative, escorted by Judy Enslin, Grand Representative of Texas in Minnesota

Mississippi, Jane Hudson Grand Representative, escorted by Elbert Franks

Missouri, Linda Hugo Grand Representative, escorted by Sherri Barrett

Montana, Randy Martin Grand Representative, escorted by Susan Martin

Nebraska, Larry Pettit Grand Representative, escorted by Patricia Pettit

Nevada, Jack York Grand Representative, escorted by Alma York

New Brunswick, Julian Larsen, DGM of D3, S8

New Hampshire, Karen Vest, DGM of D4, S7, escorted by Roberta Pugh, DGM D4, S6

New Jersey, Doris Jones Grand Representative, escorted by Burley Jones

New Mexico, Margie Lowery Grand Representative, escorted by Barney Lowery

New York, carrying the flag is Mary Beth Brunson escorted by Jane Polly, Grand Representative of Texas in New York

North Carolina, Kay Drescher carrying the flag. She is Page to the Grand Marshal

North Dakota, Barbara Gant Grand Representative, escorted by Nelson Campbell, PGP

Nova Scotia & PEI, Jewell Horne Grand Representative, escorted by Jean Millet, Grand Representative of Texas in Nova Scotia & PEI

Ohio, Nadine Wilson Grand Representative, escorted by Karen Phillips, Grand Representative of Texas in Ohio

Oklahoma, Nancy Reynolds Grand Representative, escorted by Bill Miller

Ontario, Jerre Miller Grand Representative, and I'm sorry Jerre, I don't know who your escort is.

Oregon, Jane Clabaugh Grand Representative, escorted by William "Billy" Clabaugh, PGP of Texas

Pennsylvania, Patti Littlepage Strey Grand Representative, escorted by Nicki Bilski, DGM of D4, S8

Puerto Rico, Sharon Cobb Grand Representative, escorted by Harold Cobb

Quebec, carrying the flag is Helen Ainsworth, DGM, D4, S2 escorted by... I can see you but I can't...

Rhode Island, Marilyn McDonald Grand Representative, escorted by Dennis Brunson

Sao Paulo, Brazil, Brenda McDaniel Grand Representative, escorted by John Wilson

Saskatchewan, Mary Watkins Grand Representative, escorted by F. Johnny Johnson

Scotland, carrying the flag Francie Spirkoff, Page to the Grand Marshal, escorted by Dewey Teague

South Carolina, Sammy Peach Grand Representative, escorted by Patty Peach

South Dakota, Cladette Allen Grand Representative, escorted by...

Tennessee, Martha Isbell Grand Representative, escorted by James Walker

Utah, Janet Gilbert Grand Representative, escorted by Larry Gilbert

Vermont, Donna Perkins Grand Representative, escorted by Jerry Trees, PGP

Virginia, Joanne Barrett Grand Representative, escorted by Tom Hunt

Washington, Loretta Booth carrying the flag, DGM, D3, S1

West Virginia, Sylvia Chafin Grand Representative, escorted by Larry Moore  
Wisconsin, Ruby Langley Grand Representative, escorted by Ray Langley  
Wyoming, Carolyn Garon Grand Representative, escorted by Herbert Garon.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, these are your “Inspirations of the World.” (Applause) And I invite you to join me, wherever the Worthy Grand Matron is, I invite you to join me on the floor for our picture. Sister Grand Marshal, you will conduct our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and myself to the Grand Chapter floor for a picture. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron there are not enough words to say thank you for the privilege of this wonderful appointment that you have bestowed upon me. As the song goes “We are the world, we are all part of God’s great family, we are the children, we are the ones who makes a brighter day. When you’re down and out, there seems no hope at all, but if you just believe there is no way we can fall.” We are the “Inspirations of the World” and I know each of you have made an inspiration in someone’s life as you traveled. I have traveled the world through the words of these Grand Representatives and have enjoyed every minute. Thank you again for this Inspirational experience. Respectfully, Betty Fogarty, Fraternal Correspondent. Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire our Grand Representatives and their escorts.

**WGM:** Thank you Sister Betty Fogarty for that drill and report. What a sight it is to see the flags of all the Grand Jurisdictions. It was inspiring to see the counterparts that have come from all over the world to be with us in Texas. We will adopt your report tomorrow during the Session. Thank you.

I now recognize Sister Cindy Echols, Humanitarian General Chairman for “The Snowflakes of Love and Giving” Humanitarian Drill and Report

Sisters and Brothers, can you hear the Chairman’s Committee report? No because there’s too many people talking. Please respect our Committee Chairman and be a little quieter so we can hear her report.

**Sister Cindy Echols:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter family, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, distinguished guests, my Sisters and Brothers all, it is with great pride and pleasure that I present to you the Humanitarian Program of 2016-2017. First of all, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your confidence in me by giving me the honor and privilege of serving as General Chairman this year, and for giving me five wonderful ladies who I have been blessed to work with this year. I’d like to introduce my awesome co-workers now: Sisters Cindy Brisko – District 1; Tamela Henington – district 2; Nancy Jo Estill – District 3; Pat Callahan – District 4; and Terri Reynolds – District 5.

The Worthy Grand Matron chose “FLAKES” as the theme of her program this year, with each letter representing one of the five projects included in the Program: F – TMRC; L – ESTARL; A – General Fund; K – Benevolent Aid; and E – Education. Chapters were encouraged to become 100% in the Program by donating \$1,00 per member listed on their Annual Report dated May 31, 2016. There were 309 Chapters with a total membership of 23,758.

For the “Snow ‘FLAKES’ of Love and Giving” Humanitarian Drill this afternoon, the Jr. Past Matrons, Jr. Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were encouraged

to bring canned goods to be donated to the Montgomery County Food Bank. I now invite them to enter the Grand Chapter Room to represent their participation in the Humanitarian Program and to present the canned goods they have brought. There will be boxes available to place those donations in as you retire. As they are entering the Grand Chapter Room, the District Chairmen will present their reports. Sister Grand Marshal, I invite you to escort the Jr. Past Matrons and Jr. Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons into the Grand Chapter Room. I invite Sister Cindy Brisko, District 1 Chairman, to present her report.

**Sister Cindy Brisko:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to sincerely thank you for allowing me to be a part of your inspirational journey this year! It has been an honor, a privilege, and a *flurry of fun* to serve as District One Humanitarian Chairman for 2016-2017.

I also want to thank the District One membership for all the donations made to the FLAKE Humanitarian Program. Because of your ongoing participation, I am very proud to submit the following report:

Total Number of Chapters in District One: 82  
Number of Members in District One: 6,154  
All 82 Chapters were at least 100%.

Number of 100% or more Chapters: 58  
Number of 200% or more Chapters: 15

Number of 300% or more Chapters: 3 ... which are:  
Winnie Chapter No. 160  
McKinney Chapter No. 518  
Quitman Chapter No. 695

Number of 400% or more Chapters: 1 ... which is:  
Lancaster Chapter NO. 943

Number of 500% or more Chapters : 1 ... which is:  
Mabank Chapter No. 821

Number of 600% or more Chapters: 2 ... which are:  
Lewisville Chapter No. 935  
Princeton Chapter No. 1126

Number of 800% Chapters or more: 1 ... which is:  
Eustace Chapter No. 1062

Lastly the Number of 1100% Chapters or more: 1 ... which is:  
Boyd Chapter No. 897

District One Chapters and its members contributed a total of \$10,882.00 to the five funds which make up the FLAKE Humanitarian Program this year, and they are as follows:

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| "F" – TMRC           | \$ 398.60   |
| "L" – ESTARL         | \$ 2,607.10 |
| "A" – General Fund   | \$ 1,791.60 |
| "K" – Benevolent Aid | \$ 2,753.10 |
| "E" – Education      | \$ 3,331.60 |

In closing, thank you District One for all your support of me as Humanitarian Chairman

and affording me the opportunity to bring this excellent final report. It clearly illustrates your commitment, which reflects the Star of the East, by your kind acts of Charity, Relief, and Love this Grand Chapter year!

I am now pleased to introduce the Humanitarian Chairman of District 2, Sister Tamela Henington.

**Sister Tamela Henington:** Thank you, Sister Cindy Brisko. I want to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for asking me to serve as Humanitarian Chairman for District 2. It has been humbling, rewarding, and fun. Although District 2 is small in numbers, the members have big hearts. Bigger than the vast area we represent. It was a privilege to represent you. I am pleased to submit the following report.

District 2 has 20 chapters with 1824 members. All but one chapter participated in the FLAKE Program.

8 chapters were 100%

6 chapters were 200%

2 chapters were 300%

1 chapter was 400%

2 chapters were 500% which were Odessa #447 and Seminole #855

The total money collected through July is \$4,062.00. This money was distributed to the five projects as follows:

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| F - TMRC                    | \$ 812.85  |
| L - ESTARL                  | \$1,076.85 |
| A - ALL HELP - General Fund | \$ 521.85  |
| K - Benevolent Aid          | \$ 395.60  |
| E - Education               | \$1,249.85 |

Thank you, District 2 members, for your continued generosity in making these worthwhile projects of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Successful.

I would now like to introduce the Humanitarian Chairman of District 3 - Nancy Jo Estill.

**Sister Nancy Jo Estill:** Thank you, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to serve in this position. Thank you, Sister Cindy Echols for all your help and advice given to me. It has been a special joy to serve Grand Chapter as District 3 Humanitarian Chairman for the 2016-2017 Year of Inspiration. I submit the following report.

District 3 has 60 chapters with 4,665 members. All 60 chapters participated in the Inspirational "Year of Helping Others" Humanitarian Program. All 60 chapters were 100% or more.

8 Chapters were 200% or more

4 Chapters were 300% or more



1 Chapter was 400%

3 Chapters were 500%

1 Chapter - Eastland No. 280 - was 600%

The District 3 membership contributed a total of \$8044.75 to the five funds, which made up our Humanitarian Program this year.

No. 1 - TMRC                      \$ 749.90

No. 2 - ESTARL                    1,336.15

No. 3 - GENERAL FUND        1,234.90

No. 4 - BENEVOLENT AID    2,143.90

No. 5 - EDUCATION              2,579.90

Thank you District 3 for your generous donations. You are an Inspiration to all and together we can help others.

It is now my pleasure to introduce the Humanitarian Chairman of District 4, Sister Pat Callahan.

**Sister Pat Callahan:** Thank you, Sister Nancy Jo Estill. To Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Thom Murphy, thank you for this special opportunity of serving the membership of District 4 as Humanitarian Chairman during this year of Inspiration. It has been my honor and privilege to serve in this position for the Grand Chapter year of 2016-2017.

It is with a great sense of pride that I submit the following report for District 4:

Number of chapters: 95

Number of chapters participating in the FLAKE Humanitarian Program: All 95 chapters were at least 100%

Number of members: 8,204

59 Chapters 100% or more

15 Chapters 200% or more

8 Chapters 300% or more

3 Chapters 400% or more

3 Chapters 400% or more

5 Chapters 500% or more

Madisonville #193, Bryan #222, Iola/North Zulch #458, Huffman #1112 and Tomball #838

1 Chapter 500% or more

Mont Belvieu #1142

1 Chapter 700% or more

Smithville #39

1 Chapter 800% or more

Cypress #1102

1 Chapter 900% or more

Somerville #245

TWO Chapters 1000% or more  
Port Neches #677 and West Columbia #705

District 4 Chapters and members lovingly contributed a total of \$17,203.15 to the five oints of the Humanitarian FLAKE program this year. They are as follows:

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| “F” - Fundamentals (Ladies in TMRC) | \$1,555.44 |
| “L” - Love Our Spirit (ESTARL)      | \$5,686.53 |
| “A” - All Help (General Fund)       | \$2,278.25 |
| “K” - Kindness (Benevolent Aid)     | \$3,287.76 |
| “E” - Education                     | \$4,395.17 |

One snowflake, just like each member, is unique and beautiful but not necessarily strong. When snowflakes or members join together, they create not just astonishing beauty, but great strength. District 4, you have created a masterpiece “blizzard” of good works by helping others through the Humanitarian Program this year. THANK YOU!!

It is not my pleasure to introduce the Humanitarian Chairman of District 5, Sister Terri Reynolds.

**Sister Terri Reynolds:** Thank you, Sister Pat. Worthy Grand Matron, Wrothy Grand Patron, I am so thankful for the opportunity given to me to travel with you during your “Year of Inspiration!” It has been my honor and privilege to serve you and the members of District 5 as Humanitarian for the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter year, and I am extremely happy to submit the following report.

District 5 has 50 chapters and 3,905 members, with 49 chapters participating in the F.L.A.K.E. Humanitarian Program celebrating Snowflakes and Trains. In District 5:

27 Chapters were 100% or more;

6 Chapters were 200% or more:

4 Chapters were 300% or more and those were:

Texas No. 35 - 307%; Lytle No. 335 - 320%; and Gonzales No. 403 and Hondo No. 404 each gave 364%

3 Chapters were 400% or more, and those were:

Pleasanton No. 133 - 400%; Alamo Heights No. 734 - 426%; and Oakville No. 521 - 480%

4 Chapters were 500% or more, and included:

Sarah No. 353 and Jourdanton No. 581 - 500%; Yoakum No. 282 - 542%; and Adah No. 49 - 57-%

3 Chapters were 600% or more, including:

Cuero No. 618 - 623%; Harlandale No. 750 - 875%; and Floresville No. 271 - 985%

AND, we had 3 Chapters who were 1,00% or more:

Amistad No. 1115 - 1,000%; Waelder No. 1023 - 1,365%, and Leakey No. 18 - 2,319%\*\*\*

\*\*\* I will take just a moment here to recognize Leakey Chapter and honor one of their most dedicated and active members, Sister Doris Templin, who lost her battle with cancer and in that loss still thought of this beautiful Order. Sister Doris requested that donations, in lieu of flowers, be made to the ESTARL Humanitarian Fund and we should all thank her and the several members of her family and friends who honored this request.

District 5 Chapters and its membership have contributed a total of \$10,874.00 to date towards the five areas making up our FLAKE Humanitarian Program this year as follows:

|   |                           |    |          |
|---|---------------------------|----|----------|
| F | FUNDAMENTALS - TMRC       | \$ | 486.50   |
| L | LOVE OUR SPIRIT - ESTARL  | \$ | 4,564.00 |
| A | ALL HELP - General Fund   | \$ | 1,945.00 |
| K | KINDNESS - Benevolent Aid | \$ | 1,389.50 |
| E | EDUCATION                 | \$ | 2,489.00 |

Thank you, District 5, for the chance to visit with long-time friends, the opportunity to make many new ones; and for all the prayers, support and patience shown to me by each and every one of you. Also, thank you for the unselfish contributions that made it possible for me to give this impressive report. I cherish you and your generous love.

**Sister Cindy Echols:** The Chapters in all five districts have been “inspired” as they have overwhelmingly supported the Humanitarian Program this year, and we want to thank you, the membership, for that wonderful support. I am proud to now report the following total donations for the 5 districts:

|                            |           |                  |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| TMRC - . . . . .           | \$        | 3,626.29         |
| ESTARL - . . . . .         | \$        | 15,375.63        |
| General Fund - . . . . .   | \$        | 8,176.60         |
| Benevolent Aid - . . . . . | \$        | 9,867.86         |
| Education - . . . . .      | \$        | 14,018.52        |
| <b>TOTAL - . . . . .</b>   | <b>\$</b> | <b>51,065.90</b> |

There will be a supplemental report that will include donations received in August to add to these totals.

Sister Grand Marshal, I invite you to escort the participants outside the Grand Chapter room.

**WGM:** Thank you, Sister Cindy for that wonderful report and thank you to the membership for your generous donations. Before they leave, I would like to tell you, this is what inspires me. The membership has worked above and beyond the call. To see all the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, and the Jr. Past Worthy Matrons and Patrons of our Chapters in Texas who have participated in our Humanitarian Projects. You inspire me and warm my heart. Thank you so much for the food that you brought today, and for the Inspiration and example that you set to your members in your Chapters. Everyone here in this assembly, please help me thank them. (Applause)

I love that you have contributed to the food bank right here in this area. Just think, you have given a person in need a real meal. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**WGP:** Worthy Grand Matron, if I may? If y'all think the labyrinth is large, look at it now. You just filled it up with Chapter Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and I thank you also for making this such a great year. (Applause)

Please join us tonight for the ROB MORRIS "THINK COOL" BANQUET.  
50'S ATTIRE. AT 6:00 PM – located upstairs. Thank you Sisters and Brothers.

**(End of Friday Session)**

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
135<sup>TH</sup> GRAND CHAPTER SESSION  
"BE INSPIRED" SESSION  
Marriott Convention Center  
Saturday, April 19, 2017

7:30 AM Musical Prelude

Mr. Carl Chalfant

8:00 AM Organist Opening

Mr. Daniel Caldwell

8:00 AM Call to Order

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler  
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Jerry Martin  
Past Grand Patron

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** Sisters and Brothers will you please be seated so we can begin our morning Session. Good Morning. What a beautiful sight it is to look out at all of you, our devoted members. Today is a long day with no lunch break, so get yourselves squared away and ready to participate in the business of the day. It is great to be here again in the Grand East with "my" Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry L. Martin.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Thomas R. Murphy, we sincerely thank you for giving us the privilege of calling this Saturday morning, "Be Inspired", 135th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas to order. It is extra special Worthy Grand Matron because you were the Grand Marshal for me and Brother Jerry in our special year.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the membership will never forget the wonderful year of service you have given to them, and the impressive accomplishments you have made for our Grand Chapter. Your fundraising projects for service dogs to assist our veterans, special lasers to treat children at the Galveston Shrine Burn Hospital for Children, and the Puppy Love stuffed animals that provided funds for our youth groups, all had outstanding results. Brother Jerry, would you please bring greetings at this time?

**PGP Jerry Martin:** Thank you Sister Karen, and thank you for allowing me to serve with you in that fast, fantastic, sometimes magic, frantic, fabulous, fun fulfilled year of service in 2004-2005. I certainly do want to greet all the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas here this morning. Thank you for being here today. I especially want to thank all of our visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions, and say a great big Texas "howdy" to you all. We are delighted that you came to visit with us, and I know you will be treated with that good old Texas hospitality.

I know the membership would like me to thank Brother Carl Chalfant for the wonderful musical prelude this morning. Brother Carl was my Grand Musician when I was Grand Master, and I can tell you he always kept things rocking and rolling. Thank you, Brother Carl.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Parton, the two of you inspired us from the very start of your year, and you are still inspiring us with your guidance of this 135th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Though your year of service may be ending, the inspiration you have demonstrated in your own actions and the inspiring words you have

spoken, will always be in the hearts and minds of our membership. They will continue to encourage all of us to do good things for our Order, and for a special few; the inspiration to follow their dream to stand in the Grand East in the positions you both hold today. Thank you for the distinct privilege of being part of opening this Saturday morning session.

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** Thank you Brother Jerry. You and Betty will always be special to Tom and me. I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room, and for the last time present your beautiful "Let It Snow Parade" drill.

**("Let it Snow" Drill)**  
**(Applause)**

Sisters and Brothers, under the direction of Bill Wyatt, we will now have the precision drill to set up the chapter.

**(Precision Drill)**

Sisters and Brothers, before our Brothers leave would you please show them our appreciation for a beautiful job well done? (Applause) At this time I would like to invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron to the altar. (Applause) Brother Jerry, I believe you wanted to say something to our Worthy Grand Patron.

**PGP Jerry Martin:** Worthy Grand Patron, I know you have had a fantastic year and we appreciate the leadership. Your special demeanor and the special way you are so good with the membership in this Order. We thank you for all you have given to our Order.

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** Worthy Grand Matron, what can I tell you? You have inspired this membership so greatly this year. You have done an outstanding job. You have performed your duties to the very best of your ability and to you and to Brother Tom we say thank you for a wonderful Grand Chapter year. Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause) \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with Grand honors. \* Worthy Grand Matron, it is now my honor to present to you your gavel of authority.

**WGM:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of Grand Chapter. \* Sisters and Brothers, isn't it a wonderful thing when friendships grow together in Eastern Star? Sister Karen and Brother Jerry, I have enjoyed our friendship over many, many years. I know you both have contributed much and especially your "Treasures" of Life" Session in Galveston was a very interesting and wonderful Session especially when Ted presented his military communication. That was really wonderful. Thank you both so much for your continued friendship and for opening this Session of Texas Grand Chapter. Brother Carl Chalfant, we sure got going fast this morning. Thank you so much. I loved the peppy start. You got us in gear with your style of playing. Brother Daniel Caldwell, 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. Brother Tom would you like to greet these?

**WGP:** Sister Karen and Brother Jerry, thank you both for opening this Saturday Morning

“A Year of Inspiration – Be Inspired” Session. You both have contributed so much to our Grand Order and I thank you for all you do. Brother Daniel Caldwell: Thank you for the music today and a big thank you for my march. Brother Carl “Jerry Lee Lewis” Chalfant – Great Music to start off the day.

**WGM:** Brother Grand Warder

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron

**WGM:** You will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this “A Year of Inspiration – Be Inspired” 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:** Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain if all present are members of the Order.

**AGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, ascertain if all present are members of the Order.

**(Proving the Chapter)**

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

**WGM:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. \*\*\*

**(Opening of Holy Bible)**

**WGM:** Our Invocation will be given by Brother K. Arthur Drescher, First Responders Chairman, GGC.

**PGP K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.:** Bow your heads please. Heavenly Father, as we come to you this morning, we know you are in our presence. Today we will conclude the business of our Grand Chapter and select those who will lead us into the future. Please grant us the wisdom to choose our leaders wisely and that peace and harmony will prevail. Instill us with integrity and love for one another. We ask your blessing on our country and its leaders. We ask a special blessing on our Military and their Families. They sacrifice that we might enjoy the freedoms that we take for granted each day. We also ask that you keep watch over our First Responders who are there in our time of need. Finally, we ask that you bless the Order of Eastern Star and its members as we continue to serve you and our community. In your Holy name, we pray. Amen (Amen)

**WGM:** \* To begin our day Sister Joyce Gilbert, Necrology Chairman of GGC will bring our scripture reading.

**PGM Joyce Gilbert:** Good morning. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me

the honor of reading God's holy scripture to a beginning of a beautiful Lord's day. Worthy Grand Matron's, one of her favorite scriptures is: "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." Numbers 6:24-26.

The Worthy Grand Patron's Scripture: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in Love." 1 Corinthians 16: 13-14 Thank you.

**WGM:** To avoid delays later, I would ask for any chairmen giving reports to be seated in the East, they are listed on page 53 of your session program. Also, closer to 10:00 am those who will be nominated for an office and the person nominating them would need to come sit in the east. I have an announcement also for lunch. The boxed lunches to be picked up between 12:00 and 2:00 and you must have a ticket. There were items from Rob Morris last night that were bid on but were not picked up or paid for. So please go to the table in the Southwest corner by the black curtain to retrieve the items that you bid on. Over in this corner where she's waving over there. Also, the Grand Secretary has Secretary packets that have not been picked up. All of these that are not picked up will have to be mailed which means it will cost money for the postage. If you would please check with the Grand Chapter office set up over in the corner where Jane's waving her hands. She has packets. If your Secretary's not here that means they probably weren't picked up so Worthy Matrons or members of your Chapters pick those up and take them back to your Secretaries of your Chapters. Want a little excitement this morning? Get you awake? Well how about I help you wake you up with this this morning...Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will please present Sisters Glenda Murphy, Kathy Paschal and Susan Smith in the West.

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor to present Glenda Murphy, Kathy Paschal and Susan Smith as requested.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, look at these three ladies that are standing in the West. Have you seen them a whole lot this year? Yes. (Applause) These ladies have been part of my support group, my cheering session, my shoulder to lean on. They have provided many of my smiles and my happy times. It is my honor to recognize them not only for what they have done for me as your Worthy Grand Matron, but for the sacrifices and contributions they have made for the Eastern Star. Sister Glenda Murphy, what a delight you have been this year. The membership has grown to love you and my family has grown when you and Tom brought Gary and me into your family and you into my family. I love and appreciate all you have done this year. Sisters Susan and Kathy, I know you have enjoyed this year, I told you it would fly by! You are both so very dear to my heart. So, it is with pleasure that I read one of these commission certificates and it will be applied to all three.

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star Greetings.

**WHEREAS**, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of...I'm not going to tell you yet... and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas seeking to promote a fraternal relationship between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened. The prosperity of our Order promoted. It's unity, integrity, its strength protected and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of these Grand Representatives from each of their foresaid Grand Chapters to the other.



**THEREFORE**, be it known that as evidence in our trust and confidence we do hereby present Sister Kathy Paschal for the Grand Chapter of Illinois. (Applause) Sister Susan Smith, the Grand Chapter of guess what? Kansas. (Applause) And Sister Glenda Murphy, the Grand Providence of Quebec. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present these three ladies to the Grand East. (Applause) Okay, for the Grand Chapter of Kansas, this commission expires January 1, 2019. I'm telling you, I think they thought these pins were going through the United States mail. (Laughter) Sister Susan Smith, here is your commission and your letter and all the paper that was around that pin. For the Grand Chapter of Illinois, your commission expires January 31, 2019. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to pin our Grand Esther, if I can get the pin opened? Quebec expires January 1, 2020. This is a three-year commission. \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) \*

**WGM:** If the Arrangements Committee will go ahead and set up two tables for the elections. I want to go ahead and ballot on the Legislation yesterday, the Amendment that was presented that needs to be hand counted. We had the Fraternal Correspondent report and drill yesterday afternoon. I now call on Sister Betty Fogarty to come forward so we can adopt her report.

**Sister Betty Fogarty:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for this wonderful and inspiring appointment. It has been a joy to be your Fraternal Correspondent. It is with great pleasure that I move for the adoption of the Fraternal Correspondent's "Inspiration of the World" report as presented yesterday afternoon.

**WGM:** Did I hear a second?

**WGP:** Second.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report and the recommendation that we adopt the report of the Fraternal Correspondent. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. You have adopted the report of the Fraternal Correspondent. \* Thank you, Sister Betty Fogarty for your hard work this year as Fraternal Correspondent. The membership enjoyed reading about the Grand Representative trips that they made during the year. Thank you.

**WGM:** Were you here yesterday to see the Humanitarian Drill? And did you see all the food they brought? I invite Sister Cindy Echols to bring her final report, and also to tell everyone where the food was donated.

**Sister Cindy Echols:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Patron, I move for the adoption of the Humanitarian Report that was presented yesterday afternoon.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers. This comes from a committee and needs no second. You have heard the Humanitarian Report yesterday and the motion to adopt it. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue cards. You have adopted the Humanitarian Report \* Thank you, Sister Cindy and your committee. I know the membership enjoyed the different Humanitarian Programs that were given during the school schedules. What the membership does not see is all the paperwork this committee actually does. Thank you to each of our Humanitarian Chairmen. Membership, please thank this committee. (applause) Letters were sent to tellers

for the tables when they are set up. I just need two tables maned at this time to ballot on this information that we received yesterday. Brother Jerry Neuenschwander could we hear from your choir this morning while the tables are being set up?

**(Choir sings “Chattanooga Choo Choo”, “Silver Bells”,  
“I’ve Been Working on the Railroad”)**

**WGM:** Thank you, Choir. That was beautiful. (Applause) The tables are set up and I’m going to tell you that this is table 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. So we’re going to start off in the Southeast and then we will move around the room. Table 1, Joyce Gilbert and Jerry Trees. Table 2, Betty Benham and Ray Hertenberger. And at this time, if you received a letter to be a table judge, will you please take a seat at one of these six tables. I recognize Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Can you hear me? Very good. Now what we are going to be doing right now move quietly to the places that the Worthy Grand Matron has designated and we are fixing to take a yes and no vote. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, our special Sisters and Brothers. Yesterday we had a vote that needed to be by a ballot. There are some instructions on the balloting. Our Worthy Grand Matron has planned for this very thing at Grand Chapter. She had twelve ballots printed. They are A through L. But, D, E, F, G, H, I, J and L are marked yes and no. She will pick the letter then declares the ballot open. It is going to be exactly like the balloting we are going to do in a little while on our candidates. The doors will be locked whenever the ballot is declared open. And no one will enter or leave unless it is deemed an emergency. The emergency door has been designated as the door nearest to the sound equipment people, in that area. And that will be the exit and entrance for emergencies. There are members who are continuing to work outside and they have the right to vote just as you and I. They will be asked to come to the emergency door and they will step inside. The Worthy Grand Matron will explain to them what the ballot is on. There will be Pages ready to take their ballot and then they will return to their duties as Credentials, Registration, First Aid, Lost and Found and Information. At this time, I ask the Assistant Grand Warders nearest to the Credentials and Registration, Lost and Found tell them that we are fixing to have a yes and no vote so they can come in if they wish to be seated in here. The Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels have been instructed on how this is going to happen. The Arrangements Committee are now setting up the tables so we will be ready. Our Worthy Grand Matron has appointed Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to observe. We will respectfully ask that in the machine area not anyone other than James Walker, Mark Dieckmann, Leslie Foreman, Sherrie Dieckmann and Jimmie McMahon in that area. Our Worthy Grand Matron has appointed Effie Mae Davis and Mary Ruth White who will stand and observe. Remember to circle your choice of yes or no. Sisters and Brothers, you may mark your ballot with a pencil, a blue, a black, a red or a pink marker. I do not care just as long as you circle. Place your ballot in the ballot box face down.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, can you hear her? No!

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** You could hear me last night. I got your money. (Laughter) Sisters and Brothers, is that better? Yes. I can probably holler that loud. I said to place your ballot in the box face down. We ask that only the Pages be in the aisles during the

collection of the ballot. The Worthy Grand Matron has agreed since the seats are so close, that the ballot box will be passed down the aisle just as you do in your churches and they will be brought to the Tellers tables. They will then be brought to the Tellers area where they will be counted on table 1 and 2. The doors will then be reopened after the ballot is declared closed. I see Worthy Grand Matron you still lack a few on Table 1. So, did you assign tables when you sent the cards out? Okay, will some of the Tellers that are seated at Art's table will you please fill the Tables 1 and 2? I believe Jerry needs three more. So we can get the yes and no done very quickly because we are very quickly going to go into our elections and your instructions on it momentarily. We are going to continue working while the yes and no are on the floor and being counted. Every ballot will be counted twice. The people on Table 1 will move to Table 2, the people on Table 2 will move to 1. Everything will be checked a minimum of two times. If you have just come in the room and you are supposed to be a Teller for the election, just move quietly and slowly to the chairs that are empty and we will continue. Worthy Grand Matron, I believe they have been instructed enough on the yes and no's and it is now your turn to declare and explain what we are voting on.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, can you hear me? Yesterday afternoon we had an Amendment to the Board's Report #2 by Rosemary Berry. Sister Rosemary are you in the room? There she is, yes. And Nelson Campbell also signed with you. We just needed to make sure that one of you were here while we presented this. Are the microphones on the floor active? Yes, she's going to the microphone.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Rosemary Berry, Worthy Matron of Lufkin Chapter #382.

**PGP Nelson Campbell:** Nelson Campbell, Past Patron of Silsbee Chapter #298.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** We were the co-signers of the Amendment to the Budget Report #2 and we need to simply make a clarification with your permission.

**WGM:** Yes ma'am.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** We want this membership, this sweet membership to know that there was no intention or reflection on our Associate Grand Matron who is trying to save money and help the Grand Chapter and certainly there was no reflection on our Board of Directors who did a wonderful job this year trying to pull the budget together. What we wanted to accomplish and hope to accomplish is that a hard copy of our Bulletin be restored to our Subordinate Chapters. That was all we were hoping to accomplish. We didn't mean any unkindness to anyone or anything. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity to clarify the Amendment we made yesterday and that we are going to vote on.

**WGM:** Thank you Sister Rosemary. I will read this to you. "I am Rosemary Swetland Berry, Worthy Matron of Lufkin Chapter #382 and I wish to make an Amendment to the Board of Directors Report #2 regarding the General Fund Expenses and add back the expense of our Official Bulletin in hard copy to the 301 Chapters in our state." This microphone over here is "for" and this microphone over here is "against". There will be no discussion today. Everything was discussed yesterday. We will just ballot today. I just wanted to make sure that you knew what we are balloting on. We are going to use ballot "D" as in David. "D" as in David. So, you will mark on your ballot the Amendment that I just read to you,

Yes, you want that Amendment. Brother Grand Warder because we are balloting on the Amendment on paper ballot you will see that the doors are secure. No one goes in or out. Are the doors secure? So, on the ballot you mark Yes you are for this Amendment or No if you are against this Amendment to the Board's Report #2. Is everyone clear? Wave your hand if you are not clear. The Amendment that I just read to you that Sister Rosemary presented yesterday, that is what we are balloting on at this time. Ballot "D" as in David. If you are for that Amendment you will circle the word Yes. If you are against that Amendment to the Board Report #2 you will circle the word No. I instruct the Deputy Grand Matrons to collect the ballot boxes that are on Tables 1 and 2 and to collect the ballots. The boxes are over here on Tables 1 and 2. Take the ballot boxes from Tables 1 and 2 because that's where we are going to be depositing the ballots. You do have a pencil in your bag that your received. The doors are secure. I now declare the ballot open. \* Now you heard your election judge tell you that the boxes could be passed up and down each aisle because there's not room for the Deputies to pass in the aisles. So be sure and put your ballot face down. After you have collected the ballots take them to Tables 1 and 2 but do not deposit them. Just stand there and wait, please, for further instructions. Does anyone have a ballot that has not been picked up? Over here?

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** I recognize Grand Warder.

**Grand Warder:** The Sentinels have not voted.

**WGM:** I will instruct a Deputy with a ballot box, with an empty ballot box. One go back to the back door and I will allow them to go out and collect the ballot. Sister Jimmie Lee will you wave to me, I don't see you. I see Julian Larsen at the door back there. (Jimmie Lee instructed the DGM to collect ballots outside the closed doors.) And take it also to Credentials and Registration. Only the Grand Sentinels and only Credentials and Registration. Everyone else who is outside the doors are not allowed to ballot. Only the people inside this room, the Grand Sentinels, Credentials, Registration and First Aid, only. Ballot "D". We are just balloting on the Amendment to the Board Report #2. Jimmie Lee did someone go collect the ballots? Lost and Found I believe is closed today. Did one of the Deputies go to collect their ballots? There's Julian at the back door. Is she going to collect their ballots? Oh, they're coming in. Okay.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Worthy Grand Matron would you explain to the Credentials and Registration what we are voting on.

**WGM:** Yesterday an Amendment to the Board Report #2 was made. I will read it to you again. "I am Rosemary Swetland Berry, Worthy Matron of Lufkin Chapter #382 and I wish to make an Amendment to the Board of Directors Report #2 regarding the General Fund Expenses and add back the expense of our Official Bulletin in hard copy to the 301 Chapters in our state." We are using ballot "D" as in David. It's a yes or a no. So, if you are For this Amendment of the Board Report you circle "Yes". If you are Against this Amendment, circle "No". Is there anyone in the Chapter room who has not received a ballot box to pick your ballot up? Everyone has their ballots picked up? Circle the Tables for 1 and 2. Everyone in the room has their ballots picked up, I now declare the ballot closed. \* Deputy Grand Matrons deposit the ballots on the Tables. The doors may be opened now. Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel you will allow the doors to be unsecured. You can let them in now. As they are counting the ballots, we will go on with our information. The Grand Sec-

retary has some Lost and Found which she is going to tell you about.

**Grand Secretary:** Good morning. I have several exciting items up here. Audri, your car keys are at the Lobby of the Hotel at the front desk. I have hearing aid batteries, if you can hear me...right here! (Laughter) I have a two snowman pin. I have a beautiful butterfly earring. A gold hoop earring. A Snowflake earring. A little gem of some sort. And I have a lovely shoe. (Laughter) If you are limping around, here is your shoe. And I have a bag from Happy Glass. If you can tell me what's in it, you can have it. Thank you.

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers, the cookbooks have been moved inside. Back towards the black curtains where the Secretary has her desk set up. If you are still needing to pick up your cookbook that you purchased, they are in the back where that red star is waving, now its green, now its red, now its green...they are waving it back there in the back. Sisters and Brothers, we already have two spoiled ballots because you sent in the wrong ballot. The ballot was supposed to be "D" as in David and that doesn't start with a "B". We will try to make sure you hear but please when we are announcing the ballot hold the conversations down.

**WGM:** For those of you that are coming into the room, I would like to remind you that the Grand Chapter room is open and to please keep your voices down to a minimum so others can hear around you. If you were outside, we weren't starting the elections early. That was the ballot that I said yesterday that we were going to do first thing this morning that I could not call from the East. It was just a paper ballot on a change that was wanting to be made on the Board Report #2. I was hoping that we had this count finished before we started our elections because we will need these tables available for our elections at 10:00. I have just been informed, Sisters and Brothers, that the ballot we are using they are putting up on the screen. And ballot "D" as in David was showing on the screen. If you received a letter to be a Teller on one of the Tables we still have some empty spots. If you will go to one of the empty seats at one of the Teller Tables. Sister Jimmie Lee do you want to go ahead and...Brother Jerry Neuenschwander, our Choir Director, do you want to sing a little bit?

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** The Worthy Grand Matron recognized me a few moments ago and she's not going to keep doing it all day long so I'm just going to pop up with a problem comes up. She told you "D" as in David. We have a "yes" and "no" ballot. She told you gray as in color. Now I know some people are color blind so I'm sorry. But "J" does not look like "D" so you lost your ballot. You may have lost your ballot for another race because she may call that. You have also lost your Associate Grand Conductress ballots because you wrote yes on it and circled it. So you have lost those ballots for you, the Candidate and your Chapter. So please when the Worthy Grand Matron calls for a letter and/or a color, if you do not understand what that is, fan in the air. And if we say is it because you can't hear me, holler no we want clarification. We will try our very level best to clarify everything so every vote will be counted in the proper manner. And they will be on the screens. Thank goodness. I can't see what it looks like right now. Anyway, it's going to be on the screen so look up. It's not going to be in color but it will show you what it looks like. Sisters and Brothers, please whenever she is giving you instructions and the Candidates' names are being called give them the most respect you can do and that is be very silent. The second thing is if you are coming in and out of the doors before we close them, be very, very quiet. The quieter it is, the better you will be able to hear and know what is going on.

**WGM:** I call on Sister Vi Griffin to give the final report of Jurisprudence.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. That was just protocol. This is the recap of legislation considered at the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter Session. There was one Constitutional Amendment presented for the second reading which passed. Amendments number 2, 3, 4, and 5 to the Code of Laws passed without Amendment. One Resolution presented as Emergency Legislation was passed. Worthy Grand Matron to my knowledge there is no unfinished business to be carried forward to the 2018 Grand Chapter Session. We, your Jurisprudence Committee, want to thank the membership for their preparedness and attention and thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing us to serve on your Jurisprudence Committee. As they say in the oilfields of Southeast Texas, "Another good job done." I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report, the final report of our Jurisprudence Committee. We will vote by raising your blue cards. All in favor raise your blue card. All opposed, blue cards in the air. \* You have adopted the final report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Thank you Sister Vi and the Committee members of the Jurisprudence Committee for this year. I appreciate so much the work that you have done and the time and countless hours that each of these Committee members has spent to make sure that our Jurisprudence and that we are all correct. Sometimes that can be a hard job. So, thank you again. I see ones coming to the Tables. I'll announce again, if you received a letter to be a Teller at the Tables for the elections, please come to one of the six tables that are located on the Grand Chapter floor. Are you waving because you cannot hear? I will try to speak more clearly. The Worthy Grand Patron's microphone is better. That's just not fair. (Laughter) We have a few more minutes before its time to ask for the Credentials Report. Brother Jerry Neuenschwander we will hear some voices now please.

**(Choir sings "Cannonball", "Frosty the Snowman")**

**WGM:** Thank you Brother Neuenschwander and the Choir. That was lovely. I loved hearing about the snow. I recognize Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, are we ready to start with another part of our business? I have been instructed to let you know that if you really want to hear really, really good if you will move your little selves right over here behind where the choir is sitting, the sound is absolutely beautiful. It may be the shape of the room or the acoustics or what. But if you'd like to move and you are having difficulty hearing our sound people are saying in this far corner behind the choir it is beautiful music. So, Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to give some instructions for election but I'd like to ask a question. I'd like to know how many are here for the first time to cast their ballot for a candidate? Will you hold up a card, wave at me, stand up, something. Worthy Grand Matron, I believe we've still got hope. We've got hope and they've been inspired so they are here for you. Sisters and Brothers, there are specific regulations concerning election. And I'm going to instruct those to you at this time. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron I thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity and all of the Tellers and the Judges thank you and the people in the corner, I appreciate your confidence in us to do this. Before beginning with the election let me state that as you can tell the ballot is going to be counted by our wonderful membership. This will save our Grand Chapter money and we know that our membership is

here to help us so it will save us time. Sisters and Brothers, the Code of Law contains specific instructions concerning elections. Let us briefly review them. When making a nomination only the name of the candidate, the name, number and location of the Chapter to which the candidate belongs and the office for which the candidate is being nominated can be given. No member of this Grand Chapter can be nominated for more than one office at a Grand Chapter Session. If only one candidate is nominated for an office it will be by acclamation. Which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated, we will ballot upon the official ballots furnished to the delegates during registration. A majority of all votes cast will be required for an election. If on any ballot no candidate receives a majority vote, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In case two or more candidates tie for the lowest number and there are at least two candidates receiving a higher number than the candidates tied for the lowest number shall be dropped. Subject to this regulation the election shall proceed until a candidate receives a majority of votes cast. The results will be declared by the presiding officer. Additionally, the Assisting Grand Warders and Assisting Grand Sentinels have been instructed according to the law that no one be allowed to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room while a ballot is being taken unless it is deemed an emergency. Please be cooperative and understanding in the regard to this. Know that if you are caught outside during the ballot and are denied admission our people are faithfully performing the duty to which they have been assigned. Do not leave your seat without your credentials which include your signed envelope, your ballot, your badge and your current dues card. You will need these to re-enter the Grand Chapter room. I would like to remind the Pages that all votes must be deposited inside the Grand Chapter room. Members caught outside the Grand Chapter room when the ballot has been declared open will not be allowed to re-enter unless the ballot is closed. The Assisting Grand Warders and Assisting Grand Sentinels, the Assisting Grand Sentinels will step inside the room and cast their ballot. The ballot box must not leave the Grand Chapter room. The Assisting Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside at their stations. The Assisting Grand Warders in each case will open the door when the Page approaches and the Assisting Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step in and deposit their individual ballot in the Tellers box and return to their station outside. Sisters and Brothers, we have some members who have been working up until the time of the final reports. At that time, we request that Registration, Credentials, Lost and Found, those selling the project items will join us in the Grand Chapter room. First Aid will also be required to close if there are no members needing their services. We will have the emergency exit, the closest to the sound system. The First Aid members will be seated in that area. If you need them, you will go to them and they will be allowed to leave. The members that approach the door and the Assisting Grand Warders and Assisting Grand Sentinels know who will be allowed to enter. Pages you will approach the door, remaining inside the Grand Chapter room and deposit their ballots. Assisting Grand Warders and Assisting Grand Sentinels will assure and insure that no one else is allowed to leave or enter the Chapter room. Now let me talk to you about your ballots. You were given a packet of ballots which contained twelve total ballots. When voting for candidates you will use A, B, C and K. When voting yes or no or write in candidates you will use E, F, G, H, I, J and L. Now some of you still have D but it isn't going to count. We would respectfully request that you keep the ballots as clean as possible as they will be hand counted by the Tellers that have been previously notified. This will cut down on our time. We would like for them to be kept as straight and clean as possible because this will speed up your process. Your vote is important to your Chapter,

to the Candidate and to our Order. Do not mark a ballot until instructed to do so by the Worthy Grand Matron. She will announce the letter and the ballot to be marked, the color and will declare the ballot open. I have been instructed that they are going to be on the screen and they are in color. I was asked a question a while ago, which ballot are we going to use for a particular purpose. Sisters and Brothers, I do not decide what ballot is used. Your Worthy Grand Matron is the one that makes that decision and she will make the decision. So, you figure out why they wanted to know that question. In the choice and space provided if you want to have a write in candidate. Sisters and Brothers, a write in candidate can only be a Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Past Matron, Past Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas to be counted. When voting for a candidate, please circle the candidates name. If we have a write-in, write the name and circle the name. When the ballots are collected we simple ask that you place them face down in the box from the Pages. Our Worthy Grand Matron has agreed that the seats are close and the Pages will pass the ballot box down the aisle just as collecting in the church and that you have already done today. As the ballot is passed simply place it face down for security. Please, no one else be in the aisles or standing while this is taking place. We will not open the doors until all Pages have been relocated onto the floor and the ballot has been declared closed. Sisters and Brothers, we have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 tables around the room and we will designate which table the ballots are to go to. Worthy Grand Matron has said and we know that Tellers are now in place, we are now waiting for Credentials and Registration and we appreciate your work. Let me repeat, no one can cast more than one ballot. It will be watched. Each ballot will be placed face down. No one leaves the room until the presiding officer declares the ballot closed and open. Pages will collect the ballots. Sisters and Brothers, we know we are all for a particular person but let us be kind. When all ballots have been collected they will be processed by the Tellers who have been appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, you can mark your ballot with a pencil, a pen, a marker, red, blue...it is your choice. There are also monitor judges that the Worthy Grand Matron has designated who will observe the processing of the ballot. In case there is a question about a ballot our monitors will bring it to me and we will deem to try to determine what candidate the person is trying to vote for. Sisters and Brothers, if you vote for a candidate and you try and erase it and have circled another one we will try and determine your intent. If you circle both, your vote is void and you have lost your vote. Sisters and Brothers, vote for only one candidate in each way. Also, do not check mark, only circle the name. If we find that one is purely intent that you have specified a candidate we will count your vote. The write-in you will write-in on the black area on the ballot and circle it. If on any one position is required a second ballot, the voting delegates will be instructed on which ballot to use. The names of the remaining candidates will be given. In previous years we have asked that the non-voters be segregated from the voters. Our Worthy Grand Matron as kind and loving as she is said you will sit wherever you will like. You will not be moved. The non-voting delegates can stay exactly where they are and when the ballot box passes they just don't have a ballot. Warders and Sentinels remember that the non-voting members do not have an envelope but their badges will be marked. Let me repeat, you only have one vote. The ballots which you were given in your individual packet is your ballot. It should always be in your possession. We are requesting that no one be in the machine area except those five people and they are Mark Dieckmann, Leslie Foreman, James Walker, Sherri Dieckmann and myself. If you have any questions regarding this area you will go to the person that is designated and that is Effie Mae Davis and Mary Ruth White will join us in that



area. They will be the monitors and if you have a question you will go to them and voice your concern and they will then in turn ask me the question. All ballots will be counted twice by two different tables. So that it is done accurately and it is checked. Tellers on the tables your job has been made easier. You will just place all the same names together then count them. Placing the total by the name. If there is a write-in you will write it on the sheet and count it. Let me remind you, you will be moving from one table to the other so that everything is checked twice. In case there is a question or a problem, your Past Grands are there to help you. The Election Committee workers wish to wish all the candidates good luck, God speed and may all be blessed. Worthy Grand Matron it is time for you to designate the Past Grands by name for your proceedings and your elections is ready for your numbers.

**WGM:** I have an announcement first of all. Sisters and Brothers, please turn your phones off. When your phone rings, it disturbs others around you and they cannot hear. So please turn your phone off. Table 1, Joyce Gilbert, Jerry Trees. Table 2, Betty Benham, Ray Hertenberger. Table 3, Jayne Yenger, Arthur Drescher. Table 4, Rosemary Berry, Lee Stallings. Table 5, Doris Hester, Billy Clabaugh. Table 6, Joyce Nicklas, John Creel. I now recognize Sister Jo D. Dibrell, Credentials Chairman, who will present their final report.

**Sister Jo D. Dibrell:** Worthy Grand Matron, has protocol been established?

**WGM:** Yes. Speak into the microphone slowly and clearly.

**Sister Jo D. Dibrell:** Thank you! (Laughter) I submit the following report. My name is Jo D. Dibrell. (Told to get closer to the microphone). I'm going to get real friendly, there's going to be pictures of this somewhere. I am Jo D. Dibrell, Credentials, General Chairman and I submit the following report. The Grand Chapter of Texas currently has 301 Chapters. You remember that from the other day. There are 261 Chapter Representatives that have picked up their Credentials. There are 210 Worthy Matrons. 114 Worthy Patrons. There are additionally 907 voting delegates. Which gives us a grand total of 1,231 votes. That's 1,231. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving Grand Chapter in this capacity. I also extend an additional thank you for your selection of these Credential Committee Members: Debra Albertson, Michelle Petty, Barbara Ochs, Thelma Bethard, Lillian Kinard. You're at Registration, Linda Rowland. And also, Vickie Mathews, who stepped in and shared her knowledge and expertise. The Credentials Committee worked very closely with the Registration Committee and this was a wonderfully cohesive, hardworking group. Truly dedicated members that were willing to go above and beyond their job description. I have some great stories to tell but I'm not going to do it now. And I personally appreciate the positive "can do" attitude with everything that each one of these ladies presented to ensure a smooth process. And I've to say that Credentials totally Rocked! I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Credentials Report. We will vote to accept the report by your blue cards. All in favor raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed, raise your blue card. The Credentials Report has been adopted. \* Jo D. you and your Committee have performed your duties with diligence, courtesy and kindness. Thank you all for a job well done. Membership, please help me thank your Credentials Committee. (Applause) I recognize Sister Alys Newsom. Nevermind, we are going to go ahead and start. Sisters and Brothers, it is 10:00 and we are going to begin our elections. Brother Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to begin the

elections. You will direct him and the Assisting Grand Warders and Assisting Grand Sentinels to allow no one to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room during the nominations and balloting process. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

**WGP:** 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 Sharon Mosmeyer.

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Sharon Mosmeyer, a Past Matron of Cypress Chapter No. 1102 and Past Matron of Waller Chapter No. 1047. I place the name of Sister Melissa Hudman, a Past Matron of Loyal Chapter No. 648 for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WGP:** Sister Melissa Hudman has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Melissa Hudman for the office of Worthy Grand Matron stand and say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Melissa Hudman you have been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for this ensuing year. Do you Accept?

**AGM:** Worthy Grand Patron, with a grateful heart I do accept. Thank you to this Grand Chapter. (Applause)

**WGP:** Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you. I return the gavel to you.

**WGM:** 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 Tom Murphy.

**WGP:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Tom Murphy, a Past Patron of Crockett Chapter No. 509. I place the name of Brother Richard "Rick" Skidd, a Past Patron of Adah Chapter No. 49 for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Brother Rick Skidd 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 Richard "Rick" Skidd for the office of Worthy Grand Patron say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Brother Rick Skidd you have been elected Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

**AGP:** Worthy Grand Matron it is with great honor that I accept the position to serve this great organization of ours. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Melissa Hudman.

**AGM:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Melissa Hudman, a Past Matron of Loyal Chapter No. 648 and I would like to place the name of Sister Carolyn Martin, a Past Matron of Palestine Chapter No. 395 in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Sister Carolyn Martin has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Carolyn Martin for the office of Associate Grand Matron say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Carolyn Martin you have been elected Associate Grand

Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with honor that I accept. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Janet Chalfant

**Sister Janet Chalfant:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Janet Chalfant, Worthy Matron of Cleveland Chapter No. 465. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Burley D. Jones, Past Patron of Cleveland Chapter No. 465 for the office of Associate Grand Patron for the Grand Chapter for the ensuing grand chapter year.

**WGM:** Brother Burley Jones 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 Burley Jones for the office of Associate Grand Patron say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Brother Burley Jones, you have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

**Brother Burley Jones:** By the help and grace of God and the support of this membership, I humbly accept. (Applause)

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother David Dibrell

**PGP David Dibrell:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is David Dibrell. I am a Past Patron of Richardson Chapter No. 921 and I place in nomination the name of Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Past Matron of Richardson Chapter No. 921 for the office of Grand Secretary.

**WGM:** Sister Ellen Pickrell has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Ellen Pickrell for the office of Grand Secretary say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Ellen, you have been elected Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

**Sister Ellen Pickrell:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much. (Applause)

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, we want to be kind and courteous to each one of these names that are placed in nomination for any office. Please no cheering or loud outburst in the Grand Chapter room. Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Charlotte Barr.

**Sister Charlotte Barr:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Charlotte Barr, Worthy Matron of Hillsboro Chapter No. 769. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Jerry L. Martin, a Past Patron of Hillsboro Chapter No. 769 for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Are there any other nominations? I recognize Brother Joe Gilmore.

**Brother Joe Gilmore:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joe Gilmore, Past Patron of Caddo Mills Chapter No. 82. I place in nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer the name of Greta Bane Spradling, a Past Matron of Waco Chapter No. 7 and present Chapter No. 189 of Greenville, Chapter No. 189 for Grand Treasurer.

**WGM:** Are there any other nominations? Sisters and Brothers, the pre-printed ballots are the name of those who had a resume in the Official Bulletin and in the Advance Re-

ports. Full resumes of the candidates of the Grand Treasurer as required by our law have been received by me. Both of the nominations for Grand Treasurer have been verified and deemed qualified by the eligibility requirements of our Constitution, Article V, Section 3, by me, the Worthy Grand Patron and the members of the Jurisprudence Committee. Are the resumes up on the screens? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect. I invite Brother Jerry L. Martin and Sister Greta Bane Spradling to come to the center of the stage. It is my pleasure to introduce: Brother Jerry L. Martin and Sister Greta Bane Spradling. Sisters and Brothers, do you see the resumes up on the screen? (Yes) Thank you, Brother Jerry and Sister Greta, I appreciate your being here today. You may be seated. We will elect on ballot "E". Now if you will notice on ballot "E" on this color... I don't know what this color is, bright yellow. Ballot "E" it says Amendment "Yes" and "No" but you will just write the name of the person you wish to elect for the office of Grand Treasurer. That means you will write the name of Jerry Martin or Greta Bane Spradling on there. You cannot elect Jerry Bane. Don't get the names mixed up. You have to put the name Jerry Martin or Greta Bane Spradling. If we are clear that you say Greta Bane or Greta Spradling your ballot will be counted but be clear to write on there the name and the names are also on the easels. Are there any questions? Ballot "E" as in Edward. I now declare the ballot open. \* Deputy Grand Matrons you will go to tables 3 and 4. The two in the West to pick up your ballot boxes. Oh, you have them already. The names are on the screen. A reminder to the Warders and Sentinels, NO ONE is allowed to enter or leave while balloting is taking place. You will please pass the ballot boxes. I did declare the ballot open and I did gavel. Deputy Grand Matrons after you have collected the ballots you will go to tables 3 and 4 and stand and wait for further instructions.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Make sure that you write it and circle it. Write it and circle it.

**WGM:** But I didn't instruct you to circle it and some of the ballots have already been picked up so if you just have one name on there, we will know that that's the name that you prefer. The name that you were supposed to write on your ballot was the name of the person that you wanted to be elected. Correct? Yes. Is there an area where all of the ballots have not been picked up? All in the back. Those ballots have not been picked up. Please, no one is supposed to be up walking around at this time. Only the Deputy Grand Matrons who have been collecting ballots. Now does everyone have their ballot picked up? No? Still in the back. Now, have all ballots been picked up?

**Someone says from the floor:** Worthy Grand Matron the Sentinels and First Aid have not voted yet.

**WGM:** The instructions were that they will be allowed to ballot. Only the Assisting Grand Sentinels are allowed to come in to ballot. Registration? Yes, and First Aid. We closed First Aid unless we had someone in there. I hate to hear that someone's in there but yes, First Aid. The Assisting Grand Sentinels, Registration and First Aid.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Worthy Grand Matron, from the East, please call the names of those that have been nominated and what ballot are we using. This has to be done by the Chair for those from First Aid, Registration, Credentials, and Assisting Grand Sentinels. They want to make sure which one they are using.

**WGM:** Ballot "E" as in Edward. It's a bright yellow color. "E" as in Edward. The names are Jerry Martin and Greta Bane Spradling. Write the name of the candidate that you

wish to elect for the office of Grand Treasurer. Have all ballots been picked up? We have some ballots back in the corner over here. How about on the South side? Has everyone balloted in the South? Sister Jimmie Lee, have the Assisting Grand Sentinels and Credentials, Registration, the ones that we allowed...all that's clear? All of the ballots have been picked up? I now declare the ballot closed. \* Deputy Grand Matrons you may deposit your ballots on Tables 3 and 4. I need one more person for Table 6. Sister Charlotte Beall are you in the room? Would you come to Table 6 right here please and be an Election Teller.

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Carolyn Martin

**GC:** I am Carolyn Martin, Past Matron of Palestine Chapter No. 395 and wish to place in nomination the name of Linda Winn-Christenson, Past Matron of Waelder Chapter No.1023 for the office of Grand Conductress for the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Sister Linda Winn-Christenson has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Linda Winn-Christenson for the office of Grand Conductress say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Linda you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

**AGC:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much appreciation to my Lord and this membership that I humbly accept this nomination and appointment. (Applause)

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Karon Cowan.

**Sister Karon Cowan:** My name is Karon Cowan, Worthy Matron from S. Fort Worth No. 835 and I place in nomination Sister Donna Noe from S. Fort Worth No. 835 for the office of the Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Naomi Wolfe.

**Sister Naomi Wolfe:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Naomi Wolfe. I'm a Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter No.741 and a Plural member of Spring Chapter 1105 and Arlington 249. It is my honor and privilege to place the name of Laura Sharp, Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter No. 741 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Dorothy Hohmann.

**Sister Dorothy Hohmann:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Dorothy Hohmann, a Past Matron of Groves Port Arthur Chapter No. 953. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Terri Rozell, a member of Groves Port Arthur No. 953 and a Past Matron of New Caney Chapter No. 1093 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the Nominations closed \* and we will proceed to elect. I invite the Sisters nominated to come to the center of the Stage. It is my pleasure to introduce to you: Sisters Donna Noe, Laura Sharp, Terri Rozell. Thank you, ladies, you may be seated. I now declare the Ballot open. \* We will use ballot "A". I did declare the ballot open, you heard me say that. \* Ballot "A" and you will circle the name of the person you wish to elect for that office, Associate Grand Conductress. Ballot "A", it's a bright green color. Circle the name that is printed there. Circle one name.

Deputy Grand Matrons I direct you to begin collecting the Ballots. After you have collected all ballots you will go to tables Tables 5 and 6. Please be sure to place your Ballot face down in the Ballot Box. Are the Assisting Grand Sentinels, Credentials, still in the room? Assisting Grand Sentinels may come into the room. They did ballot. Thank you. What about Registration? Are there any areas that have not had their ballots picked up? Wave at me. There's one here on the floor. In the back. Have all balloted? Have all the ballots been picked up? I now declare the ballot closed. \* Deputies deposit your ballots on Tables 5 and 6. 5 and 6.

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, is the ballot closed?

**WGM:** The doors are sealed. Yes. We are doing our elections and no one is to come and go except for the Assisting Grand Sentinels, Registration, First Aid. The door is closed at this time.

**Grand Warder:** Thank you.

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District Two, for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Loveta Krogman

**Sister Loveta Krogman:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Loveta Krogman, Past Matron of Lubbock 76. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Cindy Echols, Past Matron of Lubbock 76 for Board of Directors, District Two.

**WGM:** Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed \* and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. I invite Sister Cindy Echols to come to the center of the Stage. Sisters and Brothers, this is Sister Cindy Echols. Thank you, you may be seated.

**WGM:** Sister Cindy Echols has been nominated for the Board of Directors for District Two. All those in favor say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Cindy Echols you have been elected to the Board of Directors from District Two. Do you Accept?

**Sister Cindy Echols:** Worthy Grand Matron I do accept and I look forward to serving this Grand Jurisdiction for the next five years. (Applause)

**WGM:** On the ballot that we had earlier this morning Tables 1 and 2 were counted, we have the election results. The total votes for yes are 582. The ballot votes for no is 326. So, you did elect to pass the Amendment to the Board Report #2. \* Now Tables 1 and 2 have been freed up. Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District Three for the ensuing year. Wait just a minute. I recognize Brother Paul Garner.

**Brother Paul Garner:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Paul Garner. I am the Worthy Patron of Spring Chapter #1105. I believe before you call on any more nominations, you need to vote on the original motion to accept the Board Report for the budget since we just passed the Amendment.

**WGM:** Oh, you want me to do the Board Report now? I was going to do the Board Report later but it has to be done now? Is that what you are saying?

**Brother Paul Garner:** You might want to ask the Parliamentarian but I believe you just announced the results for the Amendment therefore you must go straight to the question. I believe that's the way.

**WGM:** Okay, we'll do that now. Sisters and Brothers, yesterday the Board Report #2, we have voted to amend the Report. I don't have the numbers today that were mentioned yesterday that would change the Board Report. Would someone come to the East from the Board to present that Report again so we'll know what was changed so can adopt that Report. I recognize Sister Carlotta Fairchild.

**Sister Carlotta Fairchild:** This will change the total number on Line 100 on page...well, I don't have the page number. Page 52. It will change the -0- to \$4,388.69. Making the total expenses \$880,183.69. Still leaving a net income of \$3,892.81.

**WGM:** Are there any questions?

**Sister Carlotta Fairchild:** I move for the adoption of the Amended Board Report #2.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Amended Board Report #2. All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue card. \* You have adopted the Amended Board Report #2. Thank you, Sister Carlotta. Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District Three for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Lou Carmichael.

**Sister Lou Carmichael:** My name is Lou Carmichael. I am Worthy Matron of Crescent Chapter #820 and it is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Darrell Albrecht for the Board of Directors, District Three for the ensuing year. Thank you.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Linda Hugo.

**Sister Linda Hugo:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Linda Hugo, a Past Matron of Bellmead Chapter #980 and I would like to place in nomination the name of Richard Hancock, Past Patron of Bellmead #980 for the office of Board of Directors, District Three. Thank you.

**WGM:** Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed. \* I invite the Brothers nominated to come to the center of the Stage. I would like to introduce to you Brother Darrell Albrecht and Brother Richard Hancock. Thank you, Brothers, you may be seated. I now declare the Ballot open. \* We will use ballot "K" as in Kind. It's this green color. You will see the two names printed there for this nomination. You will circle the name of the person you wish to elect. Circle the name, ballot "K". Deputy Grand Matrons I ask you to pick up the ballots. Who's coming in at the back? No one is allowed in. The doors are still sealed. Only the Assisting Grand Sentinels, Registration, First Aid. Has anyone not had their ballot picked up? A lot of them back over here. Do we have any ballots that have not been picked up now? Deputy Grand Matrons, all here in the front and in the back, please go and assist picking up these ballots. This is not a time for visiting. Please raise your hand if you still have not had your ballot picked up. Over here at the table. How about now? Raise your hand if you have not had your ballot picked up. All ballots are picked up. I declare the ballot closed. \* Deputy Grand Matrons you will deposit your ballots on Tables 1 and 2. 1 and 2. Sisters and Brothers, the next election we have coming up is the Board of Grand Examiners, District Three but I have all tables busy counting other ballots and so until we can free up a Table, we will have to suspend the elections until an election is turned in from one of the tables. So Grand Warder, you can unseal the doors at this time and we will go on with some reports. I recognize the Deputies of Grand Chapter. Let's wait since they are collecting ballots. I recognize the Grand Examiners. Can y'all do your reports?

**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:

What a privilege it has been to serve as the Grand Examiner for District One. There were seven Schools held during the 2016-2017 year as some sections were combined. The members of District One are truly awesome.

There 423 "A" Certificates and 1 "B" Certificate earned in District 1 this year. 15 members earned their certificates for the first time this year.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, can you hear the Report of the Grand Examiner? Please keep your voices to a minimum.

**Sister Phyllis Macon:** I submit the following report for "A" Certificates:

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| Section 1       | at Gainesville | 37  |
| Section 2       | at Sherman     | 44  |
| Section 3       | at Caddo Mills | 41  |
| Sections 4 & 5  | at Richardson  | 109 |
| Sections 6 & 7  | at Athens      | 50  |
| Section 8       | at Carthage    | 43  |
| Sections 9 & 10 | at Winnsboro   | 72  |

Additional exams administered in District 14

Exams taken in other Districts by District One Members 13

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. \$375.00 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 and words of inspiration were truly appreciated, and I enjoyed traveling the School Schedule with you and with our Grand Esther, Sister Glenda, and Brother Gary, when he was able to join us.

To my co-workers who were there to answer my many questions, I say thank you. To Sister Sherrie Fowler, 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. 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 2017-2018.



It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and co-worker, Susan Dormady, Grand Examiner, District 2.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, please keep your voices down. I see groups of people having conversations. The Grand Examiners are giving their reports. Please respect them.

**Susan Dormady:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter family, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers, all. Good morning and thank you for attending this session of Grand Chapter.

That was another great report from District 1. You seem to be very busy in that are of Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon, I would like to take this time to thank you for inspiring all of us to be better members. Your stories through the year have been thoughtful, your gratitude has been abundant, and your sunny smile is always present despite the swirling snowstorm this year has been.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom, thank you for guiding this train through the snowstorm. Riding in the Grand Chapter van with you and Grand Esther was fun, maybe even thrilling. Getting to know you both better this year has been one of the highlights. Both you and Sister Glenda bring warmth and joy to every room you visit. Your love of the membership is aparent with each smile you share.

Sister Judy, District Depty Grand Matron; what a wonderful time we had working together this year. As much as we tried to get the Worthy Grand Patron lost, he always found his way to the correct address. But, now he knows more roads throughout District 2 than he would have ever believed.

I would also like to thank all of those special members who assisted me in the Examination Rooms, you were a tremendous help an dl truly appreciate the time you spent in assisting me. To the other Board members in this Grand Examiner group, thank you for allowing me to assist you in your active duties. Being able to help the memberhisp retain knowledge or to learn more about this wonderful organization fills my heart with joy.

And as always, thank you membership for always being ineterested enough to receive your proficiency certificate. You inspire me to be better for you.

It is a special privilege to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas as the Grand Examiner of District Two, and I extend my sincere appreciation to the membership for this honor. I am pleased to give the following reort of certificates of proficiency for District Two:

District II hosted 6 shcools of instruction with a total of 146 "A" Proficiency Certificates earned and no "B" Certificates. The statistical report by section will be pulished in the Proceedings. A list of members who earned their Proficiency Certificates has been sent to each Chapter. I am happy to report District 2 donated \$365 to the Shrine Burn Center for Children. Thank you so much for helping me suppor this cause.

The Statistical report by Section, is as follows:

| Section | # of Chapters | "A" Certif. | "B" Certif. | Total |
|---------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| 1       | 1             | 1           | 0           | 1     |
| 2       | 2             | 20          | 0           | 20    |

| Section | # of Chapters | "A" Certif. | "B" Certif. | Total |
|---------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| 3       | 2             | 11          | 0           | 11    |
| 4       | 2             | 18          | 0           | 18    |
| 5       | 1             | 0           | 0           | 0     |
| 6       | 1             | 12          | 0           | 12    |
| 7       | 3             | 24          | 0           | 24    |
| 8       | 6             | 49          | 0           | 49    |
| 10      | 2             | 11          | 0           | 11    |

This Grand Chapter year was known as "The year of Inspiration." I must say that these Grand Examiners have been an Inspiration to me this year. Thank you, ladies. I would like to introduce my number 3 Inspiration, Sister Donne Noe, Grand Examiner District 3.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, I still hear a lot of voices. Please, if you have a conversation, go outside the doors so that people around you will be able to hear.

**Donna Noe:** Thank you Sister Susan. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members, my sisters and brothers: It is my honor to present the report of the Grand Examiner of District 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.

A total of 335 "A" certificates were earned in District 3 this year.

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| Section 1  | 128 |
| Section 2  | 41  |
| Section 3  | 14  |
| Section 4  | 9   |
| Section 5  | 10  |
| Section 6  | 26  |
| Section 7  | 22  |
| Section 8  | 52  |
| Section 9  | 50  |
| Section 10 | 19  |
| TOTAL      | 371 |

This total includes those exams taken in a different District.

No "B" certificates were issued this year. Seventeen members earned their first time certificate of proficiency.

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, a Snowflake, available for purchase in the Ex-

aming Room. A total of \$410.00 was donated to the Worthy Grand Matron's project from District Three.

Thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to choose any of her charities. I chose the Shriners Hospital in Galveston, the Children's Burn Unit, 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 \$1,700.00 was given to the Children's Burn Unit.

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 Ginger Byrd: you are a dear friend and our travels together certainly strengthened our bond of friendship. And to Robert, thanks for being a Googler, you saved my dress. I love you both. To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 3: thank you for the effort you made to make our schools successful and for all that you did to assist me in the Examining rooms. To Sister Nancy Jo Estill: your Humanitarian programs were wonderful and I enjoyed being with you. To my sister Examiners, I treasure our friendship, I thank you for your help with this year and I love each of you. I wish you all success in your future.

To the membership of Texas, thank you so much for the opportunity you have given me to serve Grand Chapter in this office the last 4 years. They have been very rewarding years with wonderful memories that I will always treasure. The friends I have made are priceless. I have loved being your Grand Examiner of District Three.

Sisters and Brothers, my interest in 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.

**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 wish to congratulate the members of District Four for their dedication in the study of our Secret Work, Ritual, Constitution and Code of Laws not only to earn their Proficiency Certificates, but to have a better understanding of our beautiful Order.

As Grand Examiner of District Four I am proud and honored to give the following report for the Grand Chapter year, 2016-2017.

Certificates of Proficiency Earned at the District Four Schools of Instruction:

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Section 1     | 41 A |
| Section 2     | 66 A |
| Section 3     | 43 A |
| Section 4     | 62 A |
| Section 5 & 9 | 47 A |
| Section 6     | 34 A |
| Section 7     | 46 A |
| Section 8     | 26 A |

For a Grand Total of 448 "A" Certificates

This year 36 members achieved an "A" Certificate for the first time.

Our Worthy Grand Matron granted permission to the Grand Examiners to give exams outside of the Schools of Instruction. It was my pleasure to give five exams to members who were unable to make one of the Schools. Of the five, two were first times.

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. Each Chapter in District Four was mailed a list of the names of their members who were granted Certificates of Proficiency.

For my chairty this year I chose the Shrine Hospital Burn Unity in Galveston. In return for signing my tablecloth, District Four generously donated \$1,400. Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your loving service to our Order. Your dedication and love for the membership was demonstrated throughout the year. Having served as District Deputy Grand Matron when you were my Grand Examiner, it has been an honor to serve this year as one of your Grand Examiners. Thank you for all the kindness, advice, and understanding you have given to me through the years. You are truly an inspiration to the members of Texas.

Brother Tom Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron, you have served the membership of Texas with dignity, love and respect for our Order. It was such a pleasure spending time with you during the School schedule and all the Fraternal Visits. To your sweet wife, Sister Glenda, our Grand Esther, thank you for the dedication you have given this year. She was always at your side with her beautiful smile and a warm greeting to the members.

Sister Cheryl Royall, District Deputy Grand Matron. We have known each other for years and spending time with you as roommates on the School Schedule was fun. You are truly a dedicated member and have worked hard to gain a solid knowledge of our beautiful Order. I know that the membership enjoyed your instructions and always learned something new.

To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District Four. No doubt in my mind that you are the best. Each of you put a lot of time and effort into making sure that your Schools were well planned and enjoyed by all who attended them. Thank you for all you did to make this Grand Examiner feel welcomed and at home in your Section.

Sisters Jerri Miller and Joanne Barrett, Secretaries to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you have had one busy year keeping up with your huge responsibility. Thank you for all you have done this year.

To my fellow Grand Examiners, it has been such a joy to serve with you. The friendships we have made I know I will cherish.

To the members of District Four and the other four Districts: Serving as Grand Examiner has been an honor and privilege. A huge thank you goes out to all who assisted me in the exam rooms. Without you it would have been difficult to see that every member was able to take their exams. It is difficult to put into words how much it has meant to me that you had the confidence to elect me to this position for the last four years. It has

been a rewarding experience that I will always cherish. I hope you know how much your hugs, smiles and kindness means to me. Thank you, members of Texas Eastern Star for allowing me to serve in this position.

I would now like to introduce my co-worker, Sister Joan Miller, Grand Examiner of District Five.

**Joan Miller:** Thank you Sister Terri Rozell.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

What a privilege it has been for me to serve on the Board of Grand Examiners and represent District Five this year. The success of this year was made possible by the support and encouragement of the members of this beautiful order.

I have forwarded a list of members who earned an "A" Certificate of Proficiency to each Chapter in District 5. Congratulations to the 19 members who earned their first "A" Certificate! Your Chapters and I are very proud of each of you. I encourage all members to continue your studies of our Ritualistic work, the Constitution, and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter. To keep our beautiful Order alive, the membership should be proficient in our Ritualistic Work and understand how our Grand Chapter functions.

It is my privilege to present my report as Grand Examiner of District 5. There were a total of 266 "A" Certificates earned this year in District 5. A complete report has been filed with the Grand Secretary's office.

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|------------|-----|
| Section 1  | 6   |
| Section 2  | 0   |
| Section 3  | 45  |
| Section 4  | 12  |
| Section 5  | 12  |
| Section 6  | 49  |
| Section 7  | 82  |
| Section 8  | 30  |
| Section 9  | 15  |
| Section 10 | 15  |
| Total      | 266 |

We were pleased to have the "Snowflake" proficiency stickers available in the Examining Room. \$224 was donated to this project.

I was pleased to present a total of \$1,455.00 to the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam in San Antonio. The generosity of the membership and the attaching funds by Sisters Carlotta Fairchild and Monette Littlepage was greatly appreciated! Thank you all for supporting my chosen project for District 5 this year.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, for being such an "Inspiration" to all the members. It was a pleasure to travel with you and hope that all members were inspired to do more for our beautiful Order.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Murphy, it was indeed a pleasure traveling and getting to know you and your beautiful wife. Your love of our Order was shown by each mile

you traveled.

Sister June Bell, 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. Great job! Sister Terri Reynolds, Humanitarian, "Thank You," for all your kindness and beautiful programs. To all 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! This is NOT a one person job!

Again, to this awesome membership, "Thank You," for allowing me to serve Grand Chapter in this office. I look forward to traveling across the state and visiting with everyone in the Examining Rooms in the coming year.

It is my pleasure to introduce my co-worker, Shelly Walker, Grand Examiner At Large, to give her report.

Thank you.

**Shelley Walker:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, Sisters and Brothers.

What a wonderful privilege I have had this year to be of service as your Grand Examiner at Large. Thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for your support and encouragement. This has truly been a year of inspiration.

To the membership of Texas, thank you for the opportunity to serve each of you. It was a delight to be able to see many of you along the school schedule. Thank you for all the smiles, hugs and warm welcomes I received when visiting your sections.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to my Co-Workers on the Board of Grand Examiners. Phyllis, Susan, Donna, Terri and Joan, you are each shining examples of commitment, dedication and service. Thank you for allowing me to assist you at many of the schools this year.

During the 2017 Grand Chapter session I am pleased to bring the following report:

"A" Certificates: 4                      "B" Certificates: 0

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of the six reports given by this Board of Grand Examiners.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Reports of our Grand Examiners. You have heard the motion to accept all six reports. We will vote by using your blue cards. All in favor raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue card. \* You have adopted the Reports of the Grand Examiners. Sisters Grand Examiners, thank you so much for your continued devotion and hard work to Grand Chapter. The membership doesn't realize the paperwork that you have to do but they do realize your faces when you come in the Chapter room and your help to them as they learn their secret work and are proficient in their Constitution, Code of Laws and their Ritual. Thank you again so much for your dedication and hard work. Sisters and Brothers, help me thank your Grand Examiners. (Applause) At this time I believe we have Tables 3 and 4 available. Is that correct? Would the Grand Sentinel please announce outside that we are getting ready to seal the doors for another election. If anyone wants to come in to come in at this time.

Brother Grand Warder are the doors are the doors secured?

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron the doors are secure and there will be no interruptions.

**WGM:** It is well. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Three for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Lou Carmichael.

**Sister Lou Carmichael:** My name is Lou Carmichael. I'm Worthy Matron of Crescent Chapter #820 and it is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Loretta Booth, Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820 for the Board of Grand Examiners for District Three for the ensuing year. Thank you.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Jerre Miller

**Sister Jerre Miller:** I am Jerre Miller, Past Matron of Handley Chapter #617. It is my honor and pleasure to nominate Lesa Smith, a Past Matron of Handley Chapter #617 for the office of Grand Examiner, District Three.

**WGM:** 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 the Sisters nominated to come to the center of the Stage. I would like to introduce to you Sister Loretta Booth and Sister Lesa Smith. Thank you, Sisters. A reminder to the Warders and Sentinels, no one is allowed to enter or leave at this time.

I now declare the Ballot for Grand Examiner of District Three open. \*

We will use ballot "C" as in candy. Ballot "C" as in candy. You will see the names printed on your ballot. You will circle the name of the person that you wish to elect for the office of Grand Examiner for District Three. Circle the name. Deputy Grand Matrons, I direct you to begin collecting the Ballots. Please place your ballot face down in the box. Are there any areas that don't have your ballots picked up? Please wave at me. Have the Assisting Grand Sentinels balloted? There's one back over here in the corner that needs to be picked up. At this time do I have all the ballots picked up? I direct that the Deputy Grand Matrons, circle Tables 3 and 4 and then wait for my instructions because I think last time they got too many on one Table. 3 and 4. I now declare the ballot closed. \* Tables 3 and 4. Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to announce two elections. Are you ready? For the office of Grand Treasurer. Brother Jerry Martin, 498. Greta Bane Spradling, 639. The number to elect is 569. The total votes cast is 1,137. So, you have elected Greta Bane Spradling for your new Grand Treasurer. (Applause) Sister Greta Bane Spradling I invite you...there you are. Do you accept?

**Sister Greta Bane Spradling:** Worthy Grand Matron, it will be my honor to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas as your Grand Treasurer. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you. The next election that I'm going to announce is the results of the Board of Directors, District Three. Darrell Albrecht, 761. Richard Hancock, 367. Number to elect, 565. The total votes cast 1,128. You have elected Darrell Albrecht as your Board of Directors, District Three. (Applause) Brother Darrell, do you accept?

**Brother Darrell Albrecht:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron and thank you, membership and I hope to do a good job for you in the future. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Four for

the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Diane Flanagan.

**Sister Diane Flanagan:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Diane Flanagan, Past Matron of Waller Chapter #1047. I wish to place in nomination the name of Glenda Klemm, Worthy Matron of Waller Chapter #1047 for the office of Grand Examiner of District Four for the Grand Chapter ensuing year.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Glenda Klemm for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Four say 'AYE'. All opposed say 'NO'. Sister Glenda Klemm has been elected for the Board of Grand Examiners for District Four. Sister Glenda do you accept?

**Sister Glenda Klemm:** It is with a most grateful heart that I accept and I am looking forward to being able to serve this Grand Chapter for another year. Thank y'all. (Applause)

**WGM:** I am now going to give you another election result. For the office of Associate Grand Conductress, we do not have an election. Donna Noe, 309. Laura Sharp, 263. Terri Rozell, 568. Needed to elect, 571. Total of votes cast, 1,140. Sisters and Brothers, we will now use ballot "B" as in boy. It's this creamy colored ballot. "B". Okay now, on your ballot "B" you have three names on there but Sister Laura Sharp will be removed since she was the lowest number. So, you will circle Donna Noe or Terri Rozell for the election of your Associate Grand Conductress. Circle Donna Noe or Terri Rozell. I now declare the ballot open. \* Deputy Grand Matrons, you will collect the ballots. Assisting Grand Warders, you have collected the ballots from the Assisting Grand Sentinels, correct? Is there an area where someone needs their ballots picked up? Over here we have some. We are going to deposit the ballots on Tables 1, 2, 5 and 6 and they'll be counted quicker. Deputy Grand Matrons please circle those Tables. 1, 2, 5, 6. Have all ballots been collected? Please wave at me if you don't have your ballot picked up yet. Deposit your ballots on those Tables. All ballots being picked up I now declare the ballot closed. \* All of our elections are complete but this second election for our Associate Grand Conductress. I have an announcement that box lunches are going to be served from 12:00 to 2:00. You must have your ticket in order to pick up your lunch box. Rob Morris, are there still items over here that need to be picked up? And Secretaries packets still need to be picked up in the back. Brother Grand Warder, you may open the doors. You may unseal the doors. We still have cookbooks that need to be picked up.

**WGP:** If you have pre-ordered your cookbook, you can pick them up back in the back by the black curtain and that single Christmas tree.

**WGM:** Have you heard me talk about no one on earth is perfect? Well, I wanted to prove a point! We still have some elections to go. We have our Grand Examiners that we need to re-elect for another term. (I had been so concerned about the elections where ballots would have to be counted, I forgot to go back and elect Grand Examiners who were running unopposed.) Nominations are now open for Grand Examiner for District One. 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 Sister Phyllis Macon, a Past Matron of Mesquite Chapter #887 in nomination for the Board of Grand Examiners, District One for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Are there any other nominations? Sisters and Brothers, Sister Phyllis Macon has



been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiner for District One. All of those in favor say "Aye". All of those opposed say "No". Sister Phyllis, you have been elected, do you accept?

**Sister Phyllis Macon:** Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept and I appreciate this opportunity of service to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you, membership. (Applause)

**WGM:** Brother Grand Warder, we're having an election so the doors should be sealed again. Seal the doors.

**Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secure.

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Two.

**Sister Lynda Klein:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Lynda Klein. I'm Worthy Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010, Midland, Texas. I would like to place the name of Susan Dormandy, a Past Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010 in nomination for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Two.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? Sisters and Brothers, Sister Susan Dormandy has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiner for District Two. Are there other nominations? We will proceed to elect by acclamation. All of those in favor say "Aye". All of those opposed say "No". Sister Susan Dormandy you have elected as Grand Examiner for District Two. Do you accept?

**Sister Susan Dormandy:** Worthy Grand Matron thank you. Yes, I do accept this position of service. I enjoy serving Texas and thank you, membership for allowing me to do so one more year. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you, Sister Susan. Nominations are now in order for Grand Examiner for District Five. I recognize Brother Terry Miller.

**Brother Terry Miller:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Terry Miller, Worthy Patron of Blanco Chapter #934, in Blanco, Texas. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sister Joan Miller, Worthy Matron of Blanco for the position of Grand Examiner of District Five.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? Sisters and Brothers, Sister Joan Miller's name has been placed in nomination for the Board of Grand Examiners for District Five. We will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor say "Aye". All opposed say "No". Sister Joan Miller you have been elected to serve on the Board of Grand Examiners for District Five. Do you accept?

**Sister Joan Miller:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept and I thank you, membership for re-electing me to this position. It's one that I dearly love and I hope to see all of you this year. (Applause)

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner-at-Large. I recognize Brother James Walker.

**Brother James Walker:** Worthy Grand Matron my name is James Walker. I'm a Past Patron of Farmers Branch Chapter #687. I place in nomination the name of Shelley Walker for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner-at-Large for the ensuing Grand Chapter year.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclama-

tion. The name of Shelley Walker for Grand Examiner-at-Large has been placed in nomination. All those in favor say “Aye”. All opposed “No”. You have elected Sister Shelley Walker as your Grand Examiner-at-Large. Sister Shelley, do you accept?

**Sister Shelley Walker:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and thank you Sisters and Brothers. Yes, I do accept. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you. Okay, so we have the lunch that is going to be outside but please, no lunches being eaten inside. You need to go outside because we said in our Parliamentary rules that only small snacks unless you’re hiding and we don’t see you. (Laughter) We will now have a report from our, I don’t know if they are on the stage. The reports on Page 53 at the bottom, “An Event to Remember.” Sister Becky Cole, Kathey Crews, Jay Rhyan, Tom Griffin, Jack Beall, Doris Clegg and Patrick Travers. If you are in the room, if you will come up we’ll do your reports as we get to them. I now call on Brother Bill Prague to bring the presentation of the Executive and Arrangements Committee. The doors can be unsealed.

**Brother Bill Prague:** Did you call on us to do the invitation now?

**WGM:** This is the presentation. The invitation is later. I recognize Sister Becky Cole, “An Event to Remember”, Chairman.

**Sister Becky Cole:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, thank you for a learning opportunity and our “An Event to Remember” was just that. It was “An Event to Remember.” There were some wonderful, talented and committed members who worked very hard to make the event a success. I am grateful to each of them beyond expression and thankful for the new friendships made. To the membership who came and supported the event, I thank you. To Rainbow and DeMolay, a huge thank you for all their help. And I want to let you know that the final total raised was \$22,287.00. I move the adoption of my report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of “The Event to Remember” Committee. All of those in favor to accept her report vote by raising your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue card. That report is accepted. \* Thank you, Sister Becky Cole for your work on “The Event to Remember.” It was quite an event and I most certainly will remember. Thank you so much to your Committee for the work that they did. (Applause) Sister Kathey Crews, Give Us Paws, Help Our Military. I invite you to come forward and bring your report.

**Sister Kathey Crews:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I wish to thank you for this wonderful appointment. The Give Us Paws Committee is very rewarding and I know that the money raised will help purchase and train dogs for Veterans in need. We are truly blessed to have an organization that love our Military and wants to do our part to make their lives better and in the process, give a dog a loving home. The Chapters and the membership were very generous with their donations and we want to thank them for their support. Your District Chairmen have worked hard for Grand Chapter with the assistance of their Committees and I wish to thank each of them for their hard work.

Co-Chairman – Bo Cole  
District 1 – Alfred Bell  
District 2 – Albert Kolterman  
District 3 – Kenneth Larsen

District 4 – Betty Carter  
District 5 – Lee Stroman

The Committee this year has collected over \$12,000 and are still receiving money and will add to this report. Respectfully submitted, Kathey Crews, General Chairman, Give Us Paws Committee. I make a motion to accept this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report for Give Us Paws, Help Our Military. I have a motion to adopt this report. Everyone who's in favor raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed, raise your blue card. You have adopted the report of Give Us Paws, Help Our Military. \* I asked for Sister Alys Newsom earlier to bring me Registration Chairmen, not yet? I recognize Sister Jay Rhyhan for the Cookbooks.

**Sister Jay Rhyhan:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the honor of this appointment. I have enjoyed working with Co-Chair Patsy Hewlett. And the five District Chairmen who are out selling Cookbooks as I speak. Together with the forty-eight Committee Members we worked to compile the "Inspiring Cooks Cookbook". The original goal was to gather 600 recipes for the cookbook. After a blizzard of recipes, it was agreed to increase the number of recipes in the cookbook to 650. It was difficult reading each recipe and deciding if there was room for it in the cookbook. Many duplicate recipes were received. Reading the recipes made my mouth water and I can't wait to try many of these recipes. With the assistance of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon, Donna Haltom, Patsy Hewlett, Bill Rhyhan, many pre-ordered cookbooks were given out during June, July and August. Many thanks to the membership for pre-ordering cookbooks. Over 380 members took advantage of this opportunity to pay for their cookbooks early, guaranteeing them a reserved copy and if you haven't picked up your copy yet, it is over at the table. 38 boxes of cookbooks were transported to Grand Chapter by the Grand Secretary. We have a table set up to hand out and sell those cookbooks. Thank you to the "Inspiring Cooks Cookbook" Committee and to the Worthy Grand Matron for your help. As of yesterday, after Grand Chapter, I had turned in to the Grand Secretary \$5,032.00 and as of this morning we still have 306 books to sell with 60 books pre-ordered to hand out. Worthy Grand Matron, this is just a partial report as we still have books to sell. A complete report will be given to the Grand Secretary. I move the acceptance of this partial report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the partial report of the "Inspiring Cooks Cookbook" Committee. All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue cards. You have accepted the report of the "Inspiring Cooks Cookbook". Thank you, Sister Jay. You have worked tirelessly on this Committee and we appreciate you so much. I have already cooked some of the recipes in the book so we appreciate you so much. Thank you. \* (Applause) I recognize Sister Tina Stevens for the Registration Report.

**Sister Tina Stevens:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am giving this report on behalf of our Chairman Sister Alys Newsom who had to leave for a family funeral. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, we as the Registration Committee would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for the honor of serving during this Grand Chapter Session. It has been a wonderful experience and our prayers go to the next group of Sisters and Brothers who accept this assignment. And I personally would like to thank you for my working partner, Jo D. Dibrell and the Credentials Committee. We have all had a great time working together. With a special thanks to my Registration Committee:

Ande Shoults – District 1  
Shirley Scholl, District 2  
Sarah White, District 2  
Donna Hill Pope – District 3  
Tina Stevens – District 3  
Linda Rowland – District 5

Again, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of being on this Committee for the Grand Chapter. I submit this report for the Grand Chapter's approval:

Grand Jurisdictions represented - 39  
Out of State Chapters Represented - 92  
Texas Chapters Represented - 291  
Total Pre-Registered - 1,613  
Registered at Grand Chapter - 307  
Total Registered - 1,922

Respectfully submitted, Alys Newsom, Registration, General Chairman

I move the motion to accept this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Registration Report and her motion to accept. All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue cards. \* Motion carried. Thank you so much for adopting the report of the Registration Committee. And thank you to these ladies for your hard work. I hope, well you all still have hair. You haven't pulled all your hair out. And I know this is a difficult and tiring job but thank you so much for the work that you have done and I appreciate it so much. Give them a hand. (Applause) I now recognize Sister Sherrie Fowler, District Deputy Grand Matron for the Reports of the Deputies of Grand Chapter. District 1.

**Sister Sherrie Fowler:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is my honor an dpleasure to present th Annual Report for District One. The ten ladies who served as Deputy Grand Matrons in District One for our "Year of Inspiration" have served with devotion and enthusiasm. It is with grat pleasure that I introduce these hard working Deputies:

Sister Karen Weser, Section One - On October 11, 20106 the 11 Chapters of Section ONE hosted the "It's Knowing in Gainesville" School of Instruction at Gainesville, with 111 in attendance.

Sister Nancy Hardy, Section Two - On October 1, 2016, the 8 Chapters of Section Two hosted "The Inspiration of the Snowflake" School of Instruction at Sherman, with 168 in attendance.

Sister Sally Hutcheson, Section Three - On October 13, 2106, the 10 Chapters of Section Three hosted the "Inspiration Point" School of Instruction at Caddo Mills, with 123 in attendance.

Sister Mary Havey, Section Four, and

Sister Sally Urquhart, Section Five - On October 22, 2016, the 9 Chapters of Section Four and the 13 Chapters of Section Five hosted the "Wonderland Express" School of Instruction at Richardson, with 243 in attendance.

Sister Jane Biddle, Section Six, and

Sister Kimberly Watkins, Section Seven - On October 4, 2016, the 3 Chapters of Section Six and the 7 Chapters of Section Seven hosted the "Inspiration Depot" School of Instruction in Athens, with 128 in attendance.

Sister Sharon Beauchamp, Section Eight - On October 15, 2016, the 9 Chapters of Section Eight hosted the "Inspiration in the Piney Woods" School of Instruction at Carthage, with 163 in attendance.

Sister Judy Harris, Section Nine, and

Sister Dale Woodard, Section Ten - On October 6, 2016, the 7 Chapters of Section Nine and the 5 Chapters of Section Ten hosted the "Snowflake Express" School of Instruction at Winnsboro, with 158 in attendance.

The total attendance for the Schools of Instruction in District One was 1,094. The Deputy Grand Matrons of District One, Sherrie's Snow Flurries, all worked tirelessly to make their schools organized, well attended, and beautiful.

### Statistical Report For District One

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| Chapters Assigned . . . . .             | 82       |
| Chapters Demised . . . . .              | 0        |
| Chapters Consolidated . . . . .         | 1        |
| Chapters Instituted . . . . .           | 0        |
| Chapters Constituted . . . . .          | 0        |
| Chapters Inspected . . . . .            | 82       |
| Chapters Not Inspected . . . . .        | 0        |
| Schools Conducted . . . . .             | 7        |
| Schools Attended Officially . . . . .   | 16       |
| Schools Attended Unofficially . . . . . | 86       |
| Letters Written . . . . .               | 2,277    |
| Miles Traveled . . . . .                | 127,3031 |

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I wish to extend these special thank you's on behalf of the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1 and myself:

To Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron: We express to you our sincere appreciation for the privilege of serving as your Deputies of Grand Chapter and for the confidence and trust that you placed in us. We will always have wonderful memories of this year and want to thank you for inspiring us to be all that we could be.

We will always treasure your wisdom and guidance, and especially your love and friendship. You are and always will be our "special" Worthy Grand Matron!

To Brother Tom Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you for your strong devotion to the membership of our beautiful Order. Your inspiring commitment was displayed as you traveled to every school and fraternal visit this year, always willing to help in any way

possible. You are a true gentleman and we are honored to have served with you!

To Sister Glenda Murphy, Grand Esther: Thank you for your sweet spirit and loving ways as we traveled the school schedule this year. You are a shining example of all the virtues of Eastern Star!

To Sister Phyllis Macon, Grand Examiner, District 1: The beautiful and loving manner in which you have served is a true inspiration to us all. We thank you for your encouragement and support, and for sharing your vast knowledge of Eastern Star!

To my Flurries, the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1: Words cannot express how very proud I am of each and every one of you. I know we will never forget this beautiful year. They say no two snowflakes are alike, and in the same way, no two Deputy Grand Matrons are alike. But we came together as a loving team and caused a beautiful blanket of snow all across the schools of District One. I thank you for every time you volunteered to help, for every kindness you extended to me, for every gift you gave me, and most of all, for your abounding love. You are the best!

To Sister Cindy Brisko, Humanitarian Chairman, District 1: We are thankful for your service this year. Your inspiration as a teacher was reflected in your Humanitarian Programs at the fraternal visits. They were fun and informative and were a reflection of your wonderful qualities!

To the Membership of District 1: Thank you for the love and support you have shown the Deputies of Grand Chapter this year. You truly exemplify the lessons learned from the heroines of our Order. We thank you for the honorary memberships, the love gifts, the many acts of kindness, and most of all for your friendship!

It is now my pleasure to present my special friend and co-worker, Sister Judy Parsons, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2.

**One of the Deputies of District 1:** Sister Sherrie, it has been our pleasure to be your Deputies this year and to be Deputies for Sister Sharon. We just wanted to let you know that we've been honored to work with you this year and we have been able to put together our monies and finish off your Endowment. (Applause) Thanks for a great year.

**Sister Sherri Fowler:** Thank you very much. I've been wanting an Endowed Membership and now I finally get one. Thank you to my Flurries.

**Judy Parsons:** Thank you Sister Sherrie Fowler, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

Greetings from all the Snow Crystals of West Texas in District 2. We have truly been inspired by our members with all of their hard work & dedication.

Two of our Deputy Grand Matrons were unable to attend today. Beth Hart from Sections 4 & 5 could not get off from her job, and Sue Winter from Section 10 was unable to attend because of her husband's illness. It is my pleasure to introduce these Gems that I have had the pleasure to work with this past year. These Deputy Grand Matrons for District 2 are:

Carol Sue Knutson - Sections 2 & 3

Audrey Voigt - Section 6

Mary Medford - Section 7

Donna Vaden - Section 8

On October 25, 2016, Section 6 hosted our first School. The “Wichita Falls Wonderland” School of Instruction. This was a one day school and Fraternal Visit conducted by our Deputy Grand Matron Audrey Voigt with 67 attending.

The “Shiver Me Smart” School of Instruction with Deputy Grand Matron Beth Hart was held on October 26 and 27 for Sections 4 and 5 with 65 attending.

Then, in Amarillo on October 28 and 29, Sections 2 and 3 hosted the “Snowflakes in the Panhandle” School of Instruction. Deputy Grand Matron Carol Sue Knutson was in charge, with 92 attending.

On October 31 and November 1, Deputy Grand Matron Sue Winter held the Section 10 “Blue Crystal Drops” School of Instruction with 36 attending.

The “Snow Place Like School” School of Instruction was held in Midland with Deputy Grand Matron Donna Vaden in charge on November 2 and 3 with 85 attending.

District 2 Schools ended with Section 7 on November 4 and 5, 2016. Deputy Grand Matron Mary Medford hosted the “Cold Days Warm Hearts” School of Instruction with our largest attendance of 140.

The total attendance at the 6 schools in District 2 was 485.

**Statistica Report for District 2**

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| Total Number of Chapters assigned in District 2 . . . . . | 20     |
| Chapters Demised . . . . .                                | 0      |
| Chapters Consolidated . . . . .                           | 1      |
| (Lefelland 797 consolidated with Freedom 898)             |        |
| Chapters Instituted . . . . .                             | 0      |
| Chapters Constituted . . . . .                            | 0      |
| Chapters Inspected . . . . .                              | 20     |
| Chapters NOT Inspected . . . . .                          | 0      |
| Schools Conducted in District 2 . . . . .                 | 6      |
| Schools Attended by DDGM. . . . .                         | 12     |
| Schools Attended by DGM's . . . . .                       | 20     |
| Letters Written . . . . .                                 | 594    |
| (Too many emails and tests to count)                      |        |
| Miles traveled by DDGM . . . . .                          | 11,854 |
| Miles Traveled by DGM's. . . . .                          | 29,054 |
| Total Miles Traveled. . . . .                             | 40,908 |

Worthy Grand Matron, I want to Thank You again for this special appointment. Your sweet guidance and encouragement have been a true inspiration. I loved how you related all the great stories to our order.

Worthy Grand Patron, you are a great driver and I am thankful you knew just when to ignore my directions. I appreciate all of your help and support. Thank you.

Grand Esther, I want to thank you for your beautiful smile. It was always present and appreciated.

Grand Examiner, Sister Susan, I'll never forget getting locked out of our room in El Paso and the walks we took around the lake and the hotel rooms.

DGM's - Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. You have been great to work with! I have lots of great memories especially putting scrapbooks together & getting the District 2 Banquet together.

Humanitarian - A special Thank You to Tamela Henington for a job well done. By using Snow Animals as an example, she reminded us to be work hard workers, pull our load, to work together, to be giving and make others happy through our Humanitarian charities.

Membership - Thank you for all your love and support. Our WGM always ends her texts with "Have an Inspirational Day". That inspired me and I want you to know "YOU are truly an inspiration. Keep up the good work!"

A special Thank you to all of you in District 2 for your dedication and hard work at our schools and within each of your chapters. For the miles and miles you travel to support OES. Our WGM really encouraged initiations. District 2 initiated 35 new members this year. I am really proud to be a part of District 2.

It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Ginger Byrd, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3.

**Ginger Byrd:** Thank you, Sister Judy Parson, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2.

It is my pleasure to present the report of District 3.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pleasure and pride that I present to you Ginger's Crystals, the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 3. I can't thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron enough for selecting these wonderful ladies for me to work with this year. It has been an honor and privilege to work with them as they served our Order with dedication, loyalty and enthusiasm.

Sister Loretta Booth and the fifteen Chapters of Section 1 hosted the "*Inspiring Minds Want To Know*" School of Instruction that was held on January 14, 2017, in Fort Worth with 309 members in attendance.

Sister Shirley Brown and the eight Chapters of Section 2 hosted the "Inspiration" School of Instruction that was held on January 7, 2017, in Weatherford. Despite the icy weather, there were 122 members in attendance.

Sister Kristi Rushin and the three Chapters of Section 3 hosted the "Snow Parade" School of Instruction that was held on January 24, 2017 in Graham, with 26 members in attendance.

Sister Pat Redman and the three Chapters of Section 4 and Sister Betty Thomas and the three Chapters of Section 5 hosted the "*Glittering*" School of Instruction on January 26, 2017, in Brownwood with 78 members in attendance.

Sister Mary Dell Rhoades and the five Chapters of Section 6 hosted the "Snowflakes and



Pecans” School of Instruction on January 5, 2017, in San Saba with 128 in attendnace.

Sister Dorothy Conder and the three Chapters of Section 7 and Sister Julian Larsen and the eight Chapters of Section 8 hosted the “Crystal Gems of Inspiration” School of In- strucion on January 12, 2107; in Killeen with 146 in attendance.

Sister Carolyn Mietzner and the five Chapters of Section 9 and Sister Jann Sutton and the seven Chapters of Section 10 hosted the “Heart of Texas Sparkling Snowflakes” School of Instruction on January 28, 2017, in Waco with 216 in attendance.

The total attendance for the Schools of Instruction in District Three was 1,063.

The District Three banquet “Inspiration Never Ends” honoring the INstalled Grand Offi- cers, Sisters Laura Geyer, Grand Chaplain and Susie Rogers, Grand Martha, was held at the Columbus Avenue Baptist Church Fellowship Hall with 113 in attendance.

**Detailed Report of District 3 for 2016-2017**

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| Chapters Assigned . . . . .  | 60     |
| Chapters Instituted . . . . .  | 0      |
| Chapters Demised or Consolidated . . . . .   | 1      |
| Chapters Constitued . . . . .  | 0      |
| Chapters Inspected . . . . .   | 60     |
| Chapters Not Inspected . . . . .   | 0      |
| Schools Officially Attended . . . . .  | 14     |
| Schools Attended Unofficially . . . . .  | 54     |
| Letters Written . . . . .  | 602    |
| Emails. . . . . Majority of non-official correspondence handled<br>by email...quicker and more economical. |        |
| Miles Traveled . . . . .   | 70,856 |

**CHANGES IN DISTRICT THREE**

District 3 began the year with 60 Chapters and ended with 59.

June 1, 2017 - Lott Chapter No. 594 consolidated with Vashti Chapter No. 32.

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the oppottunity of serving you and themembership as District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3 and the faith you had in me to be up to the task. You provided me ten wonderful Deputy Grand Matrons to work with, making my job even easier. Thank you for your devotion to our Order and your love for the membership of Texas, an example for all members to aspire and build on for the success of our Order. This has truly been an inspiring journey.

Brother Tom Murphy, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your encouragement and faith that I could accomplish all I needed to during the year. Your love and devotion to our Order is truly inspiring. I'm not sure we would have made it without your assistance loading and unloading the van, setting up the sound system and making sure all was ready everywhere we traveled. I enjoyed the stories and history you shared during our travels.

Sister Glenda Murphy, Grand Esther, thak you for your love and support during our travels, at the Fraternal Visits, Schools and during the year. We appreciate you “sharing” the Wor- thy Grand Patron with us. Your kindness, love and dedication is evident in all you do.

Sister Donna Noe, Grand Exmainer, District 3, what fun wehad, my friend! The late night

talks, the fun at the schools and support are special memories I will hold dear. I can't imagine anyone I could have enjoyed rooming with more. Thank you for your love and dedication to our Order, the many hours in the examining room and courtesies to the membership. I wish you great travels as you begin this new journey.

Sister Nancy Jo Estill, Humanitarian Chairman, District 3, thank you for the wonderful programs and stories you presented at each of our schools. I could hardly wait for the next one to see what your program would reveal, or the personal story you were going to tell us. Your love for the members and our Order is an example to be followed.

To the District Deputy Grand Matrons - thank you for the love and support you have given me. I would never have been able to take this journey without you. From the first day we met, a special bond was formed and we knew this would be an inspiring year. You are very special to me and I love you so much.

To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 3 - a huge "Thank You." You have done all that was asked of you and have done it well! You have worked so hard to make your Schools and Fraternal Visits a great success. I am so proud of each of you and I know your Sections are too. You have made this such a special year for me and we have made wonderful memories I will cherish.

To the Membership of District 3, thank you for every kindness and expression of support. I thank you for the love gifts, the Honorary Memberships and for every courtesy extended to me as District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3. Your tireless efforts are an inspiration for us all. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you.

I have the pleasure to present my friend and co-worker, Sister Cheryl Royall, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4.

**Cheryl Royall:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

Good afternoon. I hope you are all enjoying your time in District 4 and have been able to visit some of the wonderful shops and restaurants in this area.

It is my pleasure to introduce the Deputies of District 4:

Amanda Duckworth, Section 1  
Helen Ainsworth, Section 2  
Peggy Dean, Section 3  
Marilyn Butler, Section 4  
Joan Groth, Section 5  
Roberta Pugh, Section 6  
Karen Vest, Section 7  
Nickie Bilski, Section 8  
B.J. Corwin, Section 9  
Elizabeth Hopkins, Section 10

On February 10-11, 2017, the 17 Chapters of Section 2 hosted the "All Aboard the Snow Express" School of Instruction with 165 in attendance.

On February 13-14, 2017, the 11 Chapters of Section 5 and the 3 Chapters of Section 9 hosted the "Snow Days" School of Instruction with 132 in attendance.

On February 15-16, 2017, the 6 Chapters of Section 8 hosted the “Snowflakes Keep Falling...” School of Instruction with 99 in attendance.

On February 20-21, 2017, the 7 Chapters of Section 6 hosted teh “Inspirational World of Snowflake Miracles” School of Instruction with 107 in attendance.

On February 22-23, 2017, the 12 Chapters of Section 4 hosted the “Inspirational Train of Learning” School of Instruction with 158 in attendance.

On February 24-25, 2017, the 7 Chapters of Section 3 hosted the “Snow Flakes of Learning” School of Instruction with 208 in attendance.

On February 27-28, 2017, the 12 Chapters of Section 1 hosted the “Frosted Flakes and Tommy Trains” School of INstruction with 154 in attendance.

On March 1-2, 2017, the 10 Chapters of Section 10 hosted the “Crystal Train” School of Instruction with 142 in attendance.

On March3-4, 2017, the 11 Chaptes of Section 7 hosted the “Snowflakes and Conductor Express” School of Instruction with 251 in attendance.

### District 4 Statistical Report

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| Chapters Assigned . . . . .                | 96          |
| Chapters Demised or Consolidated . . . . . | 4           |
| Chapters Instituted. . . . .               | 0           |
| Chapters Constituted . . . . .             | 0           |
| Chapters INspected . . . . .               | 96          |
| Chapters NOT INspected. . . . .            | 0           |
| Schools Conducted . . . . .                | 9           |
| Schools Attended Officially . . . . .      | 18          |
| Schools Attended Unofficially . . . . .    | 69          |
| Cards and/or Letters Written. . . . .      | 2,175       |
| Emails Sent . . . . .                      | Uncountable |
| Miles Traveled. . . . .                    | 93,370      |

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for this very special opportunity by allowing me the privilege of serving the membership of our beauriful Order as the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 4. Thank you for having confidence in me to accomplish wonderful and inspiring things and for seeing something in me that I wasn't even aware existed. And, most of all, thank you for your willingness to serve as our Worthy Grand Matron and for shouldering all of the responsibilities that the job entails and always with love, grace, beauty and a smile on your face.

Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for everything you have done and everything you continue to do for the members of the Grand Chatper of Texas. I know your work is almost over an dyour train has traveled many miles and I thank you for allowing me to be a small part of your journey.

Sister Glenda Murphy, our Grand ESTher, thank you for just being the sweet and wonderful lady that you are. Though you tried to stay in the shadows, all of your hard work and your love of and dedication to our beautiful Order shone through. Thank you for traveling every step with our Worthy Grand Patron, for taking care of him during his re-

cent health problems and getting him back to us in better condition than before.

Sister Terri Rozell, our Grand Examiner for District 4, thank you for your kind words and all of the encouragement you have given to me and especially to this membership which loves and appreciates you so much. You will always hold a special place in my heart for being the friend in whom I trusted that walked beside me as my journey in the Order of the Eastern Star began.

To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5, the Royall Crown Jewels, you are an amazing group of ladies. Each with your own unique personality, style, and strengths, have developed into a single unit ... bonding, working together, helping each other, depending on each other, overcoming weaknesses and bridging gaps. All of you so eager to do whatever it takes to make our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron proud of your section and of this District. And you have succeeded. I am so proud of you and for you!

Sister Pat Callahan, our Humanitarian Chairman for District 4, you have done a phenomenal job. Your presentations at the Schools of Instruction were very inspirational and were enjoyed by all. Thank you for traveling through our District with us.

To the members of District 4, thank you for your love, support, hugs, welcomes and thank you's. You are an amazing group and your friendship means so much to me. There isn't a single place that I traveled that I was not made to feel at home. Thank you for every courtesy extended to the office of District Deputy Grand Matron and to me personally.

And finally, to my husband, Bob, there is no way I can possibly thank you enough. In our Scripture, the primary meaning of the word "love" is purposeful commitment to sacrificial action for another." And, according to Webster's dictionary, "love" is "the unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another." That being said, I KNOW you love me... and I love you, too.

I would like to now introduce Sister June Bell, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 5.

**June Bell:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my sisters and brothers:

I hope that you have enjoyed the snowstorm that we have experienced this year and that you have been inspired to do more and better things for your chapter and our order.

It is my pleasure to present the District 5 report for the Grand Chapter year 2016-2017 and to introduce the 9 Deputy Grand Matrons from District 5, who are also known as "the Avalanche." They are Sisters: Judith Fowler, Section 1 & 2, who is not with us because of health issues; Florence Rogers, Section 3; Leanne Waligura, Section 4; Robin Whary, Section 5, who is not here because of family commitments; Patty Peach, Section 6; Lou Skidd, Section 7; Barbie Klahn, Section 8; Carol Coggins, Section 9; and Yvonne Smith, Section 10. As their name implies, these ladies have been an unstoppable force when working for our Order.

On November 14, Sections 1 and 2 hosted a mini-school of Instruction in San Angelo. Six "A" Certificates were issued, the Humanitarian Program was presented and some instructions were given to the approximately 50 in attendance.

On January 31, Section 3 hosted the "Snowman Dreams" School of Instruction in Ker-ville. There were 106 in attendance representing 47 chapters.

On February 2, Section 4 and 5 hosted the "Snowflakes and Eastern Star, Uniques and Special" School of Instruction in Poteet. There were 79 in attendance representing 32 chapters.

On February 4, Section 6 hosted the "Snowflakes Cover the Capital" School of Instruction in Austin with 136 in attendance representing 68 chapters.

On February 7, Sections 9 and 10 hosted the "Snowmen, Sandcastles and Stars, Oh My!" School of Instruction in Rockport with 86 in attendance representing 40 chapters.

On February 9, Section 8 hosted the "Inspirational Gala" School of Instruction in Luling with 103 in attendance representing 58 chapters.

On February 18, Section 7 hosted the "Snowstorm in the Alamo City" School of Instruction in San Antonio with 269 in attendance representing 112 chapters.

### Statistical Report for District Five

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| Chapters Assigned . . . . .               | 51          |
| Chapter Demised or Consolidated . . . . . | 1           |
| Chapters Instituted . . . . .             | 0           |
| Chapters Constituted . . . . .            | 0           |
| Chapters Inspected . . . . .              | 51          |
| Chapters Not Inspected . . . . .          | 0           |
| Schools Conducted . . . . .               | 8           |
| Schools Attended Officially . . . . .     | 9           |
| Schools Attended Unofficially . . . . .   | 70          |
| Letters Written . . . . .                 | 1,558       |
| Emails . . . . .                          | Uncountable |
| Miles Traveled . . . . .                  | 92,692      |

District 5 began the year with 51 chapters. In section 7, Jourdanton Chapter No. 581 consolidated with Poteet Chapter No. 913, leaving at this time, 50 chapters in District 5.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, I am honored that you selected me to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron for District 5 this year and I thank you for this opportunity to serve our Order. It has been a privilege to represent you. Your knowledge and common-sense approach to instruction as well as your understanding and obvious love for the membership have been an inspiration to all. Thank you for the encouragement, patience and confidence in me that you have shown. Your friendship and the time that we have spent together have been a blessing to me and I hope for more such opportunities to come. I want to express special thanks to Brother Gary for also traveling with us and being his usual helpful self.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Murphy, you have been a Super Conductor and cheerleader this year. Your attention to detail and encouragement was a real confidence booster. My life has been blessed by the opportunity to travel with and get to know you better. I look forward to more years of friendship with you and Glenda.

Sister Glenda Murphy, you have been an inspiring Grand Esther. Thank you for attending all our Schools of Instruction and sharing yourself and Brother Tom with the membership. I am blessed to call you "friend."

Sister Joan Miller, Grand Examiner, I enjoyed the opportunity to work with you in our

schools of instruction this year. Your renditions of the secret work and the kindness exhibited in the exam rooms showed your love of our Order. It was a pleasure to have you as a roommate and I thank you for helping me remember things.

To the other District Deputy Grand Matrons, Sisters Sherrie Fowler, Judy Parsons, Ginger Byrd, and Cheryl Royall, I have enjoyed getting to know each of you. I feel privileged to get to work with you and hope that our friendship will continue to grow.

To the nine Deputy Grand Matrons, my "Avalanche", thank you for doing all that was asked of you this year and for working so hard to accomplish so much. I hope that you will cherish your memories of this year, as I know I will cherish mine. You will always be special to me.

Sister Terri Reynolds, Humanitarian Chairman for District 5, each of your programs was an inspiration to all. You made the program personal, and therefore, more relevant to each one. I am honored to have you for a special friend.

To the members of District 5, it has been very special for me to work with you this year. Your smiles, hugs, love and encouragement for me were wonderful. All the efforts and participation in each section made the year a memorable one. For the Honorary Memberships, love gifts, and every courtesy extended to each of the School Officers, we thank you.

To the membership of Section 7 and my chapter, Harlandale Chapter No. 750, you are my rock and foundation. Thank you for teaching me about our order, being my staunchest supporter and always being there for me.

Finally, let us all aspire to inspire before we expire.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the five District Deputy Grand Matron Reports.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard all five of our District Deputies with their Deputy Reports. Sister June Bell moved to accept all five Reports. We will vote with your blue card. All in Favor to accept the Deputy Reports raise your card. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. \* You have accepted our Deputy Reports. To my District Deputy Grand Matrons mentioned that taught the schools in their own different ways. Each has their own personality and each has their own style of teaching but each did an outstanding job. I am so proud of you and the work that you have done not only for me but for the entire membership in Texas. You have my undying love and support. I look forward to many, many more fun trips and outings together. My love to each of you. To the Deputy Grand Matrons, the schools were a tremendous success and I could not have wished for a better group of ladies. In all areas of your responsible charge have excelled and all the Deputies served the membership with kindness and dignity. Thank you, thank you, a trite expression but heartfelt. My heart is with you always. Sisters and Brothers, please help me thank your Deputy Grand Matrons and District Deputy Grand Matrons. (Applause) Do I have a photographer here today? There's Bill. We want to take a picture of the five DD's and me please and the Worthy Grand Patron. I now call on Brother Tommy Griffin to bring the report of the Masonic Family Committee.

**Brother Tommy Griffin:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. Your Masonic Family Committee was assigned a task of visiting Masonic Lodges as a great source of potential new members to join the Order of the Eastern Star. Many of our members had an opportunity this year to accomplish this with

presentations being made to the lodges at their stated and called meetings and also at the state wide "Open House" held last October in our local Lodges. During the Open House events, displays were allowed at many of the Lodges where an assortment of Eastern Star regalia and items were available to enhance their knowledge of our Order. Also, many Eastern Star petitions were handed out in the process. I would like to personally thank our Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to serve on this Committee and I appreciate the many members who worked so hard to make it successful. We were designated to sell Masonic Presidential Knives and were overwhelmed by the response they achieved. We were given three Masonic legends: George Washington, Teddy Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt knives to see and they were well received among our Masons. George Washington was extremely popular and Teddy Roosevelt sold well too. As of this Grand Chapter Session we had sold \$21,000 worth and we added another \$1,000 at this Session to make a total of \$22,000. Worthy Grand Matron, thanks again for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter. Respectfully submitted, Thomas F. Griffin, Chairman, Darrell Albrecht, Co-Chairman. Worthy Grand Matron I move for the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report on the Masonic Knives for the Masonic Family. We are going to vote on his report. All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. \* You have adopted the report for the Masonic Family sell of the knives. Brother Tommy, thank you so much. I think the reason the knives were such a great success is because most of the Masons and Eastern Star at least purchased one knife and some purchased six or ten. Thank you so much for your efforts and your hard work on this Committee. I love you and I appreciate you so much. Sisters and Brothers, help me thank him. (Applause) Okay, I wish to tell the members at the Teller Tables that you are now excused. Thank you so much. I know we had to count, count and re-count but it was so important to get all of the numbers correct. Thank you to your service to Eastern Star and you are now dismissed. (Applause) I'm going to announce an election. You have your papers out? The election results for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Three. Loretta Booth, 310. Lesa Smith, 334. Needed to elect, 323 votes. Number of votes cast, 644. This election was very close and the ballots were counted, counted, and re-counted but you have elected Sister Lesa Smith as your Grand Examiner for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Three. Sister Lesa, do you accept?

**Sister Lesa Smith:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much and I do thank the members of Texas for allowing me this place of service. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** We're getting through with these reports rather quickly. I'm glad that Sister Melissa will have time for her members that are going to be taking part in the Installation tonight to have a little rest. I now call on Brother Jack Beall to bring the report of Mayfest. Brother Jack Beall for the report of Mayfest.

**Brother Jack Beall:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. The Mayfest Committee was asked to have a day of visitation and fun for the Masonic Family in the Pecan Grove at Texas Masonic Retirement Center. May 13th was chosen. The Board of Directors of Texas Masonic Retirement Center approved the date and use of their booths. We could not have completed our task if it has not been for the assistance of Donna Pope, Gary Blair, and the Maintenance Staff. Booths were offered free of charge to Chapters and the Masonic Family to help their Chapters and Lodges. 40 Booths were set up for them. For the safety, RN Sandra Purdue was available to assist in the First Aid Booth. We had Chap-

ters, Lodges, Past Grands, Rainbow Assemblies, Amaranth, Beauceant, Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary Represented. We used food trucks for lunch and treats to save \$100 per food booth permits. The City of Arlington requires a \$150. permit to have an open venue as we had. We paid for sanitary facilities, rented tables and chairs. The cost required to put on Mayfest was underwritten by the Rob Morris Auctions held at the schools. I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for having a Spring gathering again. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the day. The Mayfest Committee was not a large Committee but an efficient one. I want to thank Ronald Nystedt, Co-Chairman and the District Chairmen, Mike Biddler, District 1, Denise Browning, District 2, Patricia Hancock, District 3, John Woolsey, District 4, and John Searson, District 5 and to the other Committee members and crew which included husbands, wives and traveling companions. Your assistance was deeply appreciated. You were awesome. Respectfully submitted, Jack C. Beall, General Chairman. I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Mayfest Committee. We will vote to accept his report. All in favor raise your blue card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. \* You have adopted the report of Mayfest. Thank you, Brother Jack Beall for your hard work on that. I know this is the first time in a while that we've had Mayfest but it was enjoyed by all who attended and thank you for your hard work. I recognize Sister Dorris Clegg for the Puppy Love, Youth Committee.

**Sister Dorris Clegg:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. I sincerely wish to thank you for the privilege of service to Grand Chapter this year as General Chairman of the Puppy Love Youth Committee. Our Committee has gone about the great state of Texas with a very rewarding project as we offered to our membership the most adorable stuffed puppies. Our Worthy Grand Matron chose this project as a means to benefit the youth organizations of Texas, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Texas DeMolay. Disbursed throughout each District, the membership quickly recognized that the puppies would make wonderful Christmas gifts and very quickly our inventory began to evaporate before the Worthy Grand Matron could complete her first School schedule. We had a winner. Thus, through the generosity of the Grand Chapter's membership, the first phase of the Puppy Love sales was completed and we began preparations for the 2nd phase of this project. In March, we sent a message to you, the membership, asking the Chapters to consider purchasing a group of puppies as a Charitable project and to donate them to your local First Responder groups in your own towns. Sisters and Brothers, your response to this message was both outstanding and humbling. You provided puppies to Firemen, Police Officers and other Responder groups in your own communities and at the same time assisted a child in a time of need by providing them with a puppy of their own. Because of your generosity, the gross profits of this endeavor exceeds \$19,000. I thank you for the wonderful support you gave to this project. Our puppies have made a difference in the lives of many children. Respectfully submitted, Dorris Clegg, General Chairman, Puppy Love Youth Committee. I move for the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of Puppy Love Committee. All in favor raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue cards. \* You have adopted the report for Puppy Love. Thank you Sister Dorris. I know it has been a little bit difficult trying to find all those scattered puppies but thank you, thank you so much. I appreciate you. I now call on Sister Karen Gregory to give the report from Rob Morris so we can see how the Rob Morris fared last night.



**Sister Karen Gregory:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers. Boy did we have a good time last night! It was a wonderful evening and we had some wonderful results. This is a partial report as we do not have all the numbers in from all the Districts. I apologize that Patrick Travers our Chairman of the Rob Morris was called away and could not be here to give this report. I would like to thank the four District Chairmen that were and worked so hard yesterday to help get ready for the Rob Morris Auction and they were District 1, District 2, District 3 and District 5 and please don't ask me their names because my brain is fried. We also had many, many Rob Morris Committee Members work very hard last night to prepare for the Banquet and also volunteers that came out to help us prepare. I'd like to thank my home Chapter Travis #472 for all their love and support and my Dual Chapter Leander #73 because when I put out the call for help, they rallied around. I'd like to thank all the members for your donations for the past year to prepare for the schools and the Rob Morris Auctions and the donations that poured in here yesterday. What a great representation of our membership to donate so freely and with loving hearts. Our partial totals from our Schools of Instruction in our districts was \$23,614.25. Our partial total because we still have a few items left over at the tables. They're waving at me so I think they are all gone so we are excited, but our total from last night is \$6,082.50. (Applause) That brings our total partial report for the year to \$29,696.75. And Sister Sharon, when you called me a year ago and said, "I want you to take this Committee position and you won't have to work too hard, you lied..." (Laughter) But I still love you. Thank you and I thank you for your confidence and support when it was necessary this past year. And Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for all of your support for the membership and the auction last night. I move for the adoption of this partial report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the partial report from our Rob Morris Committee. All in favor to accept the report raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. \* You have adopted the Committee report. Sister Karen thank you so much for your hard work. You know a year ago it didn't seem like a lot of hard work but it kind of grew. I do appreciate so much all of your care and your considerations and everything last night was really very, very wonderful and was enjoyed by over 800 of our members. So, thank you so much for your hard work. Sisters and Brothers, please help me thank her. (Applause) I now call on Sister Leslie Keilberg to bring a partial report for Recycle.

**Sister Leslie Keilberg:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, everyone out there, I do not have a total report. This is a partial, partial because we are still open out there for the Recycling Committee. I just wanted to say that right now we are sitting at almost \$4,000 for this weekend. This to us was exciting. We have had great help and we appreciate it. We will turn in, I hope, more than \$6,000 from the Recycling Committee, used stuff. But we have enjoyed it and we hope everyone will still come by the booth. Thank you.

**WGM:** Sister Leslie we are going to have to have a written final report when you have all your numbers to give to the Grand Secretary but if you'll move for the partial report we'll adopt it.

**Sister Leslie Keilberg:** Okay, I move for the adoption of the partial report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the partial report of the Recycle Committee. All in favor of adopting the report raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue cards. \* You have adopted the report of Recycle. Thank you, Sister Leslie. (Ap-

plause) I recognize Sister Pam Dean for Save the Children Report.

**Sister Pam Dean:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank you for the honor of Chairing this Committee. It was a privilege to able to help you achieve your dream for the Scottish Rite Hospital and the children of our future. A big thank you to my District Chairmen:

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| Glenda McDonald | District 1 |
| Bill Dormandy   | District 2 |
| Mackee Teague   | District 3 |
| Deneice Marshal | District 4 |
| Carol Ann Kolb  | District 5 |

Worthy Grand Matron, I am happy to report that in the Districts in our state the members generously donated \$5,752. I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Save the Children Committee. All in favor of adopting her report please raise your blue cards. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue cards. \* You have adopted the report for Save the Children. Thank you so much Sister Pam. I call on Sister Jeanette Rife Cotton for the report of TMRC – Time and Talent.

**Sister Jeanette Rife Cotton:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. The TMRC – Time and Talent Committee is proud to report on a truly inspirational year. Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon Mosmeyer and Worthy Grand Patron, Thomas R. Murphy, we thank you for our appointments to this special committee. The Time and Talent Committee is made up of the 5 Districts in Texas and each District is called upon to serve as a Hostess for a Holiday party held at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington. These parties are not just for members of the Order of the Eastern Star but they are for all residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. We thank the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for their attendance at every party, greeting the residents with inspirational love. Thank you to those Grand Chapter Officers attending and providing support. Many thanks to the staff at TMRC who assisted in preparing for the parties. When we started our year, there were only a couple of us who really knew each other but working together we all have become the best of friends. I'd like to introduce these outstanding District Chairmen:

District 1, Mrs. Bitsy Choate hosted the Christmas Party on December 18, 2016

District 2, Mrs. Sheryl Kolterman, hosted the Independence/4th of July Party on July 2, 2017

District 3, Mrs. Lillian "Sissy" Furrie, hosted the Thanksgiving/Fall Party on November 6, 2016

District 4, Mrs. Mona Wofford, hosted the Valentine Party on February 12, 2017

District 5, Ms. Ginger Collins, hosted the Easter/Spring Party on April 23, 2017

These Sisters furnished delicious food, gift bags with useful supplies for each resident, colorful paper plates, cups, and napkins with their party theme and assisted the residents with their Bingo cards. These Sisters brought love and great joy to the residents. And as the residents were leaving, they thanked everyone they passed on their way back to their rooms. But I will tell you this, each worker, whether it was the District Chairman or their

helpers, received more love and tender feelings than the residents got. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Murphy, we thank you for the honor to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas under your leadership. "Thanks for the Memories". Respectfully submitted, Jeanette Rife Cotton, General Chairman, TMRC – Time and Talent. Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report be accepted.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to adopt the report of TMRC – Time and Talent Committee. All in favor raise your blue card. Cards down. All against raise your blue card. \* You have adopted the TMRC – Time and Talent report. Sister Jeanette Rife Cotton and the members of your Committee, I enjoyed very much going to every single party and how excited the members at TMRC, all of the residents at TMRC, were so thrilled when we came for their parties and playing the Bingo was the important thing you know. Thank you so much for your hard work. Sisters and Brothers, please help me thank them. (Applause) I wanted to report, Brother Tom and I both report on our license plates because you know we worked hard on them but they just didn't happen in our year, but they have been approved and money will come to Grand Chapter hopefully as soon as they can start making the license plates. I hope you will continue to be inspired about that project and that you will have your license plate with the Eastern Star logo on it when your license plate comes time for renewal. Brother Tom do you have something else to add?

**WGP:** Working with the State Government is a large frustration. (Laughter) It's almost like working with the sound system in here. I know they are trying their best but they postponed us from an August release to November but only after we made the deposit. So, I keep calling and they keep telling me it is going to be November and believe me I will make sure that we try to get it in the Bulletin and I may even bring a plate around to some of the Schools and jump and shout. It is going to be an ongoing project for Grand Chapter. One that we really need to do and the plates will also give us some recognition in the public, especially if you are stopped pumping gas and someone asks you what that plate is for and what it represents...that's your opening. Then you can give them a petition and tell them what Eastern Star is all about. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. Now we have a special announcement from Sister Marianne Shenefelt who is our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron for General Grand Chapter. Sister Marianne, I recognize you.

**RWAGM Marianne Shenefelt:** Thank you Sister Sharon. Protocol having been established earlier by Sister Jimmie Lee. Thank you. May I have Brother Henry join me please. Well, firstly, Worthy Grand Matron Sharon, and Worthy Grand Patron Tom, this has been an outstanding Session. It really has and we've seen a lot of them. Your leadership, dedication and inspiration to make it so has been rewarded. I know Texas is proud of you and you can be proud of you. Congratulations. Thank you for the courtesy you have extended to me and Brother Henry to have these announcements made during this jam-packed day. Gosh darn, this is almost as exciting as the eclipse. So, I'm going to get right to it. The announcement of the wonderful and dedicated Texas Sisters and Brothers who have been appointed to serve and who have agreed to serve the General Grand Chapter for the 2018-2021 Triennium. By way of information each Jurisdiction has an appointment on the Service Dogs Committee and each Jurisdiction has a Most Worthy Grand Matron's Special Appointment who are all Past Matrons and they will be called Campfire Friend. Brother Henry's Special Appointments will be called Top Hat Pride. Wor-

thy Grand Matron if you have no objection may I ask these members to come and stand in the East? (WGM says something I couldn't hear but I'm assuming it was a yes) Thank you. The Appointments will be given in Committee order. This beautiful and dedicated Past Grand Matron, now Past Most Worthy Grand Matron is an honored member of the General Grand Chapter Advisory Committee. Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton. (Applause) I didn't know if she would be here but I just wanted y'all to know that she is a part of our Committees. And for the rest of these if you would be so kind because we are a little short on time and I feel like I'm crowding this evenings' things so if you could hold your applause that would be good. This Past Grand Patron is welcoming and friendly, qualities that are just right for his duties as Ambassador to Alaska, Brother Bill Wyatt. (Applause) Okay, I take it back, you can clap or whatever. This devoted and hardworking Past Grand Matron can consider taking some time out of her busy schedule to enjoy her appointment as Ambassador to Scotland, Sister Joyce Gilbert. (Applause) This quiet and caring Past Grand Matron will be serving as a Member of the Benevolence Committee, Sister Naomi Wolfe. (Applause) This Past Grand Matron is efficient and capable and her service as Chairman of the Credentials Committee will be a real asset, Sister Jerre Lucas. (Applause) This pleasant and friendly Past Grand Patron will be serving as a Member of the Eastern Star Journal Committee, Brother Bill Crews. (Applause) A devoted and long-standing member this Past Grand Matron will serve on the Heart Committee, Sister Beulah Spear. (Applause) Joining her on this Heart Committee, this dedicated and kind hearted Past Grand Patron, Brother Glen Whitaker. (Applause) This happy and willing to serve Past Grand Matron will be a Member of the International Headquarters Committee, Sister Betty Friend. (Applause) This soon to be Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron thought their work was done. It is with a grateful heart for their continued service the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer. (Applause) And Chairman of the Scottish Rite Charities Committee, Brother Tom Murphy. (Applause) This energetic and get things done will serve as Texas Appointment on the Service Dogs Committee and dog-gone happy to do so, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon. (Applause) The following are the hard-working and dedicated members of Texas who are members of General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly Committee; Texas General Chairman, Brother David Dibrell. (Applause) Texas General Co-Chair, Technical, Brother Ray Hargis. (Applause) Texas Finance Committee, Sister Mary Ruth White, Chairman. (Applause) And Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Co-Chairman. (Applause) Arena Chairman, Brother Trey Smith, Walter Trey. (Applause) Social Co-Chairman, Texas, Sister Vi Griffin. (Applause) Texas Legal Counsel, Brother Herb Garon. (Applause) This knowledgeable and competent Past Grand Patron will be a member of the Unfinished Business Committee, Brother John Creel. (Applause) Trusted and dependable as well as gentle and kind this Sister will serve once again as the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Deputy to Mexico, Sister Delia Whitfield. (Applause) My Special Appointment in Texas, my Campfire Friend, is always willing to help, capable and thoughtful Past Matron, Sister Ann Wyatt. (Applause) Brother Henry I invite you to announce the name of your Special Appointment, Top Hat Pride and your personal secretaries.

**MWAGP Henry Martin:** These Past Matrons were selected to serve as my Special Appointments; Sisters Marlene Dibrell, Chairman. (Applause) Sister Sarah Coursey, (Applause) Sister Diane Davidson, (Applause) Sister Carolyn Garon, (Applause) Sister Linda Hargis, (Applause) Sister Dorothy High, (Applause) Sister Wanda Hollingsworth, (Applause) Sister Juanita May, (Applause) Sister Debara Perry, (Applause) and Sister Barbara

Jane Pyle. (Applause) Now they will be Top Hat Pride. My personal secretaries will be Sister Opal Martin, who will also serve as my Grand Escort, (Applause) and Sister Willie Mae Shaw. (Applause)

**MWAGM Marianne Shenefelt:** Look at all those workers! You know the three Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons who are the Tri-Line for 2018-2021 are a part of this family too and I would like to introduce them at this time at this time. In Number 1 is Worthy Grand Matron Sister Carolyn Martin, (Applause) and having moved up from Mr. X to the Number 1 Worthy Grand Patron is Brother Burley Jones. (Applause) Number 2 Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Winn Christiansen (Applause) and Mr. X is coming along. And Number 3 Worthy Grand Matron, whoever she is and another Mr. X. Thank you. There is one more appointment to announce. You know I realized when I was writing these things that my describing this beautiful, vivacious, gracious woman with such adjectives, as beautiful, floats across the floor, tall and elegant, with royal bearing as well as kind and loving wouldn't leave it as much of a surprise. But I'm going to do it anyway. This Past Grand Matron is beautiful, vivacious, gracious woman who floats across the floor, tall and elegant, royal bearing, kind and loving, my friend and serving as Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Betty Benham. (Applause) Thank you Sisters and Brothers. Thank you for showing the appreciation that's in my heart for your hard workers and your General Grand Chapter Floor Officer and Committee Appointments for 2018-2021. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you Sister Marianne.

**MWAGM Marianne Shenefelt:** I do thank Sister Sharon so much. This has been a very busy day and it's packing just some more extra stuff into it. And I really appreciate the time you have given Brother Henry and I. Thank you.

**WGM:** It's exciting for our new coming up Triennium for General Grand Chapter. What a great day this is for Texas to have all of these hard workers just put to work some more but that's what we love. We love to work for our Eastern Star Order. Thank you to all of these members in Texas who I know will give their hardest job to these Committees and Appointments that they have so far. Thank you so much. (Applause) And we have an election. It came in right before we had this report, so we'll know who the Number 3 is for the Triennium. But y'all have to promise to stay because we still have some work to do this afternoon. Do you promise to stay? Will you raise your blue card because I'm going to remember who raised their blue card and said that they were going to stay. Okay. This is the election results for the Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Donna Noe, 364. Sister Terri Rozell, 724. Total number of votes cast, 1,088. The number to elect was 545. So, you have elected Sister Terri Rozell as your Associate Grand Conductress. (Applause) Sister Terri do you accept?

**Sister Terri Rozell:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, it is an honor to accept and I want to thank the members of Texas Grand Chapter for having faith in me. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** I now recognize Brother John Wilson, One Degree, I Can Make a Difference for his report and recognition of the Chapters who obtained the One Degree Award.

**Brother John Wilson:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. On behalf of the General Co-Chairman, Sister Xanthe Parker, the District Chairmen, Sisters Diane Lackey, Pat Winkleblack, Paulette Bartlett and Kay

Searson, plus all the One Degree Committee Members, I would like to thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the honor of helping you promote the One Degree-I Can Make a Difference program throughout our great state. It has been a fun and rewarding experience. I would like to thank all the Subordinate Chapters that took those extra steps in striving for the One Degree Award. They are to be commended for their efforts in doing their best to make a difference. Last year at her Installation, the Worthy Grand Matron made many remarks about her upcoming year of service. One of those was about this committee and its importance. The analogy she gave referred to water. Her explanation being that water is hot at 211 degrees, but it boils at 212 degrees. With her Worthy Grand Patron's theme in mind, she further stated that when water boils it creates steam and steam can power a train. That one small degree can make a huge difference, just like one more degree of effort by our Chapter can make a difference. The time frame for the One Degree-I Can Make a Difference Award ran from September 4, 2016 through July 1, 2017. There were several requirements each Chapter must have completed, beginning with the initiation of at least one new member and ending with the submission of their Annual Report, on time, to the Grand Secretary. There were several requirements that the Chapters HAD to complete and several in which they had option of things to accomplish during that eleven-month period. The categories of the Award included: Chapter involvement, Community involvement, Member service, Education Fraternalism and Membership. The deadline for submitting the applications to the General Chairman was July 15, 2017.

Worthy Grand Matron, a total of 33 Chapters submitted their application on time, with one Chapter's application being received nine days after the deadline. I am pleased to report that twenty-seven Chapters met all the requirements for earning the One Degree-I Can Make a Difference Award. With your permission, I would like to announce the Chapter names and numbers as well as the names of the Jr. Past Matrons and Jr. Past Patrons, who were responsible for the majority of the work involved in earning this award. As I read the list of Chapters, would their representatives please come to the Grand East to receive their Certificate from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

### One Degree - I Can Make A Difference

| Chapter               | Dist,Sec | Worthy Matron       | Worthy Patron         | Annual Report | Met Req. | Cert. |
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| McKinney 518          | 1, 02    | Nancy Hardy         | Rick Hardy            | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Ferris 508            | 1, 05    | Patty Peck          | Gerald Peck           | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Nash 320              | 1, 05    | Jewell Horne        | Billy Graham          | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Pine Tree 1090        | 1, 08    | Bernice Kilgore     | Kenneth Jackson       | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Lubbock 76            | 2, 04    | Loveta Krogman      | Tommy Echols          | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Wallace Hughston 1100 | 2, 10    | Patty Lane          | Richard Morales       | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Crescent 820          | 3, 01    | Konnie Harrell      | Ron McKinnon          | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| TMRC-Daylight 1145    | 3, 01    | Delphia Von Heeder  | Edward R. Hjorth, Jr. | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Springtown 498        | 3, 02    | Marceline Lawlis    | Joe Brinkley          | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Port Neches 766       | 4, 02    | Eulene Werner       | John Werner           | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Silsbee 298           | 4, 02    | Margaret Baker      | Linden Sims           | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Crockett 509          | 4, 03    | Cindy Araiza        | Pete Araiza           | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Shepherd 1003         | 4, 03    | Yvonne Ryba         | James Smith           | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Huffman 1112          | 4, 04    | Cheryl Royall       | Bob Royall, Jr.       | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| New Caney 1093        | 4, 04    | Carrie Miller       | Garfield Roberts      | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Bryan 222             | 4, 06    | Roberta Pugh        | Jerry Jackson         | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Iola-North Zulch 458  | 4, 06    | Susie Cohen         | Michael Cohen         | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Conroe 710            | 4, 07    | Cynthia R. Leftwich | Jimmy A. Leftwich     | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |
| Mary Martha 981       | 4, 07    | Kelly Barringer     | James P. Smith        | Yes           | Yes      | Yes   |

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| Lexington 996         | 4, 08 | Gwen McDonald        | James McDonald      | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| LaMarque 979          | 4, 10 | Melinda Hicks        | Jay Hicks           | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Blanco 934            | 5, 03 | Erica Spreen         | Dale Spreen         | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Medina 988            | 5, 03 | Sharron K. Bussineau | Neil Keiser         | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Amistad 1115          | 5, 07 | Linda Rowland        | John Rowland, Sr.   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Floresville 271       | 5, 07 | Melissa Ramos        | Jesse Ramos         | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Prospect Hill 817     | 5, 07 | Donnett Morgan       | Robert Parke        | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Wimodausis 141        | 5, 07 | Sally R. Freeland    | Freddie G. Freeland | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Edwin J. Kiest 959    | 1, 04 | Gloria Hibdon        | Benny Plunkett      | Yes | No  | No  |
| John L. DeGrazier 881 | 1, 04 | Carol Rose           | Pat Garcia          | Yes | No  | No  |
| Lancaster 943         | 1, 05 | Christi Smith        | Gerald Peck         | Yes | No  | No  |
| Taylor 578            | 3, 08 | Kassa Willingham     | John Stephenson     | Yes | No  | No  |
| Groesbeck 810         | 3, 09 | Patricia Hancock     | Morris Nettles      | Yes | No  | No  |
| Adah 49               | 5, 07 | Debbie Holman        | Boyd Kramer         | Yes | No  | No  |

**Brother John Wilson:** Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you again for the privilege of helping you and the Grand Chapter of Texas by serving on this Special Committee. Respectfully submitted, John C. Wilson, One Degree-I Can Make a Difference, General Chairman. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the One Degree-I Can Make a Difference. Please raise your blue cards to accept this report. Cards down. All opposed raise your blue cards. \* You have adopted the report of One Degree-I Can Make a Difference. Thank you so much Brother John for your diligence on this committee. You have done an OUTSTANDING job. You set the report up and all of the guidelines and you and I together decided on that but I know it was a hard job for you. Printing the certificates and going through them and making sure they were all qualified. Thank you very much for being so diligent.

**Brother John Wilson:** Thank you very much and thanks to all the Chapters that participated.

**WGM:** Thank you for an outstanding job. Please help me thank these Chapter Awards. (Applause) I appreciate your hard work and qualifying for this Award. This One Degree makes you go the One Degree that's needed in Eastern Star to increase our membership and our goals for membership in the future. Thank you so much. (Applause) I would now like to recognize the fifty-year members. I would like to ask that all who are receiving their fifty-year or more recognition for this Grand Chapter to meet in the West. I recognize all of the fifty-year members. Fifty-year or more who received their award this Grand Chapter year to please go to the West. Fifty-year or more, those who received their awards this year. Are there still some that are coming? Wave if you are still coming for this Award so I'll know to wait. In the Session Advance Report was a list of everyone who received their fifty-year award this year which was over two hundred members for this year. But the members that are here today WOW...fifty or more years. What a great accomplishment for Eastern Star. All of the members here today who are only a few years of being initiated, can you just look at this group and see yourself there some day. We are so grateful to you for your years of contributions of love, friendship, devotion, loyalty, support, I could just go on and on as I see your wonderful faces back there. I wanted to read the names, but since there were so many but not that many are here today. Maybe some have left but I would like to invite you to come to the Grand East. Would you like to come up here? If you need an escort we can get one for you. Fifty or more years. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, I see that you are standing already but I'll go ahead and gavel the rest of you up. \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, these are your fifty or

more members and we have one member here that has her seventy-five year membership award. (Applause) This is Sister Mary Alberts who has her seventy-five year pin. Something for all of us to aspire to, right? Thank you so much to you and all of the members here today. Thank you, thank you, thank you so much. Sisters and Brothers, please help me thank them. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron would you like to greet them?

**WGP:** Yes, Congratulations, there are few of us who have been able to say that we have served our great Order for 50 years. You are to be admired, appreciated, and celebrated for your years of service. The Grand Chapter of Texas will be forever in your debt for your dedication. I personally thank you for your service. (Applause)

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, they will be returned to their places in the Chapter room. Grand Marshal will you help them off the stage in this direction please. Thank you again. \* I ask the TMRC residents to meet in the West. TMRC residents to meet in the West please. Sister Grand Marshal, you will escort the residents of TMRC to a line in the West.

**WGM:** My sweet Sisters and Brothers, I have visited with you at TMRC when we had the parties there and at other times when I was privileged to visit with you. I am so happy to see all of you here today. We pledge to you our continued support and look forward to visiting with you when we are in the Arlington area. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet these members.

**WGP:** Thank you all for being here. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting with you during our School schedule, those that could make the Schools and especially during the Time and Talent parties at the TMRC. Thank you to those of you who have kept us in your prayers as the Worthy Grand Matron and I traveled this Great State. Thank you for all your hospitality and cordiality at the TMRC.

**WGM:** Would you like to come to the East? I would like to bring you to the East if you are able to walk this far. Is it okay? Sister Grand Marshal, they will be escort these members to the East. \*\*\* (Applause) The Worthy Grand Patron has to get all of his hugs and kisses in you know. Sisters and Brothers, please greet these members and residents of TMRC. (Applause) We want you to know that you have our love and respect and we appreciate you so much for being here today. Thank you again so much. \* (Applause)

**WGM:** I would like the Arrangements and Executive Committees for this year, 2016-2017, Arrangements and Executive Committee Members to assemble in the West. Sister Grand Marshal, will you escort them to a space in the back? There will be more than one line in the West in back of Esther's station. (Applause) Y'all are going to need to scoot up so we can have more come behind you. How wonderful you all look back there. Are you a little less stressed at this time? I told you it would be wonderful, and it really has been. All your work has paid off. I want the membership to know that an Associate Grand Matron has a huge responsibility to select members who can plan and execute a Grand Chapter Session. Each of you who are standing in the West have lived up to my expectations and I want you to know you have my sincere gratitude. I cannot express in this short time today we have today what each of you mean to me. To my Executive Committee: Brother Paul you have been my sounding block and my stress relief, I would be crazy right now if it weren't for you...well maybe I'm crazy anyway... (Laughter). Sister Melba Jean thank you for being our Secretary and keeping us all straight and on track with the minutes and emails, thank you so much and thank you for the food also. Sister Yvonne, wow...what a powerful Treasurer you have been. You have stepped over into



other areas where help was needed and I love and appreciate you so very much. Sam and Jim, the arrangements team has outdone themselves on their jobs and I appreciate you so much. Thank you so, so very much for all your hard work, and thank you for remaining sane, because I know you two guys are crazy! Regina and the Decorating Team you have absolutely outdone yourselves! This Winter Wonderland is truly a wonderland! I hope in the next 10 years all the glitter will be gone from your hair, your dog, your home, your yard, your neighborhood! To all of the rest of you, whatever your job was that you did, please know it did not go unnoticed. I know what it takes to put on an event such as this and I know the commitment, sacrifice and dedication it takes from a whole group of people, you have surpassed my wildest imagination. To each of you...YOU INSPIRE ME. Thank you. And, Since I am up here, and my arms aren't that long I can't turn around and hug each of you, so each of you hug each other. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron would you like to address them?

**WGP:** There really are no words that can adequately express my gratitude and admiration for the many hours and months, seems like years, that you all have dedicated to making this Grand Chapter the great success that it is. To each of you, thank you, will never be enough for you to know how much you are appreciated for the wonderful memories you have created for us in this Grand Chapter Session. Thank you so very much. (Applause)

**WGM:** \*\*\*Sisters and brothers please thank these wonderful and dedicated members! (Applause) \* Sister Grand Marshal, they will be re-seated in the Grand Chapter room. (Applause) I would ask Brother Bill Prague to come to the East and issue the invitation to the 136th Grand Chapter Session.

**Brother Bill Prague:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. I am Bill Prague and I am here to invite you to the 2018 Grand Chapter to be held in Irving, Texas, at the Irving Convention Center August 16-19, 2018. All functions will be held at the Irving Convention Center in the Las Colinas Urban Center. It is located between Dallas and Ft. Worth with a proximity to almost every major freeway in the city. The Convention Center is 10.7 miles from the DFW airport. Our accommodations will be at the Marriott, Las Colinas. We fortunately have the "Run of the House" so we have the entire hotel. We have also negotiated a 10% discount on food while eating at the hotel if you present your name badge showing that you are attending the convention. The picturesque hotel and its grounds are beautiful. There are 364 rooms, free Wi-Fi, free parking (unless you use the Valet parking), onsite dining, indoor pool and it's on a lake. What more could you want? Welcome and come with us. Now let me introduce the Executive Committee. Barbara Trammell, Secretary. Marlene Scholari, Treasurer, Rick Hardy, Auditor. James Walker is our Chairman of Arrangements and Patsy Jones our Co-Chair. Now let the Circus begin! (Applause) (Melissa's circus enters with a lot of circus fanfare!)

**AGM Melissa Hudman:** I actually turned this over to my husband, Richard and Richard Skidd. Now you know the problem with the name Richard. (Laughter) But we do hope that you will come and join us next August. Almost exact one year to the date at the Marriott Hotel in Las Colinas and Convention Center. The architecture is quite unique and we look forward to seeing each and every one of you there to be with us. Thank you and I hope you all have a good day and a good evening. (Applause) (Melissa's circus leaves)

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, according to my list of things to do today, I have one more

thing that I do before we go into our closing ceremony for this afternoon's Session. So, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will please present Brother Paul Garner, Yvonne Wunsche, Sam Cooper, and Jim Leftwich in the West. (Applause)

**Grand Conductress:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor to present Paul Garner, Yvonne Wunsche, Sam Cooper and Jim Leftwich as requested.

**WGM:** I have said at many of the schools that Eastern Star is like a team sport. It takes us all to work together in order to accomplish our goals. This is what you have done. Without each of you, this session would not be happening and I certainly would be crazy. I believe we have bonded with our friendships for a lifetime. I am excited for us to go on to our next project, which is a trip to all of these Grand Jurisdictions. I have a Grand Representative appointment for each of you. So, it is with pleasure that I read one and the certificate is the same for each.

The Grand Chapter of... I'm not going to tell you... Order of the Eastern Star sends Greetings. Seeking to promote Fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the Order promoted, its unity, Integrity and strength be protected and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of these aforesaid Chapters to the other. THEREFORE, be it known that as in evidence of our trust and confidence, we, by these present, do constitute and appoint... Brother Jim Leftwich, Connecticut. (Applause) Brother Sam Cooper, New Brunswick. (Applause) Sister Yvonne Wunsche, New York. (Applause) And they just started the "Frozen" so we're going to go see "Frozen". And Brother Paul Garner, Scotland. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort them to the East. (Applause) Sister Regina Garner would you like to come to the East? Cynthia Leftwich, Heidi Jenkins you can pin Sam. Is Carl Wunsche here? Carl will you also come to the East. This is for Connecticut. I'm going to ask Cynthia to pin him. Connecticut's expiration date is December 31, 2018. (Applause) New York Commission expires... they should put these numbers in the same place every time so I'll know where to look for them... but, it's August 2019 because this commission just was for this month. It just got ordered, August 3rd, 2019. (Applause) And for Scotland, and yes, we are going with all of them. I'm looking forward to it. And Scotland expires on the 31st of December 2018. (Applause) \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. \* Now get back to work. (Laughter) My list of stuff to do has been turned over every which way so I'm trying to figure out where my words are for this afternoon.

Brother Grand Warder. You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this "Year of Inspiration" Session from Labor to Rest and you are to direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

**Grand Warder:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this 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:** It is well. Let us join in singing our closing ode "Let It Snow".

Oh the weather outside is frightful  
And the fire is so delightful  
And since we've no place to go  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

And it doesn't show signs of stopping  
And I've brought corn for popping  
With the lights turned way down low  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

And the fire is slowly dying  
And, we're still goodbying  
But as long as you love me so  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

To bring the benediction for the 135th Session of the Grand Chapter is Brother David Dibrell. \*\*\* I invite Brother David to bring our Benediction.

**PGP David Dibrell:** Most gracious heavenly Father, as we come to the end of this Grand Chapter Session, we thank you for the many blessing you have bestowed upon this Grand Chapter Session. And upon this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for the outstanding leadership of these two and their team of Officers. We thank you for their compassion, their courage, their patience, their love and their understanding. Thank you for the traveling grace you have granted and the good health you have restored for all. Thank you for the inspirations you have bestowed upon each of us and the blessings that we each received from you. We thank and we ask that you continue to bless all who love and worship you and work for the good of our Order. Guide and direct each of us as we continue to serve you and work to build the Order of the Eastern Star. May His star shine brighter each day and may we each continue to love and worship your son Jesus Christ. All of this we ask and we offer in Your holy name. Amen (Amen)

**WGM:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

**(Grand Conductress closes the Holy Bible)**

**WGM:** I now call the "A Year of Inspiration" 135th Session of this Grand Chapter from LABOR to REST until 5:30 PM tonight at which time we will have our Installation of Grand Officers for 2017-2018. \* 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 5:30 PM. Worthy Grand Matron your order has been obeyed.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers thank you for staying with us and thank you also for all your endeavors for a successful session, please accept my sincere heartfelt thanks. I wanted to tell you my last inspiration story that I promised you at the closing of this Session. But the story is about all of you and how you have made this year the best that I could have ever dreamed of. Thank you. (Applause)

We will now have our retiring drill. I invite Brother Bob Royall to voice our Retiring Drill. Grand Marshal.

**Brother Bob 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 and 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 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 her elegance and grace.

Forever high may we hold our creed,  
For the jewels of this book are all that we will need,

To guide ourselves and our Grand Chapter so dear,  
Our Sisters and Brothers throughout the year!

**(End of the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter Session)**

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
**136TH INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS**  
**Saturday, August 19, 2017**  
**Woodlands Marriott Convention Center**  
***“A Year of Faith, Hope and Love”***

**Musical Prelude:** Mrs. Heidi Niemann

**Master of Ceremonies:** Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham  
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Buddy Baker  
Past Grand Patron

**Processional Grand Marshal:** Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht  
Past Grand Matron

**MC Betty Benham:** Good evening and welcome to the 136th Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. I am pleased to share the Master of Ceremonies duties tonight with Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker, Worthy Grand Patron 2000-2001. It is our pleasure to be working together for you. On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Sister Melissa Hudman, and our Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, Brother Rick Skidd, 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 Heidi Niemann, Grand Page to the Grand Organist. Sister Heidi, God has blessed you with a wonderful talent, and we appreciate you sharing it with us tonight. Let’s show her how much we appreciate her. (Applause) Our 135th Grand Chapter year has created INSPIRATION EVERYWHERE as the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have been traveling all over Texas to spread their inspirational message. Processional Grand Marshal, it is my honor and privilege to invite you to present our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Thomas Murphy, and their escorts to the East. (Applause) It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Thomas Murphy, 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 this gavel for you to call this session to order.

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Sisters and Brothers, I call this 135th Session of the Grand Chapter to order. \*

**MC Betty Benham:** You may be seated. Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the following Distinguished Members to their places of honor:

The Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, I’m so sorry. Let’s acknowledge our Most Worthy Grand Patron. Please escort him. (Applause) Please let’s welcome our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Robert Penoyer (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal you will present the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. (Applause) Let’s give our appreciation for their attendance. (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal you will present our General Grand Chapter Elected Officers (Applause) Help me welcome Texas adopted Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and our own Texas Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and our Texas

Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal you will present General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, help welcome this distinguished group. (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal you will present Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, join me again in another big Texas welcome. (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal you will present Texas' own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. (Applause) We're certainly not prejudice but Sisters and Brothers, this is Texas. Let's give them a hearty, loving welcome. (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal I believe we have a visiting Grand Floor Officer, Grand Marshal from Illinois. Two? Present both of them please. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, we are always proud to have visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions. Let's give them another Texas welcome. (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal you will escort the Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, please. (Applause) Let's give our Sisters a round of applause. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden of Masons in Texas, and Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present. (Applause) Please join me in welcoming these Grand Officers. (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal you will present the Distinguished Guests of other Fraternal Organizations. (Applause) Please join me in a warm welcoming. (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal you will present the State Presiding Officers of other Fraternal Organizations. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** Cheryl will you go to the mic, hon and tell us who you have in the West.

**PGM Cheryl Albrecht:** I have the family of the Associate Grand Matron.

**MC Betty Benham:** Please make them feel welcome. And bring them in. Thank you. (Applause) This is the Worthy Grand Matron Elect's beautiful family. Let's give them a hearty round of welcome. (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal you will present the Worthy Grand Patron Elect's family.

**PGM Cheryl Albrecht:** Master of Ceremonies, I am pleased to present Loyal Chapter. The home Chapter of our Associate Grand Matron. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** Sisters and Brothers let's please...the workers of Loyal Chapter #648. Let's welcome them. (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal do we have Adah Chapter? Please present Adah Chapter #49. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers let's welcome Adah Chapter #49. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** The 2017-2018 members of the Board of Grand Examiners are:  
Mrs. Phyllis Macon, District 1, escorted by Mr. Carrol Macon (Applause)  
Mrs. Susan Dormady, District 2, escorted by Mr. Bill Dormady (Applause)  
Mrs. Lesa Smith, District 3, escorted by Mr. Trey Smith (Applause)  
Mrs. Glenda Klemm, District 4, escorted by Mr. Dennis Brunsen. (Applause)  
Mrs. Joan Miller, District 5, escorted by Mr. Terry Miller. (Applause)  
Mrs. Shelley Walker, Grand Examiner at Large, escorted by Mr. James Walker. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** The members of the Board of Directors are:  
Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ray Hargis, District 1, escorted by Mrs. Linda Hargis. (Applause)  
Mr. James Parker, District 1, escorted by Mrs. Xanthe (Santee) Parker. (Applause)  
Mrs. Deborah Land, District 2, escorted by Mr. Allen Rodgers. (Applause)  
Mrs. Cindy Echols, District 2, escorted by Mr. Tommy Echols. (Applause)

Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Martin, District 3, escorted by Mr. Doyle Martin. (Applause)  
Mr. Darrell Albrecht, District 3, escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht. (Applause)  
Mrs. Debi Fincher, District 4, escorted by Mr. Mike Fincher. (Applause)  
Mr. Robert Royall, Jr., District 4, escorted by Mrs. Camille Burt (Applause)  
Chairman, Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild, District 5, escorted by Mr. William "Bill" Crews. (Applause)  
Mrs. Phyllis Wilson, District 5, escorted by Mr. Garvid Wilson. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** It is my pleasure to present the 2017-2018 Grand Officers:  
Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Cathi Cannon, escorted by Mr. Gene Cannon (Applause)  
Grand Sentinel, Mr. Mike Biddler, escorted by Mrs. Emily Biddler. (Applause)  
Grand Warder, Mr. John C. Wilson, escorted by Mrs. Patricia Edwards. (Applause)  
Grand Electa, Mrs. Sharon Prague, escorted by Mr. Bill Prague. (Applause)  
Grand Martha, Mrs. Betty Hancock, escorted by Mr. Tom Hancock. (Applause)  
Grand Esther, Mrs. Lou Skidd, escorted by Mr. Dale Eldredge. (Applause)  
Grand Ruth, Mrs. Cheryl Royall, escorted by Mr. Travis Knowlton. (Applause)  
Grand Adah, Mrs. Karen Kidd, escorted by Mr. James Kelly. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** Grand Organist, Mr. Daniel Caldwell, escorted by Mrs. Carol Jackson (Applause)  
Grand Marshal, Mrs. Pam Dean, escorted by Mr. Bill Vaughan. (Applause)  
Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Vicki Smith, escorted by Mr. Vaughn Smith. (Applause)  
Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Terrie Rozell escorted by Mr. Tommy Griffin (Applause)  
Grand Conductress, Mrs. Linda Winn-Christensen, escorted by Mr. Victor Christensen. (Applause)  
Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Greta Bane Spradling, escorted by Dr. Bill Bane. (Applause)  
Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Escorted by Mr. Jim Pickrell. (Applause)  
Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Burley D. Jones, escorted by Mrs. Donna Haltom. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Carolyn Martin escorted by Mr. Harold Wert. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Richard "Rick" Skidd, escorted by Mrs. Doris "Dee" Davis. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** And Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Melissa Hudman, escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman. (Applause) It is with pleasure that I introduce Sister Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron of Texas, for presenting our Star Point Emblems presentation.

**PGM Naomi Wolfe:** Today I bring you a very special program about the Star Point Emblems. The lessons of the principals taught of the heroines of our Order are scriptural. We are admonished to let the virtues of these tried and true servants of God be reflected throughout our lives. I invite you to go back in time with me. Friends, friends, a family reunion. How exciting. It's a time of seeing family and friends. A time of remembering, a time of celebrating, a time of joy and love, a time of sharing good times and of bad and a time of repeating our favorite stories. We have biological families, our adopted families, our church families, our community families and our Eastern Star and Masonic families. Put them all together and they are all a part of God's family. Tonight, we want to pay tribute to some special Biblical family members. Listen as I repeat in short form



some of what they each shared with me. They would have liked to have told you their stories themselves but we might have a hard time understanding the language they used to the language we use today.

**Adah:** I'm Adah's mother. Let me tell you about our daughter. Adah was a good, happy and obedient child and an ideal daughter. Her father and I were very, very proud of her. Adah was a strong Christian who loved the Lord, our God, all her family and friends. She had a strong sense of duty and devotion for her father. When her father made the rash promise of sacrifice to the Lord when asking God to help him in a battle. I'm sure he had no idea that the sacrifice would be his only child. Her father didn't hesitate to obey the vows he had made but willingly sacrificed her life to preserve her family's honor and his promise to God. Fidelity which is the station which Adah represents, being faithfulness, loyalty and truthfulness, which represents our daughter well. The sword and veil united is the most appropriate emblem to represent our daughter and her sacrifice. The color blue means self-sacrifice, integrity and obedience. I'm so glad that the violet flower is dedicated to Adah because she is associated with meekness and humility. My thanks to Rob Morris for using our daughter's life as an example in the teachings of Eastern Star. May each of you also have the courage and convictions to face life's obligation to be trustworthy, to be faithful to your promises and vows and love the Lord as much as Adah did.

**Electa:** the second apostle of John addressed me, although I was just referred to as the "Lovely Lady". I accepted Christ and his teachings and felt it was my Christian duty to raise my children with a strong Christian belief and to share these beliefs with as many people as possible. Even facing imprisonment, torture and death I shared the good news of God's love and that we should love one another, be generous in our giving and caring and to do so with loving kindness and to always speak the truth. Be forgiving as you would want to be forgiven. Be understanding as you would want to be understood. And to be helpful as you would appreciate being helped. Let your love of God be reflected in your actions, deeds and words. This takes courage and devoted faith. The cup used as the emblem at the station of Electa represents both joy and sorrow. It teaches you to extend generous aid to the victims of poverty and to those in distress. Red the brilliant color that represents me and is the color of fervency. In hospitality and love. I'm especially pleased with your founder for selecting the red rose as the flower to remind you of me and of love. If you would teach God's love and show love to others, then your life will be a true example of charity, truth and loving kindness.

**Ruth:** I am Ruth. I am the great-grandmother of King David and a Sister from God for Jesus our Christ. But of course, during my life-time I wasn't aware of what was to be. I grew up in a very wealthy family mostly in land and cattle. We of Moab were idol worshippers. I didn't know the God my husband's family knew as I was growing up. I soon learned their faith with God. The faith that would sustain me when my husband and my father-in-law all died. I loved my mother-in-law, Naomi and I loved her God, now my God. And was determined to stay with her and provide for her even in the land of strangers. The traditions so different than those in the country of my birth. Of course, there were no easy jobs available but my love for Naomi and the feeling I felt in my heart that it was my duty to care and provide for her made

me willing to do whatever was necessary. Although Naomi tried to get me to go back to my homeland, I stayed with her. It was the custom in this country, now my country too, to allow poor people to the field for any grain that the harvesters had missed or left in the fields at the harvest and gathered it for themselves. I got permission to do this although it was considered very lowly and undesirable. I was able to gather enough to sustain us. The sheaf represents my toiling in the fields and some say doing the good deeds for your friends. The ripe grain then, like the ripe grain today was a golden hue. It reminds us of constancy. The beautiful yellow jasmine flower has the association of meaning of humbleness, which reflects all my gathering of the grain after the harvest. When you think of Ruth also think of Naomi. I would like for you to think of loyalty, friendship, of love for one another and the convictions of right and duty.

**Martha:** Our home was a humble home and there were three children. My sister Mary, my brother Lazarus and myself Martha. When Jesus and his followers would come to visit our home, I'd try to make everything just right and all their needs met. But Mary would just sit and listen to Jesus and would not help with any of the household duties. I talked to Jesus one day about this and he told me the most important duty we have is to learn the lessons he was teaching and apply them to our own lives. When Lazarus became ill I sent word to Jesus that he was ill. Just to inform him because they were such good friends. Lazarus died and after he had been buried for four days Jesus came to see us. I told him that I knew if he had come earlier my brother would not have died because I had faith in him that he could and would heal Lazarus. And Jesus answered me that my brother would rise again. I thought he was talking about the resurrection of the last day but he meant there and then also. The broken column we use to represent my life is so appropriate for the uncertainty of human life. Green, my favorite color, is an emblem of nature's life and beauty and should remind you of the trustful faith that I had. The flower used to represent me doesn't bloom. It's a green fern which represents eternal life not only to Eastern Star members but also to Masons. Even in the face of death, grief and sorrow a faithful firm faith, God is willing to give you the strength.

**Esther:** You know me as Esther. I was the wife just like most of you ladies here are. My original name was Harissa so I'm glad it was changed to Esther which meant "star". After my parents died when I was very young, my uncle adopted me. He had me properly trained in the religious concept of our race which was Jewish and in proper social graces. When it was time for the King to select someone to be his wife, I was among the ones for him to consider and was told not to reveal the fact that I was Jewish, so I didn't. I became the chosen one to be the King's wife. Even as the wife of the King there were certain rituals that I had to follow when it was my desire to speak to him. After I found out that his plan was to destroy my entire Jewish race I knew I had to do something to try to save them even if it meant losing my title as Queen or my life of luxury or being put to death myself. I chose to risk that. After a couple of banquets that I had with all the king's favorite food and even his favorite waiters to serve him, I confessed to being Jewish and told him that I and all my race would be destroyed if he followed through on the edict that he had made and had been deceived to do. All my people were saved. The crown and the scepter which are two of the ritualistic items when I request to speak with the King are still being used today to remind you to temper power and justice. The color white asso-

ciates the story of my life and is a symbol of light, purity and joy. The white lily, my flower, represents purity of peace, purity of purpose, and is a very good flower to remind you that your thoughts, your words and your actions should always be pure.

As the emblems of our Biblical Sisters are placed on the pedestals and then we see them in our Chapter rooms, may we be reminded of their significance and the lessons they represent. The Bible, God's holy word is the greatest book ever written. The Bible is many things to many people. May it be to each of us our main source of study and our guide to our journey of life. The inspiration of the thoughts gives us strength in our times of need and support and comfort in our life and death. The Bible on the altar is encircled by the heroines of our Order. We are reminded that it is the source of all of our teachings and beautiful lessons and that we should exemplify in our lives the faithfulness of Adah, the constancy of Ruth, the loyalty of Esther, the faith of Martha and the love of Electa. The Square and Compasses represents the moral law that dictates our relationship with others and guides our actions here on earth. The compasses signify our endless pursuit of rituals understanding in our relationship to God. Together the Square and Compasses should constantly remind Freemasons of the balance required between the earthly and the spiritual. That our spiritual nation should rule and govern our eternal nation and knowing that it is the end he will dispense impartial justice and will reward or punish us in the everlasting life according to our obedience to his commands while we are on earth. It is by consent of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. that we are allowed to place the Square and Compasses on our altar that we may share the spiritual relationship with God. Rob Morris was the Master Builder of the Eastern Star. He worked with zeal writing our beautiful Order which was completed in 1850. He gave us an organization that men and women can share together. I am so proud that we are a part of God's family. No matter what kind of reunion you attend and no matter how much you enjoy it, the reunion in Heaven will be the most glorious reunion of all. \*\*\*

**(Lesa Smith sings "I'm so Glad I'm a Part of the Family of God")**

**Sister Susan Smith:** Okay y'all know the chorus to that song because you have heard it your entire life. Please join with me as we sing it one more time.

**(All sing "I'm so Glad I'm a Part of the Family of God")**

**PGM Naomi Wolf:** \* Yes, we are all part of God's family. As you enjoy the many types of family reunions here on earth, if your name or my name is mentioned, and every thought of loving and caring person hopefully this Eastern Star family reunion will be one of the favorite reunions. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** I would like to ask our beautiful young ladies and gentlemen that were at our altar a few minutes ago, could you please come and join us again? Did they leave? Well, Sisters and Brothers, I will tell a little bit about this and I will introduce them again in a few moments. The Holy Bible that now rests upon our altar 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, as it is the Masonic Bible which belonged to our Worthy Grand Matron elect's deceased husband, Steve Simonton. The Bible Marker was made by Mrs. Rita Lytle, Past Matron of Spring Chapter # 1105. The Altar cloth and kneeling bench covers were made by Mrs. Joan Watkins, member Loyal Chapter #648 and her daughter, Ms. Cindy Rogers, Past Matron of Loyal Chapter #648. The Bible and Marker tonight and I do still want them to

come in and you greet them, but the Bible and Marker were presented tonight by Miss Kaylee Simonton and Miss Brianna Simonton, grand-daughters of the Worthy Grand Matron Elect. And have they come back in? I believe so. Is Kaylee and Brianna and Steven was it? (Their names are Kaylee Simonton, Brianna Simonton, Griffin Simonton and Colton Simonton) Yes, you are two beautiful young ladies and two handsome young men. You did beautifully in presenting the sacred Bible that you placed on the altar and we just want to thank you and we are so proud of your grandmother and she is proud of you. So, Sisters and Brothers, let's show them how proud we are of them. (Applause) Thank you for joining us.

**MC Buddy Baker:** 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 Bible in every Chapter in Texas. The Square and Compasses being used tonight were presented to the Worthy Grand Matron Elect by Mrs. Sarah Coursey, who served as Grand Page to the Worthy Grand Matron Elect for the last three years. The Square and Compasses are being presented tonight, which was already done, by Mr. Griffin Simonton and Mr. Colten Simonton, Grandsons of the Worthy Grand Matron Elect.

**MC Betty Benham:** 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:** I invite the flag bearers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Throughout history, flags have been used to show allegiance to a country or to a cause. Battles have been fought as people have passionately protected the standards of their nation. We will now have the presentation of the flags.

\*\*\* Join me as we salute the flag of our country as it 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 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 50 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. \*

The Canadian flag, from our friend and neighbor to the north, is emblazoned with the beautiful red maple leaf on a banner of white. May our flags always fly side by side in a spirit of peace and fraternal friendship. The Canadian flag is presented by Mr. Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

No other state has such a heritage of sacrifice for freedom as Texas. Having served also as the flag of the Republic of Texas, the flag of the Lone Star State is recognized around the world. As Texans, we are proud of our heritage. Our hearts swell with pride when we see the Lone Star flag displayed, and hear the words: I pledge allegiance to thee Texas; one State under God, one and indivisible. Proudly presenting our state's flag is Mr. Billy Clabaugh, a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

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 heavenly Father's love for us and our love for Him.

Our Christian flag is presented by Mr. Bill Crews, Past Grand of Texas.

An emblematic star on a background of white, reminds us of the 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. Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The Masonic flag honors our Masonic Brothers as the foundation of the entire fraternal family. The Masonic flag is presented by Mr. David E. Dibrell, Youth Committee of General Grand Chapter, a Past Grand Patron of Texas, and Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

\*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country after which you will remain standing for our National Anthem, the Star-Spangled Banner and honor the Texas flag.

**(Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the “Star-Spangled Banner and O’Canada”  
And the Pledge to the Texas flag)**

**WGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. \*\*\*

**(Opening of the Bible)**

**MC Betty Benham:** Our invocation will be offered by Brother Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**PGP Nelson Campbell:** Dear God and our heavenly Father, we pause thanking you for the many blessings. We ask thy blessings on those who will relinquish their stations and assume their new duties and responsibilities. We thank thee for their year of service. Our Father, as we stand at the beginning of a new Chapter year we pray for thy continued presence, protection and blessings. We commend to thy special care and guidance the Officers Elect who are about to assume their new leadership rolls. Unite our petitions with thy love, thy blessings and thy protection. Give them strength in body and mind to perform their duties. Give them understanding and wisdom. We pray Father that under their leadership we may be inspired with new devotion to our beautiful Order. We pray in Jesus name. Amen. (Amen)

**PGP Buddy Baker:** \* 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:** First, I ask for all of the Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to stand with me. Sister Melissa Hudman and Brother Rick Skidd, we are most honored to bring a message of welcome to this wonderful group of our membership and families. 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 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 Past Grands 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, Melissa and Rick, we encourage this same membership to help you accomplish the dreams for your special year. Under your leadership, we want to help you make this an inspiring memory. We, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons pledge our support in the same manner and wish both of you many blessings and wonderful trip throughout the 2017-2018 adventure as you serve

our Order. May God bless both of you and your plans for our Order and each of us as we support your leadership. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** 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. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron,

Assisting Installing Grand Officer, Mr. Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Patron of Texas,

Installing Grand Chaplain, Mr. Trey Smith, ESTARL Committee GGC, and Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**MC Buddy Baker:** Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Vi Griffin, Past Grand Matron,

Installing Grand Organist, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Necrology Chairman, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron,

Installing Grand Secretary Pro-Temp, Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron. Will the Installing Grand Officers, please assume their places?

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Thank you Sister Betty. First, I would like to thank Sister Melissa for this great honor and confidence that you have placed in asking me to be your Installing Officer for your very special evening. We have been friends for many, many years. You were my Deputy in "The Year that Was", District 1, Section 4. As you know I have always, always been proud of you and I could not do this task without the wonderful people that you have selected to assist in this Installation. We will now have a very short recess for the preparation of the Installation. \* Brother Henry would you like to add some words to our Worthy Grand Matron Elect?

**MWAGP Henry Martin:** Yes, I want to thank Sister Melissa Hudman, our Worthy Grand Matron Elect and Brother Rick Skidd, our Worthy Grand Patron Elect for asking me to serve as their Assisting Installing Officer tonight. It's a great honor for me to serve in this way and I wish for the both of you a year that will be fondly remembered for a lifetime. I also wish for you safe travels as you cover this great state of Texas and meet the finest membership in the world. I know that the two of you will have a most productive and enjoyable year that will see the Grand Chapter of Texas moving forward in many ways. Thank you.

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**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Worthy Grand Matron I give to you your gavel. It is with great honor that I have been your Installing Officer tonight and it is an honor that I will always cherish. I give to you your gavel that I know you will use with love in your heart. I know you will use it for our beautiful Order and most of all you will use it as our heavenly Father would want you to do so. I give it to you with love and best wishes to you and Rick as you travel the next year of service. I love you both. \* Worthy Grand Matron, will each of those who have participated this evening or will participate in the program this evening please stand with me. Worthy Grand Matron, we would like to give to you a small token of our love and we say that we wish you all the happiness, all the health and all the love that the membership has to give to you deserve every heart, every hand shake

and every good will that we could give to you. We were honored to participate in your and Rick's beautiful evening. Thank you. (Applause) Our beautiful Betty and Brother Buddy will now take over. I am finished. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM Melissa Hudman:** Thank you. \*\*\* Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend and close our Holy Bible.

**(Closing of the Bible) \***

**MC Betty Benham:** 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, please bring Greetings?

**RWAGP Henry Martin:** Thank you Sister Betty. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter family, my Distinguished Sisters and Brothers all. It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to bring Greetings from General Grand Chapter to you tonight. During this week we have enjoyed hosting our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland from Florida and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob Penoyer from Pennsylvania. And to those of you who are here tonight I bring the Greetings and many other General Grand Chapter Officers were also in attendance and we were honored to have them enjoy our Texas hospitality also. Before anything else, I want to extend to Sister Melissa, our Worthy Grand Matron and to Brother Rick, our Worthy Grand Patron my appreciation for asking me to serve as their Assisting Installing Officer tonight and my very best wishes for the most productive and enjoyable year possible. And if throughout the year there is anything that I can do for you, you have only to ask. As one of your Elected Officers of General Grand Chapter I want to tell you that our Order is alive and well. I will admit that we do not have the almost one million members that we had some twenty years ago. We currently have about 400,000 to 450,000 members around the world. But we have two Jurisdictions, Bolivia and the Philippines, that are working with our Most Worthy Grand Patron to qualify for a Grand Chapter. Brother Bob has stated that the instituting process for the Philippines may very well start at the end of this year. And Brazil is growing to the extent that the need is to appoint two more Deputies to the two who are currently serving. Your General Grand Chapter Officers are working on several projects that we believe will benefit our Order. One of the most important concerns we have is making the magnificent home of our International Headquarters, the Belmont Mansion in Washington, D.C., better known among our Eastern Star Members. I want to just ask a question to those who are here tonight. How many of you have been to the Belmont Mansion in Washington? That's a pretty good number. Excellent! Excellent. This building was completed in 1909 by Perry Belmont who was a Mason at a cost of \$1,500,000 dollars, plus \$90,000 dollars for the cost of the land, to be the part-time home that was used during the two-month social season in Washington. It was primarily built to entertain notables from Washington but also dignitaries from around the world. It has fifty thousand square feet, fourteen bedrooms, five baths, among many other rooms too numerous to mention. The Belmont's used the house until 1925. In 1925 it was sold to the General Grand Chapter for only \$100,000. Sisters and Brothers, I'm proud of this Mansion. I want to encourage you tonight to visit Washington when you can and to put the Belmont Mansion on your itinerary. I know you will enjoy it and I know that you will be impressed with this Mansion. Sisters and Brothers, General Grand Chapter meets ever third year and you will recall that Texas hosted an Assembly in 2012

in Ft. Worth and in 2015 we were in Pittsburg. The next Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter will be in Orlando, Florida beginning on October 25th and ending on November 2nd, of 2018. At which time Sister Marianne Shenefelt of Wyoming and I will be installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. Installation will be on Thursday, November 1st at about 6:00 p.m. I hope that many of you here tonight will honor us with your presence. I can't think of anything better than to have a large Texas contingent. Sisters and Brothers, I just want to say in closing that it's an honor to serve you and the state of Texas as a General Grand Chapter Officer and it's been a pleasure to be with you tonight. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** Thank you, Brother Henry.

**MC Buddy Baker:** We are pleased to have with us tonight, Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming. We are anxiously awaiting your installation as the Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter next year. Sister Marianne, would you please bring us Greetings?

**RWAGM Marianne Shenefelt:** Thank you. What a pleasure. Worthy Grand Matron, Melissa and Worthy Grand Patron, Rick, now that has a wonderful ring to it, doesn't it? What a beautiful and impressive Installation Ceremony. You Installation Team did a grand job. Thank you for the honor of being in the East with you as you begin your "Year of Faith, Hope and Love." I wish for you a truly successful, rewarding and joy filled year of service. May you choose Faith over anxiety, Hope over worry and Love over fear. Plato said, "The beginning is the most important part of the work." And you have had an awesome beginning. Thank you again for the honor and the privilege in being a part of bringing Greetings on your special evening. I wish you the very best. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** Thank you, Sister Marianne. 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. It is my great honor and privilege to present to you, Right Worthy Terry W. Stogner, Grand Senior Warden, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Right Worshipful Sir, would you please bring us Greetings?

**Mr. Terry Stogner:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. It is an honor and pleasure to be before you this evening to bring you Greetings from the Grand Lodge of Texas, the Grand Master and the Trustees. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Texas, Jerry Nelson Kirby, brings Greetings to you and wishes that you have safe travels throughout this great year. And the many miles that you travel throughout the great state that you have happiness and prosperity, sharing the goodness of the Eastern Star with this most wonderful Sisters and Brothers in the state of Texas. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas, the Grand Master and the Trustees, we congratulate you and wish you safe travels and a great year this year. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to bring this to you. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** Thank you, Brother Terry. Our Masonic Youth are a vital part of growing our Order and our Masonic Order. We are pleased to have the two recognized Masonic youth organizations in Texas that are with us tonight. It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Mike Sampson, Executive Officer of Texas DeMolay Association, and Mr. Cody Jones, Texas State Master Counselor, who will bring us Greetings.



**Mr. Mike Sampson:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Members and Guests. We would like to thank you for inviting us here today to share with you your Installation. I congratulate you on being elected to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas. I wish for you every success as you travel Texas in the coming year on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We look forward to both of you joining us in Waco in July 2018 for the DeMolay Conclave. We are very grateful for the support given to Texas DeMolay and the Masonic Youth of Texas by the Grand Chapter. We are especially grateful for the many members sitting here in the audience today that freely give of their time and resources to continue the principles of DeMolay in Texas. It is because of the hard work done by these members that make the meetings, fundraisers, fun days and trips possible for the active members of DeMolay and I thank you for that support. At this time, it is my honor and pleasure to introduce Cody Jones, the 88th State Master Counselor of the Texas DeMolay Association.

**State Master Counselor Cody Jones:** Hello. Thank you again for allowing me to bring Greetings on behalf of Texas DeMolay. I want to congratulate the out-going Officers on a successful term and wish for the in-coming Officers an equally successful term. I want to thank you for inviting us and allowing us to be a part of such a beautiful and wonderful Installation. I'm looking forward to working with the new elected and appointed Officers. My goal for this year to increase the communication not only throughout Texas DeMolay but with the different Masonic bodies throughout the Masonic family. DeMolay has 26 Chapters throughout the state and over 600 active members. We just had our annual Conclave this July and we look forward to seeing all of you at our next Conclave next July 2018. I have with me the Deputy State Master Counselor Cole Spicer, the State Jr. Counselor, Rex Wunsche, and the Illustrious Knight Commander of the Texas PIKC, James Landers with me. Thank y'all again for allowing us to come out and support y'all as y'all do us. If y'all need anything from Texas DeMolay, please do not hesitate to ask. And now I would like to present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron my challenge coin for the year. Again, I just want to thank you all for the wonderful opportunity to come out and bring Greetings. The Masonic family is just that, a Family. We support each other through thick and thin and we'll always be here for each other. God bless each and every one of y'all and have a safe rest of your day and a safe ride home. Thank y'all. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** Thank you for your greetings, and a beautiful Flower Talk Presentation. How about a round of applause for the DeMolay Organization? 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.

**MC Betty Benham:** Is Mr. James Ryan Landers in the room? Mr. James Ryan Landers, he is the Texas State Illustrious Knight Commander. Mr. Landers, I think you will bring us the Flower Talk, correct? Please, we'd love to hear you.

**Mr. James Ryan Landers:** Worthy Grand Matron, if you will allow me to make a strange request. Could the two of you come here to the West side of the altar, and temporarily hold the station that would normally be held by one of my newly invested Brothers? Thank you so much.

**(DeMolay Flower Talk Presentation by Mr. James Ryan Landers)**

(Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** Brother Landers I'm sorry I didn't recognize you. I was waiting for these beautiful young ladies on the floor. I'm sorry to put them before you. That was a beautiful, impressive Flower Talk and please forgive me for trying to over look you. Again, I will invite Mrs. Marlene Dibrell.

**Mrs. Marlene Dibrell:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. On behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls I appreciate this opportunity to bring Greetings and to thank each of you, our Eastern Star members, our Masons, our active members of Rainbow, every member of Adult Leadership Teams, every supportive parent and grandparent, our Majority members, all friends of Rainbow. Author and phycologist Kathryn Logan wrote that "the greatest thing that we can do for any individual or any group in our day is to help them find their best." That is what the Order of the Eastern Star is doing for our girls. Our girls are blessed to be part of this Fraternal Family. Our Assemblies are blessed by your interest, your sponsorship and the support from you, our dedicated adults. Rainbow is for our girls but we would not have Rainbow if it were not for the adults. So, thank you for the confidence in our youth of today and the belief in the promise that they hold for the future. Your lives guide the steps for our girls to insure a bright future for each of them and subsequently in the process we are also providing for the growth of our Fraternal Family. As we begin the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year be reminded that the nicest place to be is in some one's thoughts. The safest place to be is in some one's prayers. And the best place to be is in God's hands. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls wishes for you a most successful and productive year and we in Rainbow will hold you in our thoughts in our every prayer which will place you in the very best place of all and that is in God's hands. There is a ripple effect in all that we do. "What you do touches me and what I do touches you." With the ripple effect of our actions, may we continue to touch each other with the influence and impact of our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star as we strive to be the best we can be and as we place ourselves in God's hands and share in service and love to all we meet. Thank you so much. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** 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:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East and my Sisters and Brothers. It is very exciting to be here to bring Greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and all of Texas Rainbow Girls. Thank you for the invitation and privilege to participate in your beautiful Installation. It is our honor to be a part of this celebration. Many of you here with us this evening are Majority Rainbow Girls and through the Eastern Star teachings of your right living, your charity and your service you are continuing the same pathway of our Rainbow teachings. We appreciate you being the roll models for our young girls and providing them with a fraternal friendship. Your dedication to support Texas Grand Assembly with your fraternal teachings of love and kindness is a special blessing to all of us. Texas Rainbow would like to thank you for being our sponsoring Orders and supporting our young ladies with your dedication, commitment and extraordinary service. Thank you for being true and faithful friends of Rainbow as together we will help our young ladies become the very

best persons they can be. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are looking forward to the support that you will give to Texas Rainbow this 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year. And we do promise that support to you and hope to be of service to you during your term of office. We would love to invite you and your Officers to the 2018 Grand Assembly Session in Waco. And it is now with much Rainbow excitement that I invite the Rainbow Girls in Texas to enter this Grand Chapter Room. (Rainbow Girls Drill) (Applause) Sister Grand Drill Leader, you will conduct our Grand Worthy Advisor, Ms. Hunter Nodwell, to the altar. Sister Grand Drill Leader you will conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the altar.

**(Bible Presentation by Ms. Hunter Nodwell)**  
**(Singing of the Rainbow song)**  
**(Applause)**

**Mrs. JoAnn Weaver:** Sister Drill Leader you will conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron back to the East. Thank you, Rainbow Girls for coming from all over this great state of Texas for your beautiful presentation this evening. You are incredible young ladies and remember that each of you have a very special place in my heart.

**(Rainbow Girls exit)**  
**(Applause)**

**Mr. Buddy Baker:** Let's give another round of applause for these beautiful ladies. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** Well, the Installation of Officers is over and we have a new Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and a new Past Grand Matron and Past Worthy Grand Patron, so I think a change of jewels is in order. The Worthy Grand Matron's traveling jewel is being presented by Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, Past Grand Matron.

**PGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** That's sounds very good to my ears, "Past Grand Matron". I did it! Sister Melissa, with much love for our Order and great pride, I wore both of these badges this year. This one is the old one that is dated back into the 1800's I believe and matches the Worthy Grand Patron's badge and it does only have "Grand Matron" on it. And I proudly give you this old one. Now, this is the new one. While the old was lost they had this one made and so I was so proud to wear both of them during my year. With much anticipation and pride for your year and I know that you are going to have as much love for our Order and wear them with as much pride as I have because I know your year is going to be just wonderful. (Applause)

**(Presentation of the WGM Jewel)**

**WGM Melissa Hudman:** Thank you Past Grand Matron. She really is a good friend I want you to know that. Not just someone up here saying words and I love you.

**MC Buddy Baker:** Presenting the Worthy Grand Patron's traveling jewel will be Past Grand Patron, Mr. Tom Murphy.

**PGP Tom Murphy:** You notice I'm smiling. Brother Rick, this is the original Worthy Grand Patron's pin. There was never another one made. This pin has been worn close to 135 years with honor and dignity to the Order and I know you will carry on that privilege

**(Presentation of the WGP Jewel)**

**WGP Rick Skidd:** Well, thank you sir. You did a great job wearing it and I hope I do half as good a job as you did. Thank you very much.

**MC Betty Benham:** Mr. Gary Mosmeyer please come to the podium and make the presentation of the Past Grand Matron's jewel

**Brother Gary Mosmeyer:** What a wonderful day this is. Hallelujah!! It's been a long time coming.

**PGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Oh, hush up and open the box. (Laughter)

**Brother Gary Mosmeyer:** She hasn't seen it yet. She hasn't seen the finished product. But I say it's been a long time coming because this journey didn't start four years ago when she was elected to the office of Associate Grand Conductress. This started over twenty years ago when her and her lady friends, Eastern Star Friends, decided that they would start doing some traveling and get to know the membership and so the membership could get to know them. And then eventually after several years of that, what was it? In 1999 she was asked to be a Deputy Grand Matron. About 2004 or 2005 I believe it was that Sister Karen Morgenthaler asked her to be her Grand Marshal and that's what really lit the fuse. She just fell in love with it there. And then of course it was District Deputy Grand Matron, Board of Grand Examiners and then four years ago she was elected for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

**PGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Open the box! (Laughter)

**Brother Gary Mosmeyer:** But you know, the hard part is being the Grand Matron's year because there are times when you just want to be home, you're tired of the road, you can't stay home, you have to go. You want to spend time with your family and friends, grandchildren, great-granddaughter, but you can't you have to go. And sometimes you are sick and you want to be home but you can't you have to go. So, this emblem, this Grand Matron's jewel...Past Grand Matron's jewel is symbolic of all of that. It's got all the emotions...well anyway...so, here you go. Go ahead and open it. What? It's not in there? Here it is.

### (Presentation of the PGM Jewel)

**PGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Oh! Can you see it? It is of course a snow flake. Thank you.

**Brother Gary Mosmeyer:** Well I did have a hand in it. She designed it. She got all the jewels...I can't find my college ring anymore. I don't know where it went to. (Laughter) But she let me take part in it. She let me pay for it!

**PGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** And thank you Trey Smith, it's beautiful.

**MC Buddy Baker:** Mrs. Glenda Murphy, would you please come to the podium and make the presentation of the Past Grand Patron's jewel?

**Sister Glenda Murphy:** Tom it is with great pride and great pleasure that I present this to you. I want you to wear it with honor and again pride because I think you've done a very wonderful job. It was also made for you by someone who cares a great deal about you and he put a lot of love and caring into it. He doesn't love you as much as I do but he cares about you. But it is exquisite, it is you. You've made me very proud to be able to say I'm married to you. (Applause)

## (Presentation of PGP Jewel)

**PGP Tom Murphy:** Oh Boy! That is gorgeous. Thank you. This is beautiful.

**Sister Glenda Murphy:** So Mr. Conductor, put it on. The train is leaving the station.  
(Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** 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 special touches. Presenting the dedication of the Worthy Grand Matron's year will be Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**ARWGS Alma Lynn Bane:** These are the words of our Worthy Grand Matron:

I want to dedicate this year to Mrs. Jessie Braswell who served as my Page until her death on October 6, 2016. Miss Jessie was such a great lady who always wore a smile. She was a wonderful ambassador for Christ and she taught me so much about life. To all who loved her, she is so very missed. I hope this year makes you proud as you look down from heaven. I am also so privileged and honored to dedicate this year to: My Husband and my family: I want to thank my family for allowing me to fly with my own wings. To my husband, Richard, you have always encouraged me. I thank you for understanding the time I have had to spend away from you. I love and appreciate you more than I can say, but I know that you know.

To my family, whose love for me shines forth on a daily basis, words cannot begin to say how much I love each of you. My son and his wife, Jason and Julie, you are my inspiration. I am so proud of you both. To my son John, who now resides in Heaven, I am so glad I am a believer and I know that you are looking down at all of us and smiling. To my grandchildren, Jay, Connor, and Nathan Simonton, Kaylee, Brianna, Griffin, and Colten Simonton and Mary Bush. How proud I am of each of you, you are wonderful kids who show your Mimi everyday how wonderful life can be. I cannot thank you enough for understanding when I cannot be there. Just know that my love is always with you no matter where we are.

To my parents, Roy and Frances Borders who reside together in heaven, I dedicate this year to you because as I look back through all of the years, I start thinking about how hard you had to work, how many mountains to climb and bridges to cross to give me the best upbringing a child could ask for. I know I haven't been an easy child, but my love for you is unconditional. There were no easy paths to take, but you pushed through each storm and began new journeys and made so much effort to give me a good life. You pushed me harder and harder every year to become the best that I could be and I thank you each and every day of my life for that. I would not be where I am if it weren't for you. You're the wall I needed to test my height, the countervailing force to test my strength, the chain I hammered at with all my might even though you had increased its length. I needed your fierce, proud love and always will.

To the members of Loyal Chapter #648: I have been a member for 36+ years of Loyal Chapter #648. To all my friends for supporting my craziest dreams, for trusting my vision and helping me to bring it alive, I can never thank you enough. None of this would have been real, if it weren't for people like you who gave me the courage to stand strong and fight. I am truly nothing without your love and support and I want you to know that I am

so thankful to have you all in my life.

To the members of District 1 and the Swan Friends: I thank you for all the love and support you have given to me. Each and every one of you are very special to me. Thank you for all you do for our beautiful Order.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Texas: I cannot express to each of you how much I appreciate and respect you. You have always been there for anything that I needed and I will always be grateful. Your love of our Order is impressive. May God Bless you in your endeavors to further serve our Order with your many talents.

To Brother Rick and Sister Lou: You have become my extended family and I thank you for agreeing to take this journey with me. Richard and I truly feel you are a member of our family. Thank you for your commitment to me and to the Order of the Eastern Star.

To the Membership of Texas' Eastern Star: To the wonderful membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you for continuously giving of your time, your talents, your energy, and your finances. You have supported my projects and have given me precious memories that will forever be remembered. I want to thank each person who told me it would NOT be possible to succeed... You were right. It was impossible, but WE DID IT. I will love you always. I know that with all your help, all of our goals will be met. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** The Worthy Grand Matron has given her Worthy Matrons the title of "Melissa's Melodies". Bringing the message to her "Melodies" will be Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron.

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** I decided to call my girls "Melissa's Melodies". For those who know me, you know that music is a big part of my life. Have you ever heard a melody you just can't seem to forget? One that leaves no one unmoved? Such is the definition of Melissa's Melodies. These ladies have been a constant source of strength to me for the past three years and I know that this year of serving together will be one of outstanding accomplishment.

I hope to focus our efforts on those members who no longer attend our Chapter meetings, in addition to striving to obtain new members. I also hope to focus our attention on our ritualistic work in order to exemplify it in the most dignified manner possible.

Let us be kind, understanding, and loving in all of our actions, striving to do our work well, remembering that each of us is human and that mistakes will occur.

I look forward to a wonderful year of dedication and loving fellowship as we serve side by side in our service to the subordinate chapters and to the Grand Chapter of Texas. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** The dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron's year will be presented by Mr. George Gwaltney, Past Grand Patron.

**PGP George Gwaltney:** You know, Rick would probably say something like this "This year of service to the Grand Chapter of Texas is dedicated to the following", but I'm not going to say it like that. I'm going to say something like this. Sister Lou will you please stand. To Lou, my wife of 31 years, for always being there for me and supporting me in whatever endeavor I have sought to undertake. They say that behind every great man

stands a woman. There is no greater man than the man that can acknowledge the woman standing right next to him. I owe what I am to my wife; my soulmate.

Now Rick's children could not attend this evening but he wanted them to know, to my children, Jack and Ann. No better children could God have given a man. You have both followed your individual dreams and are successful in your own right. I am proud of you both and pray that all your hopes and dreams come true.

And now to Rick's parents: To my parents, Harry and Angeline Skidd. What I am today is because of the virtues you instilled in me as a child. We were never a rich family when it came to money, but we were rich in what we had as a family. You have both been called home by our Lord, but I believe you are watching over me and making certain that when one door closes, another opens.

And now I would ask the members of Adah Chapter #49 to stand. And Rick says. We have a reputation throughout the state as a fun-loving chapter who has seen a steady growth in membership over the past several years. You have always been supportive of Sister Lou and me and now we will need it more than before. But we know that we can count on you to help us show the rest of the state what the secret of our membership growth is.

And now lastly: To the members of District 5, Section 7: what can I say except there must be something in our water. Thank you for your support and encouragement as I embark on this next chapter of my life. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** The Worthy Grand Patron has selected the title of "Rick's Jesters" for the Worthy Patrons of the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year. The Worthy Grand Patron's message to the "Jesters" will be presented by Mr. Trey Smith, ESTARL, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron.

**PGP Trey Smith:** The Worthy Grand Patron's message to the Jesters. Greetings and Salutations to my co-workers, otherwise known as The Jesters. A Jester is a person hired by the Queen, your Worthy Matron, to entertain and keep the populace, your members, happy. Now, I'm not asking you to act like a fool, after all we all want to perform our work with the utmost of decorum. However, this is only necessary for our opening, closing, draping of our charter or altar, and for Initiations. All other aspects of the meeting can be performed with a little levity.

I am asking you to assist your Worthy Matron in making the meetings more interesting and giving the membership another reason to continue coming back and attending the meetings. Sure, they'll want to come back for the fellowship, but what if they also wanted to come back because they were genuinely enjoying the meeting and were afraid they might miss out on something or some fun? Wouldn't that help increase the number of sideliners?

What if it also increased your membership? Wouldn't that be great? Well, this year, one of your responsibilities as a Jester will be to motivate each of your Chapter members to bring in a new member. At least one. Don't get me wrong, more than one would be wonderful, but let's start out with at least one. And, while you're at it, let's get some of those members who haven't attended for years back into the realm. Wouldn't that be even better? And to make this a true Jester type competition, I will award first, second, and third place awards to the Chapters with the most improved membership at the 2018 Grand

Chapter Session. Scoring will be based on the greatest number of new members initiated, the most members brought back into the Chapter, and finally, the most of plural members.

Well, that's it. The whole enchilada, the cherry on the cake, or whatever cliché you can think of. So, let's get out there and Be Good, Help Others, and Have Fun. Remember, it's all what you make out of it! (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** Presenting the Worthy Grand Matron's Colors, Flowers, and Emblems is Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Past Grand Matron.

**PGM Joyce Nicklas:** The Worthy Grand Matron's emblems, colors, and flowers:

**Emblem:** The Swan

I chose the Swan for several reasons. I used it as my emblem the first time I was Worthy Matron because its beauty reminded me of the beauty and dignity of our work. "May you have the compassion, freedom, and beauty of the Swan, remembering that true beauty comes from within."

**Symbol:** The Owl

The Owl is a symbol for vigilance, acute wit, wisdom, keen sight, and patience.

**Colors:** Nature has a wonderful palette, and for that reason, I have selected the colors of the sunset as my colors. In literally minutes, the colors change from blues to oranges, to reds, and to purplish tones... just another spectacular display and I am always left speechless by the sunset's vibrancy.

**Flowers:** The flower I have selected is the lily. Specifically, those that are orange or coral in color, such as the Royal Sunset Lily or Tiger Lily. The color orange is a healing color and expresses vitality, creativity, endurance, and warmth. Orange stands out with a sincere and dynamic display, which makes these flowers filled with enthusiasm and happiness. Orange flowers also symbolize curiosity and are associated with friendly people. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** 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:** Romans 15:5-7 "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Romans 2:11 "For God shows no partiality."

Romans 1:17 "For therein the righteous of God is revealed from faith to faith: As it is written, the just shall live by faith.

Romans 5:25 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** Presenting the Worthy Grand Patron's scriptures is Mr. David Dibrell,



Youth Committee, General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Patron of Texas, and Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

**PGP David Dibrell:** The Worthy Grand Patron's Scripture and Motto comes to us from Ecclesiastes 3:1

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;  
A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."

The Worthy Grand Patron's motto is: "Do good, help others, have fun."

Do Good: Matthew 5:44 – "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

Help Others: Luke 6:38 – "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

And finally to Have Fun: Proverbs 15:13 – "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken." (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** Music touches our hearts in many different ways. To tell us how the Worthy Grand Matron's music will touch our hearts is Mr. Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona.

**PGP Bill Rhyan:** Dedication of the Worthy Grand Matron's music: This year, the March is called "Broadway Across Texas". Languages may differ, but music can be understood and appreciated by everyone. It enriches our lives and causes us to more deeply appreciate the events of our days and lives.

To Brothers Daniel Caldwell and Bill Rhyan: There are not enough words for me to thank you for this March, it is just what I wanted. Brother Daniel, my Grand Organist, wrote the March Melodies and Brother Bill Rhyan wrote and interspersed the Broadway Hits. Both are such talented musicians and continue to share their talent with the Grand Chapter of Texas. This March incorporates some of my favorite show tunes and ends with "The Music of the Night" from Phantom of the Opera. I really hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

**(Daniel Caldwell performing "Broadway Across Texas")  
(Applause)**

**MC Betty Benham:** Performing the Worthy Grand Matron's music, "Broadway Across Texas", was Mr. Daniel Caldwell, Grand Organist.

**MC Buddy Baker:** The dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron's music will be given by Mr. Jerry W. Neuenschwander, Grand Choir Director.

**Brother Jerry W. Neuenschwander:** First of all, may I congratulate you both, as well as the other officers, on your installation. I am sure the whole of Texas is ready to support all your programs and plans for the coming year. I add my best wishes for you now and throughout the year.

I was certainly taken aback when our Worthy Grand Patron called me and asked me if I would be interested in writing his Grand Patron March. I thought, I think I can. I hope I can. I'll try my best. I had an idea in mind that was just kind of floating around that I thought might work into a March and thought this would be an inspiration and to help develop that. So, I agreed to write the Worthy Grand Patron's March!!!

My thoughts soon shifted from what I thought would work for the March when the Associate Grand Patron told me he would send me the titles to some songs he wanted to include in his March. W..H..A..T????? I received the list of four songs to incorporate into the March. A few days later, I received another notification that our Associate Grand Patron wanted to change one of the songs. No problem. I had barely started to put anything down that made any since or to gather thoughts and ideas into anything that might resemble music.

The first song on the list was "The U. S. Air Force" or "The Air Force Song" as most of us know it. (Music played) This was certainly work. It's a March. I was certainly happy.

The next song we might know as the "Circus Song". Almost every circus has some rendition of this song during their performances. It is actually entitled "Entry of the Gladiators". (Second song played) Rick Skidd's song. It would kind of work.

The third song he wanted was "Deep In The Heart Of Texas". (Third song played) Certainly this is something we all would enjoy having in the song. Once again, I could see how I could work this song into the March along with the others especially "The Air Force Song" and "Deep In The Heart..." (hum a little from each) kind of have the same beginning. I could see how I could work this together.

Now. The Associate Grand Patron had suggested a familiar Polka as the fourth selection. It was light hearted and easy going and it had promise. But, a few days later I received a suggestion to change from this polka to "Yakety Yak Polka" written by Liberace. I remember watching Liberace on TV with my family on the old black and white way back when, every week. Liberace was flamboyant both in his dress and in the way he played the piano. Sometimes he would have his brother, George, come on the show and play the violin. Well, neither one of them were slouches. They were very, very good musicians. Okay, well, Liberace wrote Yakety Yak Polka in his own grandiose style. You can find it on Youtube if you ever wanted to watch him play it. His hands are going about two and a half feet off the keyboard. HOW DID HE DO THAT??? (Next song played) Okay, I can do this, I think. A Polka is kind of like a March, maybe. I can do that. Well, the first attempt turned out to be seven pages long, I incorporated all of them in there and they all seemed to fit. Seven pages? We'd never hear the end of it. So, I began to think that I've got to cut it down. It's got to be less. Also, I started to think that a lot of our Chapter Organists, not many of them are Liberaces!! So, you've got to figure that into the mix. After several more rewrites, still trying to include enough of each song, the key was changed, the

songs were shortened and the entire selection was given a slower tempo and everybody else went “thank goodness!” By the way, if you are going to look at this piece of music, the marking for the tempo is 200. That’s the quarter note, don’t try to take it as a half note. So just when you see it, it says that.

I think you will agree that each of these four pieces is very exciting and uplifting and are right in line with our Worthy Grand Patron’s personality. I hope this zest for life and fun is reflected in the March. We are very fortunate to have Sister Cindy Bausell, Worthy Matron of Boerne Chapter #200 with us today to play “Let the Fun Begin”. Thank you so much, Worthy Matron Cindy for your assistance.

**(Cindy Bausell performing “Let the Fun Begin”)**  
**(Applause)**

**WGP Rick Skidd:** Sisters and Brothers aren’t you glad we mainly play the Worthy Grand Matron’s March? (Laughter) Thank you Brother Jerry.

**MC Betty Benham:** The presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron’s Humanitarian Program will be presented by Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron.

**PGM Nancy Brown:** HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM, 2017-2018 “The Grace of Giving”.  
*“But since you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness, and in the love we have kindled in you --see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” 2 Corinthians 8*

#### **A Giving Heart (Matthew 6:19-21)**

Jesus told us to store up treasures in heaven as an expression of a devoted heart. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. {20} But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. {21} For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

#### **The Macedonian’s “GIVING” heart**

2 Corinthians 8 tells us about a remarkable group of believers – in fact whole churches in the first century – who got it. The light turned on and they had eternal treasure on their minds. Their generous new way of thinking was so amazing that Paul called it God’s gift (grace) to them.

#### **Motivated to Give by Grace**

Giving is driven by grace, a giving heart only starts as we contemplate and comprehend how Jesus could trade heaven and its glorious perfection for this earth and a human existence and the pain of a crucifixion.

#### **A Personal Issue of Willingness**

God has implanted in every believer a desire to give. We know about grace because of God’s grace given to us. It’s just a matter of responding and carrying through with what God is doing in our life. You see, like Christ, and like these Macedonian Christians, our wealth is not measured by our keeping, but by our giving – not by our treasure on earth, but by our treasure in heaven. We all need to excel in the grace of giving.

#### **Motivated to Give by Grace**

Giving is driven by grace, this Grand Chapter Year, 2017-2018, will be dedicated to showing Grace to others. All of us can give something. Do we seek out younger women or

men in our organization to mentor or encourage?

Do we say yes if we are needed to work on a project, do a car repair, give someone a ride to the doctor? Do we willingly loan our vehicles or other valuable things to others? Do we offer to help someone older or disabled – when no one sees? Do we look for opportunities to assist others? As members of the Eastern Star we all should be looking for ways to show “grace” to others.

Each Chapter is encouraged to be 100% by donating \$1.00 per member as listed on the 2017 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.

The membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas has acquired the knowledge and wisdom to serve and to sustain our beautiful Order through the years. We must maintain these accomplishments so that we can continue the Grace of Giving for generations to come.

The letters in the word **GRACE** represent the components of this year’s Humanitarian Program.

- G—GENERAL FUND
- R—ESTARL (Religious Education)
- A—AIDE TO OTHERS (Benevolent Aide)
- C—CARE for our Ladies in TMRC
- E—EDUCATION FUND

### **G - GENERAL FUND**

The daily operating expenses of our Grand Chapter are dependent upon the funds and resources provided through the General Fund. As our membership continues to decline, these sources of revenue are declining, but the expenses of having a Grand Chapter Office do not.

### **R - ESTARL**

Religious Education Scholarships

The money given to ESTARL, Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, is to allow for educational scholarships for those who seek to further their education in a field where they have dedicated their lives to GOD’s ministry in service to their fellow man.

### **A - AID TO OTHERS**

Benevolent Aid Fund

The Benevolent Aid Fund is to assist our members who may need emergency or long-term assistance. In times of cost of living increases, these funds are often in demand. This fund is used to aid families with unexpected or high medical expenses, victims of natural disasters, the unemployed, the underemployed, and others in similar circumstances.

### **C - CARE**

Care for our Ladies at TMRC

For our ladies at Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC) and our commitment that

they will receive the proper and loving care they deserve.

## E - EDUCATION

### Educational Scholarships

Our Educational 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. They are the future leaders of our nation. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** At this time, I would like to take the privilege and honor of introducing our Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, Brother Bob Penoyer. Will you bring us a few Greetings please sir?

**RWGP Bob Penoyer:** Thank you Buddy. It's my pleasure to be here with you this evening to see this Installation. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Rick, congratulations on your Installation this evening. It was very impressive and I also want to congratulate your Installing Officers, Brother Henry and Sister Jimmie Lee and also Vi Griffin. Thank you for the wonderful performance that you gave tonight. Everybody should be very, very happy and to give you a big hand for the job that you did this evening. (Applause) I also want to say congratulations to Past Grand Matron, Sister Sharon and Past Grand Patron, Brother Tom as they join the ranks of the Past Grand Officers in the great state of Texas. It's glad that I am to have you on board with us old Past Grands. And I do mean old. (Laughter) I want to wish Brother Henry Martin and also Sister Marianne as they continue their journey in the East in General Grand Chapter. I hope that they have continued good health and good safe travels as they continue throughout this country as they travel also in the footsteps of many, many great people before them. Now Sisters and Brothers the other thing that I was impressed with tonight was our youth. Brother Landers, the Flower Talk was letter perfect and I'm sure that everybody enjoyed that. And I also want to congratulate all of the Rainbow Girls for the Drill and the performance of the Rainbow Bibles that they put on tonight. It was impressive and remember those young ladies and gentlemen from Rainbow and DeMolay are our future Officers. They are impressive and God bless them as they continue to grow into our Order of Eastern Star. (Applause) With that I say God bless you and to all the Grand Officers that were installed here tonight may you have safe travels as you drive through this state of Texas. Keep up the good work and remember we've got to keep "Flying High for OES." Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** Thank you Most Worthy Grand Patron. At this time, I have the honor and the 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 Rick Skidd. Brother Rick, would you please bring us Greetings?

**WGP Rick Skidd:** Certainly, thank you very much. You know if you ever want to see the surprised look on peoples' face bring up your own printed copy of what you want to say, thereby giving the impression, you are going to go off script which they took a long time to put in the book. But I just want to assure everybody that all it is, is for my poor blind eyes. I've blown it up to 24 Pica and double spaced it. It's exactly what I was supposed to say. So, I'm not going to go off script. (Applause) I'm not saying I might not take longer than the Worthy Grand Matron for the very last time, but I'm not going off script. Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, and excuse me Sisters and Brothers as I'm just kind of reading here, General Grand Chapter

Elected and Appointed Officers, 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 Grand Patrons of Texas, Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, My Sisters and Brothers All. (Applause) Thank you, thank you.

As I stand here before you, there is only one word that comes to mind and that is "WOW"! Let me try to explain this feeling to you. Remember when you were a youngster and your parents took you to an amusement park and you rode on that roller coaster for the first time? And all it did was go up and come down, maybe a little hill, go back into the station. Well, that's how you all felt when you joined Eastern Star. A little tingle in your stomach. Ready to go and just keep working at this. Then you go older you moved on and you started riding what I call the steel coaster. You know those that go way up in the air, take a plummet at about a sixty degree angle, sharp turns, quick hills. Well, that's what you felt like the first time you became Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron of your Chapter. Didn't know how fast it was going to go. Didn't know what to expect but you were ready for anything. Well, today as I stand here before you I feel like I've just landed on a coaster that will take us on a ride that will not only go up and down, but upside down and even spin around and around. What a ride this next year will be. One to be cherished and remembered. However, you can only ride with this E-Ticket, you remember the E-Ticket, you can only ride this ride for one year. And then it's time to give it up and let somebody else ride on it. It will be my turn or my time to give it up and let Brother Burley have a turn at it and let him enjoy it for the next year. Sisters and Brothers, this is the way we've always been and this is the way we will continue to be.

My Sisters and Brothers, you did not vote for me like you did for Melissa. You voted her in as Associate Grand Conductress and then I kind of met up with her when she went to the West. However, you trusted her and you believed in her and because of that you accepted me as your Associate Grand Patron and now your Worthy Grand Patron. And to that, all I can say to you is thank you, thank you, thank you. I want to assure you as I stand before you that I love this organization just as much as the Worthy Grand Matron does and just as much as each and everyone of you do. And I will do everything within the power allowed to me by the Worthy Grand Matron to do whatever I can to help improve our Grand Chapter. Just a second I just realized I made myself laugh. And Sister Lou will you please stand with me? I know you were comfortable back there. But I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for asking Sister Lou and I to take this journey with her. Little did I realize everything along this journey would change our lives. But our Worthy Grand Matron and her husband Richard have made it exciting and fun. Worthy Grand Matron would you join me please. I know you were comfortable too. On behalf of Sister Lou and I, thank you for asking us to take this trip with you. But more importantly, thank you for allowing us to be part of your journey that started for you over two years ago. You have included us in everything and for that Sister Lou and I will be forever grateful and we pledge to you our unconditional support and are here to do whatever we can to help you as you lead the Grand Chapter of Texas this next year. Thank you. (Applause)

I next wish to thank Brothers David Dibrell, Trey Smith, and George Gwaltney for pre-

senting my Scriptures, Dedication, and Description of my co-workers, aka “The Jesters”. Gentlemen, you are among the Past Grand Patrons that I admire the most, there’s nothing wrong with you Brother Tom, I just want you to know that. And I am very appreciative that you agreed to be part of our Installation.

Next, I want to thank Brother Jerry Neuenschwander for writing my March, “Let the Fun Begin”. Brother Jerry, I know that I gave you some slightly difficult songs to work with, but they were songs that best describe my life so far. The circus song for my desire to have a fun and healthy life, the polka for my past as a young man growing up in a Polish family outside Cleveland, the Air Force Hymn for the 28 years of service I gave to our country, and finally, a song about my new life which is “Deep in the Heart of Texas.”

Sister Cindy, thank you very much for playing my song. This was the first time I’ve heard it all put together and I can see just the difficulty I gave to Brother Jerry in trying to write that. So, thank you very much for playing it for us this evening. (Applause)

Now, there are some individuals here who have accepted the responsibility of keeping me out of trouble, it is a daunting task. It is a difficult assignment that our Worthy Grand Matron had to make to any of the membership and at this time I would like to introduce them to you. First of all are my five Pages. There is Brother Terry Miller who is my Senior Page and I call him that because he’s done this before and so he knows more about it than any of the rest of us. Then there’s Boyd Kramer, Brian McKibbin, Gene Cannon, and Ron Gubrud. Next is my Escort, Sister Dee Davis. One of the first jobs I ever had when I was elected to Worthy Grand Patron, the first assignment that I had was her Grand Escort while she was Grand Electa so this was my way to not only pay her back but to thank Sister Effie Mae (not sure if he meant to say Dee Davis or not) for all of the support and love and guidance that she has given me over all these years during my time at Adah Chapter. And finally, is my Secretary, Sister Sandra Zipp. Now remember if you have a complaint you need to take it to Sandra. She will then calculate it, determine its importance, turn it over to Terry. He’ll take a look at it and decide what to do with it. Sisters and Brothers, more importantly, please keep these individuals in your thoughts and prayers as again the job that they have agreed to do this next year is not going to be easy for them. I promise you.

At this time, I’d like the members of Adah Chapter who are still here to please stand. Sisters and Brothers, you have been very supportive of Sister Lou and I over the years and we know that, based on everything you have done so far, we can continue to count on you for that support. Next, I would like the members of District 5, Section 7, Adah you can remain standing as you are also in that District and Section. District 5, Section 7. There. They all moved to the other side of the room. No wonder they are not here anymore. Well, thank you to all of you Sisters and Brothers to what we call Citywide, for all the support you have given to us also.

Finally, would the members of District 5 please stand? Look at that. All I’m going to say to you is don’t get too comfortable because Sister Linda Winn-Christenson is only a couple of years behind me and so you’ll be doing this again. Thank you very much. Please sit down. Please help me thank them for putting up with me. (Applause)

Last, but not least, I want to thank my wife of 31 years, Sister/Wife Lou. Sweetheart, again I’m sorry if I interrupted you back there. Sweetheart, you made the decision to accept Sister Melissa’s offer an easy one, for I knew that with you by my side, it would be

one that would be filled with fond memories and things we can't even begin to imagine at this time. It is with your support and belief in me that helps make this next journey even possible. Thank you for always believing in me and thank you for always being there for me and thank you for putting up with me for what I hope to be another 31 years. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, I once again thank you for accepting me and making me your Worthy Grand Patron for the next year. I look forward to traveling this great state of ours meeting all of you as we go on to the school schedule here in about three weeks. So, thank you very much and goodnight. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** 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, Grand Examiner, and Associate Grand Conductress, now to lead the Order of the Eastern Star. I am talking about none other than our own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Hudman. Sister Melissa, please bring us Greetings.

**WGM Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Patron, thank you, I think he established protocol. Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, my Family, and Friends: Welcome to each and every one of you and I want to thank you very much for coming and helping to make this a special night for each of these newly installed Grand Chapter Officers. At no time during my Eastern Star membership, have I been more keenly aware of the important trust which you, the members, have invested in me. To be effective, as a Worthy Grand Matron must, at all times, be a visible demonstration of the ideals and principles upheld by the Order. I give you my assurance that I will do my best to live up to the pledge that I gave you at the altar, to uphold the high standards of those who have gone before me, and to fulfill all of your expectations to the best of my ability. I pray for the strength to be all that I should be, everything that you expect me to be, and to be able to do all that must be done.

Now I'd like to introduce my family you met them already but my husband, Richard, would he please stand. There he is. Richard, you have always fully supported me in everything I have wanted to do. So many opportunities for both of us, but this isn't a permanent position and I will be "home" again and putting a spoon on the table. I love you. Thank you. (Applause) My son Jason, his wife Julie, and my granddaughters, Kaylee and Brianna, and grandsons, Griffin and Colten will they please stand. Did they go home? Well, they got a little antsy and left. I can't say that I blame them. I have two 14 year old twins, a 12 year old and an almost 9 year old. But I need to tell you about them. They bring more joy than anybody can bring into my life. I want you to know how much I love my family. I'd also like to thank my Mom and Dad, who I know are watching from heaven tonight. They taught me about courage, persistence, and survival, but most important, they taught me to believe in myself, to work hard in order to succeed, and to step out, and not be afraid. And I need to tell you. I didn't have a college degree. I got married when I was 18 years old the first time and we were married 36 years until he passed away and I worked and he went to college but I worked really hard when I went to work for the Federal Government and I ended up as a Grade 15 Senior Manager there before I retired after my 35 years of service. So, anything is possible ladies and gentlemen. Do your kids need to go to college? Probably but you know life if full of hard knocks and I learned a lot that way.



Now will my Installing Grand Officers, please stand? That's you Jimmie Lee. Installing Grand Officers. Sister Jimmie Lee in spite of the fact that you wear several hats, have many other responsibilities, and always keeping very busy, you accepted the responsibility of being our Installing Grand Officer. The dignity and manner in which you conduct yourself and perform your duties is an inspiration to many. And I thank you so much and know that I love you. (Applause)

Brother Henry, I know that you are a very busy man and when you accepted being the Assisting Installing Grand Officer, I was very happier. You are always a gentleman - a true example of a good Mason and I know you will make a wonderful Most Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you so much. (Applause)

Sister Vi: you are always there, ready to help and you have such a beautiful smile and you are always full of enthusiasm and I admire you for that because I'm always told "You need to smile, you need to smile." So, I want you to know how much I admire you for that and I want to thank you for being our Installing Grand Marshal. (Applause)

Brother Trey stepped in at the last minute to be my Installing Grand Chaplain. Brother Trey? Where did he go? You'll never know how much I appreciate that and I'm going to talk about the decorations a minute. He did this decorating for me and so did Marlene and he was so worried about it and it is absolutely beautiful. It's more than I could have asked for. You are a very, very talented young man. And he is young because I'm probably old enough to be his mother. But I want to thank you for stepping in and doing that for Brother Art who had to go be with family and family is the most important thing we have. So, thank you very much. (Applause)

Sister Joyce Gilbert, she was my Installing Grand Organist and I want to tell you that music means a lot to me so what can I say - what can't I say?? You play beautifully. I don't even think she has to have music in front of her. I do and I admire that talent. Thank you so much for being our Installing Grand Organist. (Applause)

Brother John Creel, thank you so much for being our Installing Grand Secretary Pro-Temp. Both you and your wife have been friends for many years. And I have received encouragement, nudges to aspire for this position, and I am grateful to each of you for your constant support, guidance, and advice. But most of all this man sets his own personal standards high and it shows in everything that you do. Your work is always well done. Again "Thank You". (Applause)

I would like to thank everyone who took part in making this evening a success. From the Musical Prelude, to Betty Benham and Duane Buddy Baker who opened our Installation and who were our Masters of Ceremonies, to those who presented our plans for the year; to those who decorated or are going to clean up — what a team. I'm not going to call all your names because I'd be afraid I'd leave somebody out but again all I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you. Help me thank them. (Applause)

If there's anybody here left from Loyal Chapter #648 would you please stand. Oh, look! They are all still here. Yea! You are my Masonic family, you're my roots, my foundation, my home away from home. Now, will the members of District 1 please stand? This is why I love this Eastern Star and this is why I still want to make a contribution. Without your constant support, I could not assume this responsibility. Please know how much I love you. Help me thank them. (Applause)

A special “thanks” to the Arrangements Committee who have worked so hard to coordinate this event and I truly appreciate the hours of hard work that have gone into pulling this off. My mother always said, “many hands make light work”, and you worked hard to provide this Texas Grand Chapter membership with an evening to enjoy and remember. Let’s thank them because they have a lot of work to do when we leave. (Applause)

Junior Past Grand Matron, Sharon Mosmeyer, and Junior Past Grand Patron, Tom Murphy, how happy you both must be to see your beautiful and successful year written into the history of our Grand Chapter under your leadership. As we look back on the past year, and all that has been accomplished, let us remember that each new experience and the good that has come from it, and the knowledge that has been gained, gives us the security to continue into the future. Please help me thank them for their leadership. (Applause)

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, because you have stood in this very same place before, and have experienced the same emotions that are mine tonight, I sense in you an understanding of the value and importance of lasting friendships and the value in prayers to sustain you. Texas is so pleased that some of you are serving General Grand Chapter and I am pleased that you are here this evening.

To our Elected Line Officers, I am proud to serve with you. I love each and every one of you. I didn’t get to pick you but I wouldn’t change anything about who you are.

To our Appointed Grand Officers, my heart is full. I know you only get to choose ten from the state and it was a tremendous responsibility but it was not hard. I knew who I wanted to ask and everybody said yes and I am so fortunate because each of you is special in your own way and you truly, truly represent a cross section of age and experience in our Chapters. I’m so proud of you and as we embark on our travels together, remember to remain yourselves, have a smile and a handshake ready, and this will be a year that you will never forget. I want to thank you for accepting your appointments. Help me thank them. (Applause)

Brother Rick, you want to come over here a minute? We truly have worked together. I prefer that. I wanted somebody by my side, I know the final decision is mine but I wanted somebody that I could trust and that I could talk over things with. I am honored to be first to congratulate you and address you as Worthy Grand Patron, because I kept calling him that and people kept correcting me. He is my Worthy Grand Patron. But little did we know when you and Lou were working in Adah Chapter and letting my secretary and me stay with you when we were in your area, that our family’s lives would continue to be linked together forever.

Sister Lou would you stand? I want to thank Sister Lou for always being there in a supportive and helpful capacity and Rick would be lost without you at his side and Richard and I are grateful for your friendship. Thank you so much. (Applause) I’m going to try to do this very quick. The Installation Program has the necessary information pertaining to our year and I would like to call your attention to it. Tomorrow Morning, all 2017-2018 Candidates will meet with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at 8:30 a.m. before the Breakfast, for a review of the Candidate Rules. The “A New Beginning” Breakfast, honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress, sitting right over here, will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Marriott Hotel. Deputy Grand Matron Conference will begin at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, August 20, 2017, at the Marriott Hotel Convention Center.

The General Grand Chapter Family, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, and Elected Board Members are invited to attend.

Our first Fraternal of the Worthy Grand Matron and Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron, will be held at Hella Shrine, in Garland, Texas, August 26, 2017. A copy of the ad is in your program with the pertinent information. If you plan on attending the banquet, please order your tickets now as seating is limited to 300. No seating limit at the Fraternal Visit. Saturday, September 2, 2018, The Second Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron, will be held at the Floresville Event Center, in Floresville, Texas. A copy of the ad is in your program with the pertinent information. September 22-24, 2018

FOUR-STATE FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE, Tulsa, Oklahoma. We would love as many of you to go as possible. Information is in the program with all of the hotel information, etc. Texas will host this event next year, and if you have never been, please try to go and see what it is all about. You'll have a great time.

We'd like for you to look at the page entitled "Give a Hoot". Our Chapter award will be called "Give a Hoot". We hope to recognize a large number of our Chapters at next year's Grand Chapter, so please get with the representative in your District. All the required paper work will be on the Grand Chapter's web page.

"Do You Really Care?", our Membership Committee. Your Grand Soloists will be learning this song. If you will give me just a minute I'd like to sing this little song for you. I didn't write it, it came out of a Musical called Good News but it was called "Do You Really Care" (WGM sings song) (Applause) and Sisters and Brothers, I hope you really care. You really, really care. We have got to be kind to each other. Learn to be kind to each other and live by the Obligation that you took at that altar. Not only to maintain the members we have but to get our new members and younger members in. And change is not easy but we're going to have to learn to embrace change so that is what this Committees job will be during the next year.

Finally, I want to talk a little bit, there's an ad in there about our cruise and encourage you to go on the cruise. It's going to leave the end of April through the first of May out of San Francisco, but take a look at the ad.

### **Lyrics to "DO YOU REALLY CARE?"**

Do You Really Care?  
Do You Know How to Share?  
With People Everywhere?  
Do You Really Care?  
Will You Take the Dare?  
Spread Eastern Star Everywhere?  
We have so much to share  
Do You Really Care?  
I see people, just longing to know,  
Where they can serve and where they belong,  
We have the hope and the purpose to share,  
But, Do We Really Care?  
Do You Really Care?  
Do You Know How to Share?

With People Everywhere?  
Do You Really Care?  
Will You Take the Dare?  
Spread Eastern Star Everywhere?  
We have so much to share,  
Do You Really Care?

In closing, while trying to decide on closing remarks, I remembered the great movie maker Cecil B. DeMille. He once remarked on the importance of happiness in one's life and how to savor it. So, I quote "The profession one chooses to follow for a livelihood seldom brings fame and fortune, but a life lived within the dictates of one's conscience can bring happiness and satisfaction of living far beyond worldly acclaim. I expect to pass through this world but once, and any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again...." Helen Keller, blind and deaf from the age of 19 months, had remarkable sight when it came to viewing life's priorities. She said, "Many persons have a wrong idea about what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose." How miraculous it is that God has built an automatic measure of happiness into every act of self-sacrifice. So, I want to challenge each of you to sit down and ask not what Eastern Star can do for you, but what you can do for Eastern Star." – Be happy by serving and being kind to others. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**MC Buddy Baker:** Our Installation will be closed with a benediction given by Mr. Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico, General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Patron.

**PGP Jerry Trees:** Would you please bow your heads? Our heavenly Father, in this hour of beginning a new year, we give you thanks for the blessings you have bestowed on each of us and upon our Grand Chapter. We pray that you will bless those who will lead us throughout the year. Give them strength to meet the challenge of each day and vision to build for the future. Bless our Order with strong ties of Brotherhood and make us instruments of your peace. All of this we ask in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen (Amen)

**WGM Melissa Hudman:** I would like to recognize the Board of Directors.

**Sister Carlotta Fairchild:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of your Board of Directors we have the pleasure of presenting love gifts to each of you and the keys to the OES van. We wish you a successful and safe Eastern Star year. (Applause)

**WGM Melissa Hudman:** Thank you very much. I'm going to give you a gift. This is normally a time we would ask those who are not members to leave the Grand Chapter but it has been a really long day for all of us, several of us since early, early this morning. I know that the Arrangements people might want to come in here and do a little bit or they may be doing it tomorrow but I'm sure some of it will be done tonight. So, having said that, I declare this Grand Chapter closed. \* Now if y'all will remain seated for about 5 seconds so the Officers can have their outgoing drill because the Grand Marshal really practiced this and then you may leave.

# APPENDIX

## LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-2016

| Year | WORTHY<br>GRAND MATRON | WORTHY<br>GRAND PATRON | ASSOCIATE<br>GRAND MATRON | ASSOCIATE<br>GRAND PATRON | GRAND<br>SECRETARY   | GRAND<br>TREASURER      |
|------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1884 | †Mrs. E.J. Talbot      | †W.L. Holt             | †Mrs. V. Tucker Essex     | †W.J. Wickham             | †R. R. McPhail       | †Mrs. A. McGregor       |
| 1885 | †Mrs. V. Tucker Essex  | †P. Hawkins            | †Mrs. May Swayne          | †Carr Forest              | †J. K. Ashby         | †Mrs. A. McGregor       |
| 1886 | †Mrs. V. Tucker Essex  | †P.H. Stevens          | †Mrs. Sallie Wayde        | †D.H. Hightower           | †J. K. Ashby         | †Mrs. M. Hightower      |
| 1887 | †Mrs. V. Tucker Essex  | †J.J. Kendrick         | †Mrs. B. McElroy          | †J.B. Snodgrass           | †J. K. Ashby         | †Mrs. A. Schwartz       |
| 1888 | *Mrs. Lizzie Hadley    | †J.J. Kendrick         | †Mrs. M.M. Neeley         | †J.B. Snodgrass           | †J. K. Ashby         | ‡Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner |
| 1889 | *Mrs. Lizzie Hadley    | †J.W. Ellender         | †Mrs. M.M. Neeley         | †T.J. Neely               | †Stephen Gould       | ‡Mrs. M.R. Marsh        |
| 1890 | *Mrs. Lizzie Hadley    | †Stephen Gould         | †Mrs. Belle Moon          | †A.F. Hicks               | *Mrs. Jennie Cassill | ‡Mrs. M.R. Marsh        |
| 1891 | †Mrs. Belle Moon       | †A.F. Hicks            | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart       | †J.L. Miller              | ‡J.D. Slawson        | †Mrs. E.C. Carpenter    |
| 1892 | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart    | †J.L. Miller           | †Mrs. M. Strehom          | †J.W. Felbaum             | ‡J.D. Slawson        | †Mrs. E.C. Carpenter    |
| 1893 | †Mrs. P.C. Harris      | †Tom Murrach           | †Mrs. E.C. Carpenter      | †D. Ludlow                | ‡J.D. Slawson        | †Mrs. R.M. Marsh        |
| 1894 | †Mrs. R.M. Swaim       | †D. Ludlow             | †Mrs. S.A. Hoskins        | †L.S. Garrison            | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. Kate Birch        |
| 1895 | †Mrs. Sadie A. Hoskins | †L.S. Garrison         | †Mrs. Kate Birch          | †J.K. Bownnan             | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. Jennie Randolph   |
| 1896 | †Mrs. Kate Birch       | †J.K. Bowman           | †Mrs. Jennie Randolph     | †W.S. Hoskins             | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. Ree Alvord        |
| 1897 | †Mrs. Jennie Randolph  | †J.T. Atchinson        | †Mrs. Ree Alvord          | †N.M. Karney              | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. W.P. Baugh        |
| 1898 | †Mrs. Ree Alvord       | †N.M. Karney           | †Mrs. A.A. Garrison       | †S.D. Moore               | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. W.P. Baugh        |
| 1899 | †Mrs. A.A. Garrison    | †W.S. Hoskins          | †Mrs. A.V. Young          | †W.S. Hellyer             | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. M.A. Sherburne    |
| 1900 | †Mrs. Agnes V. Young   | †W.S. Hellyer          | †Mrs. K.M. Bryan          | †A.C. McDaniel            | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. M.A. Sherburne    |
| 1901 | †Mrs. K.M. Bryan       | †A.C. McDaniel         | †Mrs. M.E. Smith          | †R.W. Lemond              | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. M.A. Sherburne    |
| 1902 | †Mrs. M.E. Smith       | †R.W. Lemond           | †Mrs. A. Walker           | †P.S. Park                | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. E.J. Randolph     |
| 1903 | †Mrs. Alma M. Walker   | †P.S. Park             | *Mrs. Amelia Huvelle      | †E.C. Canon               | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. L.F. Seaman       |
| 1904 | *Mrs. Amelia Huvelle   | †E.C. Canon            | †Mrs. E.J. Randolph       | †John Orchard             | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. L.F. Seaman       |
| 1905 | †Mrs. E.J. Randolph    | †John Orchard          | †Mrs. M.E. Gray           | †F.M. Walker              | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. L.F. Seaman       |
| 1906 | †Mrs. Mollie E. Gray   | †F.M. Walker           | †Mrs. Carrah Johnson      | †T.J. Tucker              | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. L.F. Seaman       |
| 1907 | †Mrs. Carrah Johnson   | †T.J. Tucker           | †Mrs. Fannie V. Ward      | †J.H. Anderson            | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. L.F. Seaman       |
| 1908 | †Mrs. Fannie V. Ward   | †C.H. Thorn            | †Mrs. Carrie B. Lane      | †M.T. Bell                | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | *Mrs. Amelia Huvelle    |
| 1909 | †Mrs. Carrie B. Lane   | †G.W. Glasscock        | †Mrs. Edith Findlater     | †E.J. Hosey               | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. Anna Johnson      |
| 1910 | †Mrs. Edith Findlater  | †E.J. Hosey            | †Mrs. L.F. Seaman         | †L.A. Heil                | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. Anna Johnson      |
| 1911 | †Mrs. Laura F. Seaman  | †L.A. Heil             | †Mrs. Mattie I. Hill      | †Sam P. Cochran           | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. Cora M. Cohen     |
| 1912 | †Dr. Mattie I. Hill    | †Sam P. Cochran        | †Mrs. Carrie A. Chase     | †M.T. Bell                | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. Cora M. Cohen     |
| 1913 | †Mrs. Carrie A. Chase  | †M.T. Bell             | †Mrs. B.B. Huddleston     | †S.B. Miller              | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. M.B. Moody        |
| 1914 | †Mrs. B.B. Huddleston  | †S.B. Miller           | †Miss Cora Posey          | †G.W. Hester              | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. M.B. Moody        |
| 1915 | †Miss Cora Posey       | †G.W. Hester           | †Mrs. M.L. Eldridge       | †W.A. Christian           | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Mrs. M.B. Moody        |
| 1916 | †Mrs. M.L. Eldridge    | †W.A. Christian        | †Mrs. Cora M. Cohen       | †Dr. W.B. Halley          | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard   | †Miss W.I. Pierson      |

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|------|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1917 | †Mrs. Cora M. Cohen          | †Dr. W.B. Halley       | †Mrs. Flora Penix          | †Frank W. Lynn            | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1918 | †Mrs. Flora Penix            | †Frank W. Lynn         | †Mrs. Maggie B. Moody      | †C.P. Patrick             | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1919 | †Mrs. Maggie B. Moody        | †C.P. Patrick          | †Mrs. M.L. Hosey           | †John Findlater           | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1920 | †Mrs. Margaret L. Hosey      | †John Findlater        | †Mrs. Mary E. Roach        | †W.H. Mercer              | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1921 | †Mrs. Mary E. Roach          | †W.H. Mercer           | †Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitts    | †S.A. Penix               | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1922 | †Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitts      | †S.A. Penix            | †Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn   | †T.J. Holbrook            | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1923 | †Mrs. Norton H. Wellborn     | †T.J. Holbrook         | †Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie     | †J. Dixie Smith           | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1924 | †Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie       | †J. Dixie Smith        | †Mrs. Velma B. Halley      | †J.D. Todd                | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1925 | †Mrs. Velma B. Halley        | †J.D. Todd             | †Mrs. Margery Wofford      | †Frank Holt               | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1926 | †Mrs. Margery Wofford        | †Frank Holt            | †Mrs. LuLu LeFan           | †L.E. Tension             | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1927 | †Miss LuLu LeFan             | †L.E. Tension          | †Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling | †W. Gregory Hatcher       | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1928 | †Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling   | †W. Gregory Hatcher    | †Mrs. Beulah Rawlings      | †Capt. Dan O'Connell      | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1929 | †Mrs. Beulah Rawlings        | †Capt. Dan O'Connell   | †Mrs. Bessie B. Garth      | †Wm. G. Vollus            | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1930 | †Mrs. Bessie B. Garth        | †Wm. G. Vollus         | †Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson   | †Geo. S. Dowell           | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1931 | †Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson     | †Geo. S. Dowell        | †Mrs. Riva C. Burnett      | †W.F. Easterling          | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1932 | †Mrs. Riva C. Burnett        | †W.F. Easterling       | †Mrs. Rose Potter          | †A.P. Holbrook            | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1933 | †Mrs. Rose E. Potter         | †A.P. Holbrook         | †Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell   | †W.W. Caves               | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1934 | †Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell     | †W.W. Caves            | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles        | †C.D. Miller              | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1935 | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles          | †C.D. Miller           | †Mrs. Florence Read        | †M.A. Childers            | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1936 | †Mrs. Florence Read          | †M.A. Childers         | †Mrs. Norma Allen          | †Clyde E. Smith           | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1937 | †Mrs. Norma Allen            | †Clyde E. Smith        | †Mrs. Mildred Harris       | †John Temple Rice         | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1938 | †Mrs. Mildred Harris         | †John T. Rice          | †Mrs. Freda Bernhard       | †E.C. Couch               | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1939 | †Mrs. Freda Bernhard         | †E.C. Couch            | †Mrs. Robbie Dyer          | †A.E. Shirley             | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1940 | †Mrs. Robbie Dyer            | †A.E. Shirley          | †Mrs. Viva Huffman         | †Victor Keller            | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1941 | †Mrs. Viva S. Huffman        | †Victor Keller         | †Mrs. Hallie Anglin        | †James L. Lee             | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1942 | †Mrs. Hallie Anglin          | †James L. Lee          | †Mrs. Cynthia May Watts    | †Walter B. Baldwin        | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1943 | †Mrs. Cynthia May Watts      | †Walter B. Baldwin     | †Mrs. Lillian Barnard      | †E.B. Gauntt              | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1944 | †Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker | †E.B. Gauntt           | Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus     | †Norman H. Read           | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1945 | Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus       | †Norman H. Read        | †Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert    | †Frank R. Phillips        | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Miss Blanche Earl    |
| 1946 | †Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert      | †Frank R. Phillips     | †Mrs. Cheba Dewees         | †Pat Boone                | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Miss Blanche Earl    |
| 1947 | †Mrs. Cheba Dewees           | †Pat Boone             | †Mrs. Esther B. Graves     | †Dr. T.G. Rogers          | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles | †Miss Blanche Earl    |
| 1948 | †Mrs. Esther B. Graves       | †Dr. T.G. Rogers       | †Mrs. Mabel Harle          | †Dean Gauldin             | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles | †Miss Blanche Earl    |
| 1949 | †Mrs. Mabel Harle            | †Dean Gauldin          | †Mrs. Lucile Dufner        | †Dr. H.C. Sloop           | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton   |

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|------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1950 | †Mrs. Lucile Dufner          | †Dr. H.C. Sloop        | †Mrs. Flora Best Boone       | †Earl G. Manning          | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1951 | †Mrs. Flora Best Boone       | †Earl G. Manning       | †Mrs. Mildred Garlitz        | †John A. Rawlins          | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1952 | †Mrs. Mildred Garlitz        | †John A. Rawlins       | †Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling  | †Fred W. Dewald           | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1953 | †Mrs. Mary E. Schoverling    | †Fred W. Dewald        | †Mrs. Eunice Connell         | †Chauncey Penix           | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1954 | †Mrs. Eunice Connell         | †Chauncey Penix        | †Mrs. Lois Burnett           | †C.E. Bairfield           | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1955 | †Mrs. Lois Burnett           | †Chas. E. Bairfield    | †Mrs. Pauline Smith          | †Ed. Sharpe               | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1956 | †Mrs. Pauline Smith          | †Ed. Sharpe            | †Mrs. Ruby Enloe             | †Dr. Russell Holt         | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1957 | †Mrs. Ruby Enloe             | †Dr. Russell Holt      | †Mrs. Katherine Poulis       | †Lewis T. Davis           | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1958 | †Mrs. Katherine Poulis       | †Lewis T. Davis        | †Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith   | †Dr. R.O. Fuqua           | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1959 | †Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith   | †Dr. R.O. Fuqua        | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard       | †Gerald C. Allen          | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1960 | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard       | †Gerald C. Allen       | †Mrs. Pearl Hall             | †Paul C. Stoneman         | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1961 | †Mrs. Pearl Hall             | †Paul C. Stoneman      | †Mrs. Thelma McReynolds      | †Hal Burnett              | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1962 | †Mrs. Thelma McReynolds      | †Hal Burnett           | †Mrs. Molly Goodpasture      | †E.F. (Van) Plumlee       | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1963 | †Mrs. Molly Goodpasture      | †E.F. (Van) Plumlee    | †Mrs. Amy Goebel             | †James H. Goettee         | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1964 | †Mrs. Amy Goebel             | †James H. Goettee      | †Mrs. Edna Earl Duke         | †Marvin B. Simpson        | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1965 | †Mrs. Edna Earl Duke         | †Marvin B. Simpson     | †Mrs. Mildred Sharpe         | †H.F. Harrington          | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1966 | †Mrs. Mildred Sharpe         | †H.F. Harrington       | †Mrs. Nancy Bailey           | †Herbert L. Arnold        | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1967 | †Mrs. Nancy Bailey           | †Herbert L. Arnold     | †Mrs. Robbie Yates           | †J.T. Sanders             | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1968 | †Mrs. Robbie Yates           | †J.T. Sanders          | †Mrs. Sally Matranga         | †Richard T. Porter        | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1969 | †Mrs. Sally Matranga         | †Richard T. Porter     | †Mrs. Frances Herrin         | †Victor Jones             | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1970 | †Mrs. Frances Key Herrin     | †J. Victor Jones       | †Mrs. Aliene Houston         | †Harold Todd              | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles      | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1971 | †Mrs. Aliene Houston         | †Harold Todd           | †Mrs. Katherine Harbour      | †C.A. Bill" Holmes        | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard   | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1972 | †Mrs. Katherine Harbour      | †C.A. Bill" Holmes     | †Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup     | Paul Huffhines            | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard   | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1973 | †Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup     | †Paul Huffhines        | †Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast | Joseph B. Powell          | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard   | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1974 | †Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast | †O.D. Christian        | †Mrs. Doris Easterling       | †O.D. Christian           | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard   | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1975 | †Mrs. Doris Easterling       | †O.D. Christian        | †Mrs. Joyce Roberts          | †Perry Smithwick          | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard   | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1976 | †Mrs. Joyce Roberts          | †Perry Smithwick       | †Mrs. Mary Brown             | Murray Watson, Jr.        | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard   | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1977 | †Mrs. Mary M. Brown          | Murray Watson, Jr.     | Mrs. Rennie Ofton            | Thurman L. Weaver         | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard   | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1978 | Mrs. Rennie Ofton            | †T.L. Weaver           | †Mrs. Kathy Johnston         | †Leslie G. Burnett        | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard   | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton      |
| 1979 | †Mrs. Kathy Johnston         | †Leslie G. Burnett     | †Mrs. Lena Maye Cook         | †Thurman H. Perry         | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard   | Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong |
| 1980 | †Mrs. Lena Maye Cook         | †Thurman H. Perry      | Mrs. Elise Hammack           | Oliver B. Chamberlin      | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard   | Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong |
| 1981 | Mrs. Elise Hammack           | †Oliver B. Chamberlin  | †Mrs. Lois Bell              | †Gene Belk                | Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong | Mrs. Frances Burbank     |



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|------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1982 | †Mrs. Lois Bell          | †Gene Belk             | †Mrs. Marjorie Johnson    | Ralph A. Davis            | Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong | Mrs. Frances Burbank    |
| 1983 | †Mrs. Marjorie Johnson   | †Ralph A. Davis        | Mrs. Beulah Speer         | †Wayne P. Jones           | Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong | Mrs. Frances Burbank    |
| 1984 | Mrs. Beulah Speer        | †Wayne P. Jones        | Mrs. Elsie Paladino       | †Arnold Paul              | Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong | Mrs. Frances Burbank    |
| 1985 | Mrs. Elsie Paladino      | †Arnold Paul           | †Mrs. Jean Nesbitt        | †Leonard M. Ellington     | Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong | Mrs. Lola Wallace       |
| 1986 | †Mrs. Jean Nesbitt       | †Leonard M. Ellington  | †Mrs. Sherrill Cain       | †B. F. Hutson             | Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong | Mrs. Lola Wallace       |
| 1987 | †Mrs. Sherrill Cain      | †B. F. Hutson          | †Mrs. Doris Efird         | †Harry G. Cunningham      | †Mrs. Frances Burbank    | Mrs. Lola Wallace       |
| 1988 | †Mrs. Doris Efird        | †Harry G. Cunningham   | Mrs. Betty Phillips       | †Joe E. Jeffers           | †Mrs. Frances Burbank    | Mrs. Lola Wallace       |
| 1989 | Mrs. Betty Phillips      | †Joe E. Jeffers        | Mrs. Effie Mae Davis      | †Graham H. Childress      | †Mrs. Frances Burbank    | Mrs. Lola Wallace       |
| 1990 | Mrs. Effie Mae Davis     | †Graham H. Childress   | †Mrs. Jane Gregory        | Glenn Whitaker            | †Mrs. Frances Burbank    | Mrs. Lola Wallace       |
| 1991 | †Mrs. Jane Gregory       | Glenn Whitaker         | Mrs. Virginia L. Green    | †Garland W. Rattan        | †Mrs. Frances Burbank    | Mrs. Lola Wallace       |
| 1992 | †Mrs. Virginia L. Green  | †Garland Rattan        | †Mrs. Marcella Curry      | †Leland Benefield         | †Mrs. Frances Burbank    | Mrs. Lola Wallace       |
| 1993 | †Mrs. Marcella Curry     | †Leland Benefield      | Mrs. Wanda Fairchild      | †Charles Morris           | †Mrs. Frances Burbank    | Mrs. Lola Wallace       |
| 1994 | Mrs. Wanda Fairchild     | †Charles Morris        | Mrs. Rosemary Swetland    | †Billy Combest            | †Mrs. Frances Burbank    | Mrs. Lola Wallace       |
| 1995 | Mrs. Rosemary Swetland   | †Billy Combest         | †Mrs. Alma Carter         | Richard Ochs              | †Mrs. Frances Burbank    | †Mrs. Patsy Wilson      |
| 1996 | †Mrs. Alma Carter        | Richard Ochs           | Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield    | Claude Ervin              | †Mrs. Frances Burbank    | †Mrs. Patsy Wilson      |
| 1997 | Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield   | Kenneth Gregory        | Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane       | Henry Martin              | †Mrs. Marjorie Errington | †Mrs. Patsy Wilson      |
| 1998 | Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane      | Henry Martin           | Mrs. Betty Y. Friend      | Lee Stallings             | †Mrs. Marjorie Errington | †Mrs. Patsy Wilson      |
| 1999 | Mrs. Betty Friend        | Lee Stallings          | Mrs. Naomi Wolfe          | Duane Baker               | †Mrs. Marjorie Errington | Mrs. Betty Prater       |
| 2000 | Mrs. Naomi Wolfe         | Duane Baker            | Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon   | Harold Trammell           | †Mrs. Marjorie Errington | Mrs. Betty Prater       |
| 2001 | †Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon | Harold Trammell        | †Mrs. Sharon Fentress     | Ed Warner                 | †Mrs. Alma Carter        | Mrs. Betty Prater       |
| 2002 | †Mrs. Sharon Fentress    | Ed Warner              | Mrs. Doris J. Hester      | Jack Guy                  | †Mrs. Alma Carter        | Mrs. Betty Prater       |
| 2003 | Mrs. Doris J. Hester     | Jack Guy               | Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler   | Jerry L. Martin           | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner | Mrs. Betty Prater       |
| 2004 | Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler  | Jerry L. Martin        | Mrs. Nancy Brown          | Nelson Campbell           | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner | Mrs. Betty Prater       |
| 2005 | Mrs. Nancy Brown         | Nelson Campbell        | Mrs. Geraldine Dusek      | John Creel                | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner | Mrs. Betty Prater       |
| 2006 | Mrs. Geraldine Dusek     | John Creel             | Mrs. Joyce Gilbert        | Jerry Trees               | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner | Mrs. Betty Prater       |
| 2007 | Mrs. Joyce Gilbert       | Jerry Trees            | Mrs. Joyce Nicklas        | Ray Hertenberger          | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner | Mrs. Betty Prater       |
| 2008 | Mrs. Joyce Nicklas       | Ray Hertenberger       | Mrs. Bess Caldwell        | Bill Wyatt                | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner | Mrs. Betty Prater       |
| 2009 | Mrs. Bess Caldwell       | Bill Wyatt             | Mrs. Mary Ruth White      | K. Arthur Dresher         | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2010 | Mrs. Mary Ruth White     | K. Arthur Dresher      | Mrs. Vi Griffin           | Mr. David Dibrell         | Mrs. Marlene Scholari    | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2011 | Mrs. Vi Griffin          | Mr. David Dibrell      | Mrs. Annette Curry        | Mr. Bill Crews            | Mrs. Marlene Scholari    | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2012 | Mrs. Annette Curry       | Mr. Bill Crews         | Mrs. Jayne Yenger         | Mr. Trey Smith            | Mrs. Marlene Scholari    | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2013 | Mrs. Jayne Yenger        | Mr. Trey Smith         | Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht      | Mr. George Gwaltney       | Mrs. Marlene Scholari    | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2014 | Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht     | Mr. George Gwaltney    | Mrs. Jerre Lucas          | Mr. Billy Clabaugh        | Mrs. Marlene Scholari    | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |

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|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2015        | Mrs. Jerre Lucas               | Mr. Billy Clabaugh             | Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer              | Mr. Thomas R. Murphy              | Mrs. Marlene Scholari      | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens    |
| 2016        | Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer           | Mr. Thomas R. Murphy           | Mrs. Melissa S. Hudman            | Mr. Richard “Rick” Skidd          | Mrs. Ellen Pickerell       | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens    |

\*Demitted †Deceased ‡Suspended

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**ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
2016-2017**

**MRS. SHARON MOSMEYER**

This "Year of Inspiration" began on September 3, 2016 and the inspiration has continued throughout our travels. The membership has continued to inspire me and I have been honored to accept this responsibility as Worthy Grand Matron for the great state of Texas.

It has been my joy in greeting the membership throughout the state and I have endeavored to reciprocate the inspiration received back to the membership. I want to express my sincere appreciation to the membership for their confidence and for their inspiration for this wonderful year of service.

**IN MEMORIAM**

We were saddened by the loss of Sister Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron who served 1985-1986. I was privileged to attend her funeral along with many Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, members, friends and family. At the funeral we heard about her life and the lives she touched while she was here with us.

We have also lost many of our members during this past year in our subordinate Chapters. We will miss their smiling faces, but rejoice in the time we had with them.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER  
GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS 2016-2017**

One of the most rewarding privileges afforded me as Worthy Grand Matron was being able to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions commissions to deserving members in our great state. I was pleased to recommend these commissions:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Alabama.....                              | Lela Hunn        |
| Arkansas.....                             | Donna Caddenhead |
| Australia.....                            | Pete Araiza      |
| District of Columbia.....                 | Diane Flanagan   |
| Florida.....                              | Melba Jean Hanna |
| Indiana.....                              | Patricia Bruce   |
| Missouri.....                             | Linda Hugo       |
| Nebraska.....                             | Larry Petit      |
| Nevada.....                               | Jack York        |
| New Mexico.....                           | Margie Lowery    |
| North Dakota.....                         | Barbara Gant     |
| Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island..... | Jewel Horne      |
| Ohio.....                                 | Nadine Wilson    |
| Oklahoma.....                             | Nancy Reynolds   |

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Puerto Rico.....   | Sharon Cobb        |
| Rhode Island.....  | Marilyn McDonald   |
| Saskatchewan.....  | Mary Brown Watkins |
| Tennessee.....     | Martha Isbell      |
| Utah.....          | Janet Gilbert      |
| Vermont.....       | Donna Perkins      |
| Virginia.....      | JoAnne Barrett     |
| West Virginia..... | Sylvia Chafin      |
| Wyoming.....       | Carolyn Garon      |

**TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER  
PARTIES AND EVENTS**

Mrs. Jeanette Rife Cotton, General Chairman of the TMRC — Time and Talent Committee was in charge of the following parties for the year: All these parties were held at TMRC:

- November 6, 2016 District 3 hosted the Fall Party
- December 18, 2016 District 1 hosted the Christmas Party.
- February 12, 2017 District 4 hosted the Valentine Party.
- April 23, 2017 District 5 hosted the Easter Party.
- July 2, 2017 District 2 hosted the Independence Party.

At each of the parties many residents attended, playing bingo, singing songs, many different gifts were received and presented to the residents participating. Many different goodies were enjoyed and a good time was had by all.

On March 16, 2017 TMRC honored the Worthy Grand Matron with a brunch. A variety of many delicious sandwiches, vegetables, cookies and cakes were served and a beautiful arrangement of fresh flowers including lilies in a huge glass vase was presented to the WGM. It was my honor to receive this very special party.

**GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS**

The two Grand Masters I served with were: Brother Wendell P. Miller, 2016 and Brother Jerry N. Kirby, 2017. I planned to attend the Texas Masonic Family Day on October 8, 2016, however, torrential rains flooded the pecan orchard and the event was cancelled except for the classic car show that was held on the parking lot.

I attended the Masonic Open House on October 23, 2016 in Richardson.

It was an honor to attend the 2017 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas on January 18-21, 2017. As your Worthy Grand Matron I brought greetings on behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star at the opening session Thursday afternoon. It was an awesome sight when I asked all members of the Eastern Star to stand and it appeared that most of the auditorium stood. We maintained the Eastern Star booth for the entire session and we were excited to see many, many members of Eastern Star who were also Masonic Brothers.

The Grand Lodge Auditorium was used for our Event To Remember on March 18, 2017 and we were able to give them a love gift for the use of their Grand Lodge Building.

I attended the Grand Master's Banquet on April 14, 2017 in Waxahachie.

## YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

It was my honor to bring greetings at the Grand Assembly Opening held in Waco on June 23-25, 2017. Just watching our young ladies excel in their memory work was inspiring and reminded me when my daughter was in Rainbow. Being with them during Grand Lodge and periodically during the year, I have grown to know and love many of them. They truly are beautiful, inside and out, and our Rainbow in Texas is truly a wonderful organization.

I attended the DeMolay Conclave in Waco on July 13, 2017 where I was honored to bring greetings. I also attended their banquet on Saturday, July 15th. Watching these young men was an inspiration to me and a beautiful memory as my son was a member of DeMolay.

## GIFTS and SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The love and generosity of the members this year has been overwhelming. I appreciate so very much every act of kindness, the hugs and expressions of appreciation and every special honor that was bestowed on me. I was presented with many love gifts that were monetary and also many were donations to the Burn Hospital in Galveston. Several special programs, songs and poems were written just for me. I also received many, many lovely gifts from members including Waterford and Swarovski crystal snowflakes. Each of these, the gifts, programs, songs, poems, all contain a memory to me and for my year and I greatly appreciate every act of kindness. Thank you, thank you for everything, I cannot express how much you have touched my heart.

## SPECIAL HONORS

|  |               |                    |
|--|---------------|--------------------|
| General Grand Chapter Hall of Honor, Book of Honor           |               | September 3, 2016  |
| Key to the City and Proclamation                             | Crockett      | September 24, 2016 |
| Eastern Star Day Proclamation                                | Sherman       | October 1, 2016    |
| Key to City and Eastern Star Day                             | Winnsboro     | October 5, 2016    |
| Sharon Mosmeyer Day and Honorary Citizen                     | Gainesville   | October 10, 2016   |
| City of Richardson Proclamation                              | Richardson    | October 21, 2016   |
| Sharon Mosmeyer Day  | Lubbock       | October 26, 2016   |
| Official Star Lighter on the Mountain                        | El Paso       | October 31, 2016   |
| Proclamation   | San Angelo    | November 14, 2016  |
| Proclamation   | Killeen       | January 11, 2017   |
| Gavel used in Texas House of Representatives                 | Waco          | January 29, 2017   |
| US Flag that flew over Capitol & Key to City                 | Groves        | February 10, 2017  |
| "Sharon Mosmeyer Day" Proclamation                           | Brenham       | February 15, 2017  |
| Flag flown over Capitol in Austin                            | Brenham       | February 15, 2017  |
| Honorary Mayor of La Villita (old city of Proclamation       | San Antonio)  | February 17, 2017  |
|  | Cleveland     | February 22, 2017  |
| Honorary Deputy Sheriff for Brazoria County                  | West Columbia | March 1, 2017      |
| Key to the City  | West Columbia | March 1, 2017      |
| Honorary Membership to Oklahoma, Grand Chapter of Oklahoma   |               |                    |
| Honorary Membership to Arkansas, Grand Chapter of Arkansas   |               |                    |
| Honorary Membership to Louisiana, Grand Chapter of Louisiana |               |                    |

## QUILT

The DGM of each section presented me with a quilt square from that section. I was so excited when Jewel Horne took my quilt squares and made me two beautiful queen size quilts and pillow shams to match. There is not enough room in this report to tell you how much I appreciate Jewel for your hard work for me; the DGM and sections who presented the squares and the members who made the quilt squares I will look at these quilts the rest of my life and remember this year and the chapters, sections and members.

## ALTAR CLOTH AND DRAPE

Many thanks to Mrs. Rita Lytle and Mrs. Martha Bettis for my beautiful Altar Cloth and Drape. You two wonderful and dedicated ladies (who are members of my section) have been an inspiration and help to me in many ways. I cannot thank you enough for these items you made for my Installation and Grand Chapter Session. I will keep them and remember your thoughtfulness forever.

## ANNIVERSARIES

October, 2016 was a busy month for 100th Chapter Anniversaries:

October 2, was the celebration for Lott Chapter No. 594;

October 9, was the celebration for Creedmoor Chapter No. 607;

October 16, was the celebration for Longview Chapter No. 610.

I was also honored throughout the year, to present many members with their 25, 50, 60, 65 and 75 year pins and/or certificates.

## PARTIES — CELEBRATIONS

September 11, 2016 a High Tea for Sister Edna Goettee's 100th Birthday

September 25, 2016 Honor Luncheon for David Ouellette

October 1, 2016 Pink Apron degree for WGP

December 10, 2016 Cypress Lodge/Chapter Christmas party

December 16, 2016 Golden Trowel for Jim Leftwich

December 17, 2016 D4, S7 Christmas party

March 19, 2017 District 1, Section 5 Honor Luncheon

April 14, 2017 Grand Master's Banquet

May 6, 2017 Mr. "X" Banquet

June 5, 2017 My son, Mark Ward, received his Master's Degree

June 23, 2017 Rainbow — Grand Cross of Color Luncheon and Banquet

July 9, 2017 D4, S7 Banquet

July 14, 2017 Board Retirement party

July 15, 2017 DeMolay Banquet

July 16, 2017 WGP Ice Cream Social

July 22, 2017 All District Banquets

July 28-30, 2017 My Round-up

## INSTALLATIONS

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| June 1, 2017  | Alamo Heights No. 734 and 25 year pins |
| June 7, 2017  | Bryan Chapter No. 222                  |
| June 10, 2017 | Andral Vann Chapter No. 741            |
| June 10, 2017 | Spring Chapter No. 1105                |
| June 16, 2017 | Crockett Chapter No. 509               |
| June 17, 2017 | Cypress Chapter No. 1102               |
| June 17, 2017 | Cleveland Chapter No. 465              |

## FRIENDSHIP — 4 STATE EXCHANGE VISIT

Many ties of Friendship are made with the neighboring states of Texas. I was pleased, excited and “inspired” in attending the following:

|                         |                   |                  |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 4-State Exchange        | Sept. 16-18, 2016 | Bossier City, LA |
| Oklahoma Grand Chapter  | Oct. 16-19, 2016  | Guthrie, OK      |
| Arkansas Grand Chapter  | Dec. 7-9, 2016    | Littlerock, AR   |
| Louisiana Grand Chapter | Mar. 27-29, 2017  | Alexandria, LA   |

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Paul Garner, you are my strength and wisdom. Every problem and every item that needed attention, you took care of. You and Regina have been an invaluable asset to me and I love and appreciate you both. Melba Jean Hanna and Yvonne Wunsche, you have been my sounding block and friend for many, many years and I love and appreciate both of you. The three of you, Paul, Melba Jean and Yvonne, you three are miracle workers; the work you did help make this Grand Chapter year and session the huge success that it is.

## ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

I could not have accomplished this session without each of you and the persistence of Sam and Jim! Each of you with your committee members have worked tirelessly for the success of this session. The comforts, ease and wellbeing of the members around the world were all accomplished by your determination and hard work. My gratitude to each of you!

## 2016-2017 PROJECTS

**An Event To Remember:** Many, many thanks go to Becky Cole, Wera Worthan, Jackie Lemons, Peggy Ledinski, Diana Blood, Jeanette Melton, Tracie Scheffler and the many members on this Committee. This event was a huge success due to your hard work and dedication. We were able to purchase the laser machine for the Burn Hospital due to this committee's (and Save The Children) determination, persistence and INSPIRATION.

**Give Us Paws — Help Our Military:** WOW, this committee worked hard and we were able to purchase 3 service dogs for our service men/women. Kathey Crews, General Chairman, committee members, Grand Officers and all members of Texas, give yourself a pat on the



back for your hard work for this committee.

**Inspiring Cook — Cookbook:** Jay Rhyan, General Chairman, you are the hardest working person! Without you this cookbook would not have been possible. Thank you to all the members on this committee, the members who submitted recipes, and the members who purchased the book. I know you will enjoy the recipes for many, many years....happy cooking and eating!

**Masonic Family:** The masonic knives were a huge success. Many thanks go to Tommy Griffin, General Chairman, and the members of this committee who "peddled" knives to OES, our masons and family members.

**Mayfest:** Jack Beall, General Chairman, and the members of this committee worked hard to make this event happen. The day was beautiful as the weather held out. I did my part in the kissing/hugging booth (non-existent) by visiting the booths and tried to greet everyone there.

**One Degree — I Can Make A Difference:** Many chapters participated in this chapter recognition. Each chapter who participated and is recognized at Grand Chapter went the ONE DEGREE to make a difference in their chapter and in Grand Chapter, thanks to John Wilson and his committee and the members of Texas for participating.

**Puppy Love — Youth:** Puppies, puppies, puppies went to school and were very obedient. Many, many chapters purchased litters of puppies for their first responders, etc. in their areas. Thank you to Sister Dorris Clegg, members of the committee, and all members for your hard work for this committee. It was a great success for our youth, Rainbow and DeMolay.

**Rob Morris:** Patrick Travers, your ideas and work on this committee was amazing. All the committee members and members throughout the state who set up the auctions, donated items and who purchased items, you are the reason this committee generated the money to have our Rob Morris Banquet price of \$15!!! Enjoy!

**Save The Children:** This committee worked hard selling the snowflake ornaments. Thank you, thank you to everyone who sold and purchased ornaments. We were able, in conjunction with An Event To Remember, to purchase the laser machine for the Burn Hospital.

**Specialty License Plates:** I know the members of this committee would have worked so hard to get the word out, but the State of Texas just did not cooperate in approving our license plate early in our year. But, all is approved now and this will be an ongoing project for our Grand Chapter so we can all start and continue to support this project.

**Texas Who's Who:** This new book of members in Texas will continue to be a help to me and I hope to each of you. I had many, many, many members tell me how wonderful it is and what a convenience it is to locate members. Thank you to the members of this committee who worked so hard to sell books; and to the members who purchased books. You all helped make this project a great success.

## MUSEUM

Sharon Hill Adams, you are a miracle worker. Many, many thanks to you and your committee members as you have turned a storage space into a beautiful replica of the parlor at the home. How I love to walk in the new museum and remember going to the home and visiting with the membership. You have brought my hope into a lovely reality. We also will have a traveling portion of the museum at the Grand Chapter Session. Go by and check it out, and don't forget to go by the Grand Chapter office and reminisce about the days gone before.

## RIVER CRUISE

To the members who were able to make this trip, what an exciting a memorable trip we had. 81 members booked this trip for the European River Cruise, and 75 were able to go to Switzerland, France, Germany and The Netherlands. We traveled across the globe and arrived in Switzerland. We traveled to heights of 6,982 feet on Mt. Pilatus where we were in the clouds to depths of 22 feet below sea level in Holland. Members always help ones in need: luggage arrived late and those whose luggage never appeared, thank you to those who loaned clothes, medicine and no telling what to help out. A memory we will never forget. Thank you, thank you to those who made this trip possible.

I apologize that the river boat was not larger and we had been able to have more reservation space in the beginning as many wanted to go when the trip was already full. It was a difficult trip to put together since many of the river boat companies wanted a bucket of money to reserve the river boat, and I did not have a bucket of money to give them.

## CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Wow!!! What a fun and relaxing trip we had. To all those who were able to go on this trip, I hope you enjoyed celebrating, dancing, singing, swimming, relaxing and gambling with the almost 100 members who traveled on the Breeze! Wahoo...sun, fun and friends!

## SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

### DISTRICT ONE SCHOOLS SHERRIE FOWLER, DDGM

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>SEC.</u> | <u>DEPUTY</u>    | <u>SCHOOL NAME</u>               |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 9-30-16     | Sherman         | 2           | Nancy Hardy      | The Inspiration of the Snowflake |
| 10-3-16     | Athens          | 6           | Jane Biddle      | Inspiration Depot                |
|             |                 | 7           | Kimberly Watkins |                                  |
| 10-5-16     | Winnsboro       | 9           | Judy Harris      | Snowflake Express                |
|             |                 | 10          | Dale Woodard     |                                  |
| 10-10-16    | Gainesville     | 1           | Karen Weser      | It's Knowing in Gainesville      |
| 10-12-16    | Caddo Mills     | 3           | Sally Hutcheson  | Inspiration Point                |
| 10-14-16    | Carthage        | 8           | Sharon Beauchamp | Inspirations in the Piney Woods  |
| 10-21-16    | Richardson      | 4           | Mary Harvey      | Wonderland Express               |
|             |                 | 5           | Sally Urquhart   |                                  |

### DISTRICT TWO SCHOOLS JUDY PARSONS, DDGM

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>SEC.</u> | <u>DEPUTY</u>     | <u>SCHOOL NAME</u>          |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10-25-16    | Wichita Falls   | 6           | Audrey Voigt      | Wichita Falls Wonderland    |
| 10-26-16    | Lubbock         | 4 & 5       | Beth Hart         | Shiver Me Smart             |
| 10-28-16    | Amarillo        | 2 & 3       | Carol Sun Knutson | Snowflakes in the Panhandle |

|          |         |    |              |                        |
|----------|---------|----|--------------|------------------------|
| 10-31-16 | El Paso | 10 | Sue Winter   | Blue Crystal Drops     |
| 11-2-16  | Midland | 8  | Donna Vaden  | Snow Place Like School |
| 11-4-16  | Abilene | 7  | Mary Medford | Cold Days Warm Hearts  |

**DISTRICT THREE SCHOOLS  
GINGER BYRD, DDGM**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>SEC.</u> | <u>DEPUTY</u>     | <u>SCHOOL NAME</u>               |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1-4-17      | San Saba        | 6           | Mary Dell Rhoades | An Avalanche of Fun              |
| 1-6-17      | Weatherford     | 2           | Shirley Brown     | Inspiration                      |
| 1-11-17     | Killeen         | 7           | Dorothy Conder    | Crystal Gems                     |
|             |                 | 8           | Julian Larsen     |                                  |
| 1-13-17     | Fort Worth      | 1           | Loretta Booth     | Inspiring Minds Want To Know     |
| 1-23-17     | Graham          | 3           | Kristi Rushin     | Snow Parade                      |
| 1-25-17     | Brownwood       | 4           | Pat Redman        | Glittering School of Instruction |
|             |                 | 5           | Betty Thomas      |                                  |
| 1-27-17     | Waco            | 9           | Carolyn Mietzner  | Heart of Texas Sparkling         |
|             |                 | 10          | Jann Sutton       | Snowflakes                       |

**DISTRICT FOUR SCHOOLS  
CHERYL ROYALL, DDGM**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>SEC.</u> | <u>DEPUTY</u>     | <u>SCHOOL NAME</u>                           |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|--|
| 2-10-17     | Groves          | 2           | Helen Ainsworth   | All Aboard The Snow Express                  |
| 2-13-17     | Houston         | 5           | Joan Groth        | Snow Days                                    |
|             |                 | 9           | B.J. Corwin       |  |
| 2-15-17     | Brenham         | 8           | Nickie Bilski     | Snowflakes Keep Falling...                   |
| 2-20-17     | Franklin        | 6           | Roberta Pugh      | Inspirational World of Snowflake<br>Miracles |
| 2-22-17     | Cleveland       | 4           | Marilyn Butler    | Inspirational Train of Learning              |
| 2-24-17     | Livingston      | 3           | Peggy Dean        | Snow Flakes of Learning                      |
| 2-27-17     | Lufkin          | 1           | Amanda Duckworth  | Frosted Flakes & Tommy Trains                |
| 3-1-17      | West Columbia   | 10          | Elizabeth Hopkins | Crystal Train School                         |
| 3-3-17      | Montgomery      | 7           | Karen Vest        | Snowflakes & Conductor Express               |

**DISTRICT FIVE SCHOOLS  
JUNE BELL, DDGM**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>SEC.</u> | <u>DEPUTY</u>   | <u>SCHOOL NAME</u>           |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 11-14-16    | San Angelo      | 1 & 2       | Judith Fowler   |                              |
| 1-30-17     | Kerrville       | 3           | Florence Rogers | Snowman Dreams               |
| 2-1-17      | Poteet          | 4           | Leanne Waligura | Snowflakes & Eastern Star,   |
|             |                 | 5           | Robin Whary     | Unique & Special             |
| 2-3-17      | Austin          | 6           | Patty Peach     | Snowflakes Cover The Capital |
| 2-6-17      | Rockport        | 9           | Carol Coggins   | Snowmen and Sandcastles and  |
|             |                 | 10          | Yvonne Smith    | Stars, Oh My!                |

|         |             |   |              |  |
|---------|-------------|---|--------------|--|
| 2-8-17  | Luling      | 8 | Barbie Klahn | Inspirational Gala                                   |
| 2-17-17 | San Antonio | 7 | Lou Skidd    | Snowstorm in the Alamo City:<br>An Event To Remember |

### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Each of my DDGM's mentioned above taught the schools in their District in different ways. Each has their own personality and their own style of teaching, but each one did an OUTSTANDING job. I am so very proud of you and the work you have done not only for me, but for the entire membership in Texas. You have my undying love and support. I look forward to many, many more fun trips and outings together. My love to each of you!

### DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

All of the schools were a tremendous success and I could not have wished for a better group of ladies. In all areas of your responsible charge you have excelled and all the deputies served the membership with kindness and dignity. Thank you, thank you, a trite expression but heartfelt. My heart is with you always!

### ADDITIONAL FRATERNAL VISITS

Every chapter presented me with a gift, either monetary or a lovely item I will cherish.

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|------------|--|
| 9/10/2016  | Cypress Chapter, No. 1102                |
| 9/24/2016  | Crockett Chapter, No. 509                |
| 9/29/2016  | Tomball Chapter, No. 838 and 50 year pin |
| 10/4/2016  | North Fort Worth Chapter, No. 684        |
| 10/20/2016 | Kurten Chapter, No. 1146                 |
| 11/8/2016  | Handley Chapter, No. 617                 |
| 11/10/2016 | Copperas Cove Chapter, No. 1070          |
| 11/15/2016 | Leander Chapter, No. 73                  |
| 11/17/2016 | Houston-Ransford Chapter, No. 135        |
| 11/21/2016 | Bryan Chapter, No. 222                   |
| 11/22/2016 | Silsbee Chapter, No. 298                 |
| 11/28/2016 | Friendswood Chapter, No. 1131            |
| 12/1/2016  | Farmers Branch Chapter, No. 687          |
| 12/5/2016  | Haltom City Chapter, No. 982             |
| 12/6/2016  | Border Chapter, No. 211                  |
| 12/12/2016 | Evadale Chapter, No. 1111 (Joint)        |
| 12/12/2016 | Nederland Chapter, No. 1079 (Joint)      |
| 12/13/2016 | New Caney Chapter, No. 1093              |
| 12/14/2016 | Dal-Cliff Chapter, No. 574               |
| 12/15/2016 | Port Neches Chapter, No. 677             |
| 12/17/2016 | Mary Martha Chapter, No. 981             |
| 12/19/2016 | Floresville Chapter, No. 271             |
| 12/20/2016 | Big Spring Chapter, No. 67               |
| 1/3/2017   | Orange Chapter, No. 214                  |

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|-----------|--|
| 1/9/2017  | Edwin J. Kiest Chapter, No. 959              |
| 1/10/2017 | Gainesville Chapter, No. 1123                |
| 1/16/2017 | Hadassah Chapter, No. 188                    |
| 1/17/2017 | Omaha Chapter, No. 997                       |
| 2/16/2017 | Smithville Chapter, No. 39 and 50 year pin   |
| 2/21/2017 | Lexington Chapter, No. 996                   |
| 2/23/2017 | Pearland Chapter, No. 1065                   |
| 3/2/2017  | Buna Chapter, No. 968                        |
| 3/6/2017  | New Braunfels Chapter, No. 771               |
| 3/7/2017  | Vashti Chapter, No. 32                       |
| 3/8/2017  | Bellaire Chapter, No. 1021                   |
| 3/9/2017  | Conroe Chapter, No. 710                      |
| 3/10/2017 | Frank W. Lynn Chapter, No. 1015              |
| 3/13/2017 | Velasco Chapter, No. 220                     |
| 3/14/2017 | Bandera Chapter, No. 643                     |
| 3/16/2017 | Hillsboro Chapter, No. 769                   |
| 3/20/2017 | Archives Chapter, No. 1095                   |
| 3/21/2017 | Andral Vann Chapter, No. 741                 |
| 3/22/2017 | D4S3 Line Officers                           |
| 3/23/2017 | Montgomery Chapter, No. 228                  |
| 3/30/2017 | Kountze Chapter, No. 724                     |
| 4/13/2017 | Oak Forest Chapter, No. 1080 and 50 year pin |
| 4/17/2017 | Odessa Chapter, No. 447                      |
| 4/18/2017 | Lewisville Chapter, No. 935 and 50 year pin  |
| 4/20/2017 | Everman Chapter, No. 624                     |
| 4/24/2017 | Franklin Chapter, No. 311                    |
| 4/25/2017 | Friendship Chapter, No. 1008                 |
| 4/26/2017 | Cleveland Chapter, No. 465                   |
| 4/27/2017 | Jasper Chapter, No. 291 (Joint)              |
| 4/27/2017 | Spurger Chapter, No. 315 (Joint)             |
| 5/2/2017  | Jefferson Chapter, No. 627*                  |
| 5/4/2017  | Texas City Chapter, No. 626                  |
| 5/8/2017  | Huffman Chapter, No. 1112                    |
| 5/11/2017 | Castleberry Chapter, No. 1028                |
| 5/22/2017 | Klein Chapter, No. 1141 (Joint)              |
| 5/22/2017 | Spring Chapter, No. 1105 (Joint)             |
| 5/23/2017 | Midland Chapter, No. 253                     |
| 5/25/2017 | Cedar Bayou Chapter, No. 11**                |
| 7/27/2017 | Humble Chapter, No. 415                      |

\* cancelled by Chapter

\*\* cancelled due to scheduling conflict with my granddaughter's graduation

### BY-LAWS

The Chairman of the By-Laws Committee was Mrs. Tonya Foster. I want to thank her for all the hours she spent making sure all the By-Laws were correct and returned as quickly as

possible.

| <b><u>Chapter</u></b>            | <b><u>Approved Date:</u></b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Winnie Chapter No. 160           | 10/16/2016                   |
| Zapata Chapter No. 1106          | 10/16/2016                   |
| Goose Creek Chapter No. 798      | 12/6/2016                    |
| Ferris Chapter No. 508           | 12/6/2016                    |
| Coleman Chapter No. 360          | 12/6/2016                    |
| Brock Chapter No. 274            | 1/14/2017                    |
| Lufkin Chapter No. 382           | 1/14/2017                    |
| Medina Chapter 988               | 1/14/2017                    |
| Leakey Chapter No. 18            | 1/14/2017                    |
| Humble Chapter No. 415           | 1/14/2017                    |
| LaMarque Chapter No. 979         | 2/18/2017                    |
| Freedom Chapter No. 898          | 2/18/2017                    |
| Aldine Chapter No. 1088          | 2/18/2017                    |
| Creedmoor Chapter No. 607        | 2/25/2017                    |
| Amistad Chapter No. 1115         | 2/25/2017                    |
| Throckmorton Chapter No. 500     | 4/23/2017                    |
| Woodville Chapter No. 462        | 4/23/2017                    |
| Deport Chapter No. 1045          | 4/23/2017                    |
| Dripping Springs Chapter No. 860 | 4/23/2017                    |
| Bluebell Chapter No. 856         | 4/23/2017                    |
| Brookshire Chapter No. 652       | 4/23/2017                    |

**Pending:**

- Huffman Chapter No. 1112
- Wolfe City Chapter No. 1129
- Canyon Lake Chapter No. 1103
- Sarah Chapter No. 353
- San Antonio Chapter No. 754
- North Zulch No. 458
- Brock No. 274
- Yorktown No. 945
- Grosebeck No. 810
- Alice Chapter No. 61

| <b><u>Denied:</u></b> | <b><u>Date Denied:</u></b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Alice Chapter No. 61  | 10/16/2017                 |
| Alice Chapter No. 61  | 2/25/2017                  |

**DECISIONS, RULINGS, IRREGULARITIES, DISCIPLINE**

A few problems occurred on Grand Representative appointments which were awarded at the 2016 Grand Chapter session. I requested the Grand Secretary to request from the grand jurisdiction a new certificate in the name of the person who received the appointment during

the session.

**Grand Treasurer:** Shortly after Grand Chapter the WGP and I met with the Grand Treasurer. I wanted to talk to her about her duties. We had a good discussion and I advised her that I would like for her to go to the Grand Chapter office once a week or at least one every two weeks in order for her to work with the Grand Secretary as our Code of Laws specifies.

Several months later, when I was at the Grand Chapter office I noticed a large stack of mail. I looked through it and it was all for the Grand Treasurer. When I inquired about it I was told that the mail was a small portion as the important mail is mailed to the Grand Treasurer. I instructed the Grand Chapter office to not spend one more penny forwarding mail to the Grand Treasurer. She should be coming to the office and receiving her mail. Shortly after seeing the mail, on or about April 17, 2017 I was informed that the Grand Treasurer had not been to the Grand Chapter office since October, 2016. I asked how the checks were being signed and was advised the signature stamp was always being used for the Grand Treasurer since the bills needed to be paid and she was not coming to the office. I called the Grand Treasurer and issued a verbal reprimand setting out the following:

1. She is to go into the Grand Chapter office once a week to do her work and receive her mail.
2. She is to set a schedule with the Grand Secretary so proper checks and bills can be ready for the Grand Treasurer.
3. She is to email me a copy of her schedule.
4. The signature stamp is to be used only for an emergency. She will go into the office and sign checks as stated in our Code of Laws.
5. That all the duties set out by our Code of Laws for the Grand Treasurer are to be done in a timely manner.

I followed up with an email setting out the discussions with the Grand Treasurer and sent it to the Corporate Board, Board of Directors and my Jurisprudence Committee.

Problems continue as the Grand Treasurer will go to the office and stay some days less than an hour, many calls to her are not returned, many questions from members of the Board had to be researched by others because she did not return the call/s or emails.

**Investments:** Our investment bankers attended the Board meeting on November 19, 2016 and presented us with a Performance Detail of our Investments. In glancing through the booklet I noticed that on April 30, 2016 an investment was made in the International Market. Knowing that the international funds were down, and noticing on the spreadsheet the returns for this market were **-5.3** in the last year I questioned them on their choice to have a large investment of Grand Chapter money in this market. I believe the original investment was @\$250,000 and the value in 5 months was \$213,188. The answer I received from our bankers was "We need to keep our foot in the door!" I also asked for a breakdown of their fees, which I felt were excessive.

On November 30, 2016 I sent an email to the Board of Directors setting out my concerns and asking their thoughts on getting proposals from other companies to handle our investments only.

On December 2, 2016 I received a call on my cell phone from one of our investors stating: he had received a call from his International Desk and they (and he) are recommending we sell our international stocks and move them to our other investment portfolio. I

told him I cannot make that decision I would have to contact the Board members. He stated : "You have 40 minutes until the stock market closes to get an approval." I immediately called and emailed the Chairman what had transpired. I DID NOT initiate the call from the investment banker. The Board approved the transfer and I called him back and told him the Board of Directors approved him to go ahead with his recommendation.

Some of our restricted accounts went below the required minimum.

When the audit report came, our auditors reported we had an unrealized **loss** of **-\$557,823.00** for 2015.

The Board of Directors currently has a committee researching other proposals for our investment team.

A person who was expelled after trial contacted a member and wanted to be reinstated. After many telephone calls and correspondence the lady petitioned the chapter (who held the trial and expelled her) for reinstatement. I sent a detailed letter to the chapter to be read outlining the exact procedure they must follow. I instructed my DGM and my DDGM to attend the meeting and all details were handled by the chapter correctly.

I informed a chapter that there is no such thing as a "cheat sheet" for the secret work. There are 4 copies of the secret work issued to each chapter.

I received several telephone calls regarding a chapter whose members could not get along. The Worthy Matron left a letter on the secretary's desk that she resigned. I informed the DGM to send a letter to her reciting Article 226 d. The Worthy Matron never returned to the Chapter and the bitterness continued. I asked the WGP to attend their next meeting and read a letter from me putting the chapter on probation and noting to the chapter that this could be the turning point for the chapter to become productive and happy. The members continued to yell and point fingers at one another at the meeting. The chapter members, realizing they could not put their problems aside voted to send a letter to their membership and consider demising. I instructed my DGM to attend the meetings. The chapter ultimately demised.

A member solicited funds which was in direct violation of Article 173. I contacted the member and he retracted the solicitation.

One District Chairman of a committee received a supply of merchandise for her District and did not make an effort to distribute to the committee members in her District. She would not return my calls or emails. I was very concerned since the value of merchandise she obtained was large. I asked the DGM to contact her and tell her to call me, she still did not return my calls, emails or other requests. I sent my DGM with an official emailed letter to obtain the merchandise. Some of the merchandise was recovered by my DGM.

A member posted on a world-wide website derogatory remarks and questions regarding Texas members. I called the member and had a lengthy conversation with him. I petitioned to become a member of the website and was approved wherein I was able to post a reply on the website. This problem is a continuing problem from several years ago and continues to be an issue as this member continues to be angry.



I gave a verbal special dispensation to a chapter to move their stated meeting to a different location due to an electrical problem that could have resulted in a fire hazard.

Many members had questions regarding the wording of Article 204 (4)(a). I ruled that a member may be a Worthy Matron, Secretary, or Treasurer in only one chapter at a time. No member may be a Worthy Matron of two chapters, a Secretary of two chapters, or a Treasurer of two chapters, but they could be a Worthy Matron of one chapter and a Secretary or Treasurer at another chapter.

A resident of TMRC received a letter from Gary Blair, Superintendent of TMRC, regarding her actions toward other residents. It was her second notice. The WGP and I met with her and she appeared remorseful and would try to do better.

Several members and/or chapters had special instances that concerned or needed the DGM's attention. In all situations the DGM handled the problem promptly and correctly.

Several chapters had either a Secretary or Treasurer who were not able to take care of their duties. In each instance I instructed the DGM to contact the member and obtain the records needed at the chapter. Each situation ended well with the chapter and the member.

A chapter counted an Honorary Member, who is not a regular member of the chapter, toward a quorum and held a stated meeting. I instructed my DDGM to attend their next meeting and find out what business had been conducted at the meeting and to advise them the rules on quorums.

Two members were electioneering. I called and talked to them and they agreed to do nothing further.

I met with members who were having difficulty getting along. We began the meeting with a prayer and recited part of our obligation to each other. Two members apologized to one another, hugged and were happy with their outcome. One member would not agree and was angry, rude and disrespectful. I cautioned her, reminded her of her obligation and closed the meeting. Since the meeting she has been kind to the membership.

### **LEGAL ACTION**

Wills that were probated and funds received were as follows:

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Estate of Carl Starkey | Received \$10,000.00 |
| Estate of Carl Starkey | Received \$ 5,000.00 |

### **SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

Special dispensations were issued without fee to all Joint Fraternal Visits held in conjunction with schools.

## **MUSIC**

Many thanks, hugs and kisses go to three members who collaborated to make my music part of my dream. Bill Rhyan, PGP of Arizona and a member of Texas; Susan Smith, Grand Organist and Daniel Caldwell all helped and my music has been enjoyed by the membership this year....especially the Beauty and the Beast part! Thank you, thank you.

## **GRAND CHAPTER VAN**

On September 3, 2016 at my installation, I was handed the keys to a brand new Ford Transit Van by the Chairman of the Board of Directors with all the board members standing with her. What a dream ride this has been! Thank you to the membership of Texas for your generosity in providing this van. Thank you to the Board of Directors for researching and presenting the WGM with this van. I have enjoyed it so much and I know it will be loved by the ladies in line for the future.

## **INSPIRATIONS**

Thank you to all the Inspirations, the Worthy Matrons for 2016-2017. Each of you were an inspiration to me and to the members of your chapters. Your devotion to our Order will continue as an "Inspiration" for many years to come. I know your year as Worthy Matron of your chapter will be a memory to you and your chapter forever.

## **CYPRESS CHAPTER NO. 1102**

What can I say to these chapter members who I have loved and they have loved me for many, many years. Your support of me and your willingness to help in any way has touched my heart. I will be returning soon and will be excited to hear all about your lives and family that I have missed knowing. I was not able to be with you in person, but my heart was always there.

## **WALLER CHAPTER NO. 1047**

Thank you to the members of Waller, my dual chapter, who have supported me on this journey. I have missed seeing you all and will be so happy to see you as soon as possible.

## **CROCKETT CHAPTER NO. 509**

The members of Crockett Chapter have loved, supported and helped me in any way, even though I am not a member there. Thank you so much for "taking me in" and loaning me your WGP and Grand Esther!

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

The respect and love that I have for this group of members is unsurpassed! I have loved and admired each of you for many, many years. I have grown close to you, cried on your shoulder and continued to ask questions and obtain advice from many of you. Thank you for

your tremendous continued support and love of our order and for the sacrifices that you have made for your love of our order.

### **INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS (APPOINTED)**

Each of you have made a difference in my life! Each one of you was chosen by me for special reasons and I am truly honored to have served this year with you. Each one of you have performed your work and continued your love and support of our beautiful order. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for going the One Degree to make this year special not only to me, and to you, but to the membership of Texas. You have represented the office you hold with dignity, determination and pride. I love each one of you.

### **CORPORATE BOARD**

To Melissa, Carolyn and Linda, our elected line, you have been a sounding block and I appreciate each of you and the help and support you have given to me and to the membership this year. I appreciate our friendship which has grown this year and want each of you to know "hang on — the year/s will fly by; be ready for an experience of a lifetime". To Rick, I know you love and support Melissa and grand chapter and I know you will do your best for her and our order. The other members of the corporate Board I have addressed separately. Corporate Board meetings have been held in accordance to the Code of Laws.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This "team" of members have been outstanding. They have worked together and accomplished many things. One of my goals was to decrease our expenses. In doing just that the Board was able to close out all our storage buildings and safe site area that we paid a monthly charge on for many years, and this is only one of their accomplishments. For their determination and devotion to Eastern Star this year, my gratitude is boundless. My love and support for each of you will not end with this year, but will continue for my life as a member of OES.

### **GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE AND GRAND SECRETARY**

To Dr. Ellen Pickrell, you have been my sounding block and my source of information. Even though this is your first full year as Grand Secretary you have been absolutely the very best Grand Secretary, dedicated and efficient and I have grown to love you. To the ladies who work in the Grand Chapter Office, each of you has done an excellent job. I appreciate all you have done for me and for the membership of Texas.

### **GRAND EXAMINERS**

All six of you have done an outstanding job. The membership of Texas and I appreciate your continued support, dedication and absolutely hard work! Good luck to each of you in your endeavors for the future.

## **ALL MEMBERS OF TEXAS**

How excited I was when you elected me to be Associate Grand Conductress. I pledged to each of you my constant devotion, and my dedication to our order. But, without each of you none of this would be possible. Each of you have made this year "A Year of Inspiration" as I have been able to do my job because you inspire me. My love and continued dedication to OES is because of your continued inspiration to me and to the Order of the Eastern Star! My continued love to each member, you inspire me, I inspire you, we will continue the circle.

## **SWEETHEART**

Helen Sanderford, you are a sweetheart...not just to me, but to the membership of Texas. Thank you for every kindness you have made to the membership, and for being an example for all of us to follow. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

## **MOM AND DAD**

Thank you to Betty and Jerry Martin for your support for many, many years and for always treating me as your daughter. Even though I did not get a raise in my allowance, you gave me the key to your home and your hearts. My love to you.

## **MY PERSONAL SECRETARY JERRE MILLER**

When I asked you to be my secretary I already knew the person you are and the support you would give for this year of inspiration. What a huge help you have been to me and I cannot express to you my gratitude. Your continued love and support to our Order shines through your devotion and I appreciate so much your giving this year to me. Thank you so very much for all you have done to "keep me on track".

## **WORTHY GRAND PATRON THOMAS MURPHY**

Brother Tom Murphy, what a blessing and joy you have been to me and to the membership this year. You traveled to every school, every Fraternal Visit and gave this year your constant and total devotion. You and your beautiful wife, Glenda are now part of my family and I am so very, very happy that we have bonded and inspired the membership together. If I could have dreamed of the perfect Worthy Grand Patron, it would have been you! You are my inspiration and we are an Inspiration Team!

## **MY FAMILY**

Gary, you have been my strength for many years. This year would not have been possible without you by my side. Thank you for your understanding, patience, love and for supporting me on this path for the years it took to achieve. I love you.

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
2016-2017  
MR. THOMAS R. MURPHY**

**TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS**

What an honor the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas bestowed upon me by electing me to serve as Worthy Grand Patron. This is the highest honor a Brother can receive in the Order of the Eastern Star, and I hope and pray that I met or exceeded your expectations for this office. This has been a wonderful journey across this great State, thanks to the love and kindness shown by this wonderful membership. Thank you for the courtesies extended to the Office of Worthy Grand Patron. It was truly my honor to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron.

**GRAND CHAPTER INSTALLATION**

The beautiful winter wonderland for the one hundred thirty- fifth "A YEAR OF INSPIRATION" Installation of Grand Officers for 2016-2017 was held on Saturday, September 3, 2016 in Tyler, Texas. It was the beginning of the "Inspirational Snowman Express" train ride across this great State.

I want to thank the Installing Officers. They were:

Mrs. Rennie Ofton – Past Most Worthy Grand Matron – Welcome & Greetings  
Installing Grand Officer – Mrs. Vi Griffin – Past Grand Matron;  
Assisting Installing Grand Officer – Mr. H. Lee Stallings – Jurisprudence Chairman of GGC and Past Grand Patron;  
Installing Grand Chaplain – Mrs. Betty Friend – Past Grand Matron;  
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

To those who participated in many other capacities, please know how much I appreciated your participation in this most unforgettable evening.

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, AMBASSADORS  
AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Texas is fortunate to have the services of our talented members serving or having served the General Grand Chapter.

Sister Rennie Ofton as Past Most Worthy Grand Matron;  
Brother Henry Martin serving as Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron;  
Mrs. Jayne Yenger - Ambassador to Germany;

Mr. Jerry Trees - Ambassador to Mexico;  
Dr. Charles "Bill" Bane - Ambassador to Romania;  
Committee members: Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane -By-Laws Committee, Chairman; Mrs. Bonnie Varnell – Credentials; Mrs. Bess Caldwell – Eastern Star Journal; Mr. Trey Smith – ESTARL; Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr. – First Responders, Chairman; Mr. H. Lee Stallings – Jurisprudence, Chairman; Mrs. Joyce Gilbert – Necrology; Mrs. Mary Ruth White – Regenerative Medicine; Mr. Jack Guy – Service Dogs; Mr. David Dibrell – Youth. Thank you for your dedication and service to our Order. May God continue to bless you in your journey.

### **PAST GRAND MATRONS & PAST GRAND PATRONS**

It has been my honor to get to know all of you a little better. Each of you have "Inspired" me with your service and dedication to our Order. May God bless you all as you continue to serve our Order of the Eastern Star.

#### **WORTHY GRAND MATRON SHARON MOSMEYER**

I will be eternally grateful to you for asking me to serve with you as your Worthy Grand Patron. You have been a wonderful and caring Worthy Grand Matron. You answered every Chapter's request and did an amazing job of Inspiring the membership as well as me. You and Gary are now a part of our family and will always have a special place in our lives and our hearts.

#### **INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS**

It has been my pleasure to serve our Grand Chapter year with each of you. The number of schools and Fraternal Visits you all attended made them all very special. Thank you all for your love and friendship which I know will continue for many years.

#### **GRAND ESTHER**

You are truly a beautiful person, both inside and out. God always has a plan and he knew I needed you. You have been my encourager and supporter all our married life and I love you dearly.

#### **MY FAMILY**

I appreciate your patience and understanding as Grand Esther and I traveled this Great and large State of Texas. We look forward to spending a lot of time catching up on Grandkids and Great Grand kids.

#### **ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS**

Our Grand Examiners did an excellent job in the exam rooms, although some ended up in "broom closets" or lunch rooms. You all were easy to travel with and it was great to get to know each of you better.

Our Board of Directors – Wow!! Not enough space to explain all you do and did this year! Thank you seems inadequate. The amount of time each of you spend traveling to the month-

ly meetings; on conference calls; all the paper work; and all you do for the Grand Chapter of Texas is VERY MUCH APPRECIATED by this Worthy Grand Patron.

### **DEPUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER**

Thank you all for the great schools this year full of snowflakes, snowmen, trains, and fun! They were all very Inspirational and well taught by the District Deputy Grand Matrons. I thank you for all the traveling, planning, and many wonderfully different themes that your Deputy Grand Matrons did at the schools.

### **INSPIRATIONS AND CONDUCTORS**

Thank you all for helping the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Inspire your members and keep them on the right track in their Benevolent Work and Ritual work. Congratulations to the "first time" Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and a big THANK YOU for those serving multiple times as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

### **CYPRESS CHAPTER #1102**

I was honored to attend a Banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron hosted by her home section. The officers and members of these Chapters received the Worthy Grand Patron in a most gracious and friendly manner. I thank all the members for all the courtesies extended to the office of the Worthy Grand Patron that night.

### **CROCKETT CHAPTER 509, PALESTINE CHAPTER 395 AND DISTRICT 4, SECTION 3**

On September 24, 2016, my home Chapter, Crockett #509, my plural Chapter, Palestine #395, and the Brothers and Sisters of District 4, Section 3 hosted a Banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron at the Crockett Civic Center. The night was a special one for me as the members of the above Chapters and Sections worked together for several weeks to put together a wonderful evening. Thank you all for all your hard work and the beautiful Ritual Work you did that night.

### **SECRETARY, PAGES AND THE CONDUCTORS CLUB**

To my Secretary, Sister Joanne Barrett, thank you for all you did to assist me this year even while you were still working. I know you will be a great Grand Representative to Virginia.

To my Grand Pages - Brothers James Parker – elected to the Board of Directors; Pete Arai-za – appointed Grand Representative to Australia in Texas; Bill Rowland – who has taken care of his wonderful mother while she was fighting cancer and still made time for some of the events and schools; Mike Williams, Mike Fielding, Buddy Stricklin. Some of you served for one year before going on to other duties with the Order. Some of you have been there for all two years. Thank you all for your cheerful attitudes, hard work, and ability to help with any problem.

To the members of the Conductors Club I thank you for all your support and help in making these last two years a wonderful memory.

### **GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE STAFF**

Thank you all for all you do for the Grand Chapter of Texas membership and all the help you gave me as you answered my questions and helped me out.

Thank you, Sharon Hill Adams, for all your work turning a "storage space MESS" into a beautiful "parlor museum".

### **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION**

I attended all the Schools of Instruction (36) of the Worthy Grand Matron. The preparation and instruction by the Worthy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Matrons was excellent and well received by the well-attended Schools. It is truly amazing all the themes, names and decorations the Deputy Grand Matrons and their helping members came up with. The Honorary Chapter Memberships that were voted on by the Chapters, I am honored to have them. The quilt squares were beautiful and will make a beautiful quilt that will last for years with lots of memory reminders. Well done ladies.

I also received many wonderful gifts from the membership. These will be reminders of the special, loving, and caring members of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

### **FRATERNAL VISITS**

Along with the Fraternal Visits associated with the Schools of Instruction, I attended all but one of the (64) Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron and Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron. What great events, and each with special kindness, hugs, and handshakes. Thank you all for your hard work.

### **CHAPTER CELEBRATIONS**

It was my pleasure to attend the following 100 years celebrations:

Lott Chapter 594  
Creedmoor Chapter 607  
Longview 610

Mrs. Jeanette Rife Cotton was the General Chairman of the TRMC – Time and Talent Committee that oversaw the parties at TRMC. What a great job by all involved.

TMRC Parties were all well planned and a good time was had by the residents as well as those of us attending. It was special time to get to visit with our special ladies and other guests at the TMRC. The parties held were each sponsored by the different districts:

Halloween party – District 3; Christmas Party – District 1; Valentine Party – District 4; Easter Party - District 5; and the Independence Party – District 2.



## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

I also received many Special Awards while on the Fraternal Visits and School Schedule:

Key to the City of Crockett and Proclamation

Several Waterford crystal train engines

Proclamation from the City of Killeen

The State Flag of Texas – Flown over the Capital of Texas

Honorary Membership of Oklahoma Grand Chapter

Honorary Membership of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana

Honorary Membership of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas

Proclamation from the City of San Angelo

Honorary Deputy Sheriff – Brazoria County

Key to the City of Groves

Pink Apron Degree – performed by the members of Ferris Chapter #808  
along with receiving a Pink Apron of my own embroidered by Jewell  
Horne

City of Brenham – Proclamation that Feb 15, 2017 as Worthy Grand  
Patron of Texas “Mr. Thomas R. Murphy Day”

Texas Flag Presented by State Representative Charles “Doc” Anderson –  
flown over the Capital of The Sovereign State of Texas

Texas Flag Presented by State Representative James White – flown at  
the Capital of the Sovereign State of Texas

Texas Flag Presented by Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst – flown over the  
Capital of the Sovereign State of Texas.

Proclamation appointing Worthy Grand Patron, "Thomas Murphy, as  
ALCALDE (Mayor) of LA CIUDAD de LA VILLITA" (the original San  
Antonio)

Official Recognition from the Governor of Texas – Gregg Abbott

Beautiful handmade, from cedar wood, “Steam engine and 3 car train” by  
Don Parks

## **GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS**

As a Past Master of Tolerance Lodge #1165 and Lothrop Lodge #21 it was quite different to attend the 181st Grand Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of Texas and be introduced by the Grand Master, Wendell P. Miller, with the Worthy Grand Matron as she brought greetings to the Masons assembled.

I attended the “Masonic Open House” in Richardson, Texas, on October 23, 2016.

I attended the Grand Master’s Banquet for Grandmaster Jerry Kirby in Waxahachie on April 14, 2017.

I attended the “Event To Remember” held in the Grand Lodge auditorium.

## **CHAPTER DISCIPLINE**

I was asked by the Worthy Grand Matron to carry a letter she had written to a Chapter whose members were not acting per our Eastern Star Order Discipline, Code of Laws, or our

Obligation towards one another. I read the letter to the Chapter and after some lengthy discussion among the members, they voted to demise the Chapter. Their decision was given to the Worthy Grand Matron in my report to her.

### **OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

Four State Exchange – held in Shreveport, Louisiana & representing Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas – on September 16 – 18, 2016

Grand Chapter of Oklahoma – held in Guthrie, OK, on October 16 – 19, 2016

Grand Chapter of Arkansas – held in Littlerock, AR, on December 7 – 9, 2016

Grand Chapter of Louisiana – held in Alexandria, LA, on March 27 – 29, 2017

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

Thank you all for your dedication, hard work, and service to our Grand Chapter Projects this year. You have helped make all the 2016 – 2017 Projects of the Worthy Grand Matron successful.

#### **2016- 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE**

What a great group of hard workers. You all made the Installation of the 2016-17 Grand Officers in Tyler a Beautiful Event. All the work behind the scenes and changing the “scenes” went, in my view, very smoothly for the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron. We of course, did not see all the “blood, sweat, and tears” involved, but just the wonderful finished product. Thank you all.

I am looking forward to viewing the beautiful Grand Chapter Session in August. I cannot wait to see what you create in The Woodlands Marriott Convention Center.

### **RIVER CRUISE**

This was the first time that Glenda or I had been to Europe. Cannot say a whole lot about the flight over, but once there it was spectacular. The history of the countries we visited as well as the scenery of the country side and the castles was magnificent. We thoroughly enjoyed the Avalon River cruise on the Rhine River.

### **CARIBBEAN CRUISE**

This was a great trip also and originated from Galveston, Texas, on the Carnival Breeze. The trip was a little more laid back and relaxing. The weather was a lot warmer and the seas were smooth. A lot of fun, sun and Stars enjoying the trip.

### **YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly was held in Waco on June

23 – 25, 2017. I was honored by the Order of the Rainbow by being presented the Grand Cross of Colors in a Degree they performed on Friday afternoon. The Degree presented by the young ladies was beautiful.

I was also honored to bring greetings at their Saturday evening Session, watch their Memorial Program, and an Initiation that night. These young ladies performed beautifully and their ritual work was perfect. What a beautiful evening.  
I will report on my visit to the DeMolay Conclave for 2017 in my supplemental report.

### **FUNERALS**

I attended the funeral of Past Grand Matron, Sister Elsie Paladino, who served in 1985 – 1986. Her funeral was attended by many Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, members, friends and her family. Her son told us about her life and the lives she touched while she was here with us.

I attended many other funerals of our Sisters and Brothers this year and we will miss them all.

### **MUSIC**

Many thanks to Brother Daniel Caldwell for writing “The Conductor’s March” for me, Sister Susan Smith for her addition of “Toy Trains” at the end of the march, and Brother Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona and a member of Texas OES, for transcribing my music to paper. When I hear it played, it is a real “toe tapper” for me.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY  
ELLEN PICKRELL  
2016-2017**

The following report is given to you in advance for the purpose of providing you, the membership, information on the activities of the 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**

What a wonderful experience it has been working with our Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon Mosmeyer. She has been very patient and kind during my first official year as Grand Secretary. She is truly an inspiration.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thank you to Audri Rowell, Chairman, and all members of the Board of Directors. We have all worked together this year to make important and necessary financial decisions for this Grand Chapter. It has been a pleasure to attend all Board meetings this year and provide reports and documents to the Board members as needed.

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE STAFF**

My sincere appreciation and thanks to the office staff. Jane Pyle and I have worked closely together to balance and reorganize our QuickBooks accounts. She is a great bookkeeper and wonderful friend. Betty Hancock handles all Secretary Interface questions, membership issues and annual reports. She is always kind and helpful to our secretaries and members who call for guidance. Tava Smith and Konnie Harrell take care of the every day needs of the office – filling supply orders, organizing the Bulletin, maintaining the copy machine, filing and anything else that comes into the office. I love and appreciate all the staff does to keep our office running smoothly.

**GRAND CHAPTER AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**

My special thanks to all the Chapter Secretaries for their diligence in getting their Annual Reports in on time this year. My hope is to have all of our Secretaries using the Secretary Interface this year. If you have not logged on yet, contact Betty Hancock and she will help you! The database is a wonderful source for current Bulletin announcements as well as a great tool to keep records of your Chapter's history.

All reports on the IRS Form 990 for Subordinate Chapters were electronically filed by the Grand Chapter office as required for 2016 and will be filed in the same manner this year.

## TMRC

Through this year, I have come to know our nine ladies better this year. What a joy it is to just sit and visit with them. They have great stories to share. Please come to the TMRC when you can and visit. They love cards and letters also. Barbara Martin is our Board TMRC Liaison. It has been great working with Barbara this year to make sure our ladies get the very best care possible.

### MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

It has been my pleasure to attend the following for the year: all Board of Director meetings, the Budget Workshop, all Corporate Board meetings, the Purposes and Policy Committee meeting, teas for the ladies at TMRC, Mayfest, many Schools of Instruction and Fraternal Visits, Roundups, Installations and Banquets. I have attended many Chapter meetings of both my parent Chapter, Richardson No. 921 and my plural Chapter, Dal-Cliff No. 574. This year, I served as President of our District 1, Section 5 Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association. I 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.

### IN MEMORIAM

"The shepherd has tenderly called back His own  
To rest in the Peace of His love,  
To be in the light of His countenance there,  
In His heavenly Home above.  
Tho' we must mourn, who are left behind,  
Our loved one is safe in God's care,  
For the Shepherd has called back His lambs to the fold  
To tenderly watch o'er them there."

We were saddened by the death of Past Grand Matron, Elsie Paladino, on May 26, 2017. An emblematic floral tribute was sent to the service and a Memorial Notice was mailed to all Grand Jurisdictions and all Subordinate Chapters.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Below are the figures reported to Grand Chapter on the Annual Reports for 2016-2017 from the Subordinate Chapters:

May 31, 2016—Total Chapters 309

#### Chapter Consolidations from June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017

| <u>District</u> | <u>Section</u> | <u>Consolidated Chapter</u> | <u>District</u> | <u>Section</u> | <u>Receiving Chapter</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2               | 4              | Levelland #797              | 2               | 4              | Freedom #898             | 12/1/2016             |
| 4               | 5              | Melrose #920                | 4               | 4              | Humble #415              | 1/1/2017              |

**Total Consolidated: 2**

**Chapter Demised from JUNE 1, 2016 to MAY 31, 2017**

| <u>District</u> | <u>Section</u> | <u>Chapter Demised</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 4               | 6              | Kurten #1146           | 3/16/2017   |

**Total Demised: 1**

Total Chapters as of Grand Chapter: 306  
 Total Membership Ending Grand Chapter 2015 25,789  
 Membership Increases:  
 Initiated 429  
 Affiliated:  
 Transfers 48  
 Plurals 296

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ENDING GRAND CHAPTER 2016 24,606**

**MEMBERSHIP INCREASES:**

Initiated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Affiliated \_\_\_\_\_  
     Transfers \_\_\_\_\_  
     Plurals \_\_\_\_\_  
     Demits \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reinstated \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Increase \_\_\_\_\_**

**MEMBERSHIP DECREASES:**

Demitted \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grand Demits \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plural Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expelled \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transferred Out \_\_\_\_\_  
 Suspended \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Decrease \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF GRAND CHAPTER 2017 \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLURAL MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_**

**ACTUAL MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_**

**REPORT OF THE BOAD OF DIRECTORS  
SEPTEMBER 2016  
135<sup>TH</sup> GRAND CHAPTER SESSION  
THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS**

No words can express my appreciation for the dedication and hard work that each of these Board members has given to Grand Chapter this year. Each member brings something unique to the Board along with giving their time for the membership of Texas. Together these board members have worked as a team looking for various ways to create a financial gain for this Grand Chapter.

Sister Janet Travers was appointed once again as secretary to the Board of Directors by our Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Janet has continued to take notes at the monthly meetings, while translating our discussions into minutes. She is devoted to the board, hard-working, and a friend to us all. Thank you, Sister Janet; we appreciate your commitment this past year.

As always, the first order of business that came after the elections at our Grand Chapter is the election of our Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. We also welcomed new Board members – James Parker, District One and Phyllis Wilson, District Five. Regular board meetings were held at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington with the exception of the January meeting, which was held in conjunction with the Worthy Grand Matron's School of Instruction in Ft Worth.

The other Board members will bring detailed reports of the financial affairs of Grand Chapter.

In addition to overseeing the financial affairs of Grand Chapter, the Board members reviewed benevolent aid requests and negotiated contracts for service for the upcoming 2019 Grand Chapter in Tyler. The board also supported the Education Committee on their Scholarship Program, and assisted the Associate Grand Matron with her budget.

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. Over the past several years 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. It is with pleasure to report that all items have been removed from the U-Haul storage unit and the account is closed.

The total of donations received and deposited into the General Fund was \$4,122.00.

Many items taken from the U-Haul storage unit were placed in two rooms at the Grand Secretary's office to which is considered the "Museum" and has items on display for the membership.

The Safe Site Storage account has also been closed and the 165 boxes full of paper have been removed and taken to the Grand Secretary's office. Each item in the boxes were re-

viewed and shredded as they had been previously scanned into the Grand Chapter database.

Stage Ramps built for a previous Grand Chapter Session were no longer able to be stored at their current location. The Executive Chairman for the 2018 Grand Chapter assumed full responsibility and took possession of the stage ramps and they are no longer the responsibility of this Grand Chapter or the Board of Directors.

The Portable Building behind the Grand Chapter office is clean and no longer needed. The Board placed a notice in the "Bulletin" and is taking sealed bids.

The Financial Investment Committee of the Worthy Grand Matron has worked with the Board on several occasions this year. The committee also supported the Board throughout the year by attending their monthly meetings.

JP Morgan Chase is working for the betterment of our Grand Chapter and present quarterly reports at Board meetings. The Board and the Chairman of the Financial Investment Committee is working together to insure that Grand Chapter receives the highest quality of investment advisors available. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to JP Morgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, and Raymond James. This is an intense and detailed process that will carry over into the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year.

Ratliff & Associates reported on the Grand Chapter year of 2015-2016.

The database which contains most of the information on Titles, Deeds, and Properties had not been updated since 2011. The Board is working to insure that this information is up to date and current.

The Board members with the assistance of the Worthy Grand Matron's Purposes and Policies Committee have established a Records Retention plan and Schedule for the Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary has this plan in place.

The Board continues to work with the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lodge Membership Management Systems (GLMMS - our data base provider) to insure all information after 2009 are scanned into the Grand Chapter database. With the assistance of Ashley Buss from GLMMS, the Grand Lodge of Kansas will be loaning our Grand Chapter the use of their scanner. It is also hopeful in the future that Dues Cards can be pre-printed prior to being mailed to our subordinate chapter secretaries.

One way the Board found to increase revenue was to participate in the Amazon Smiles Program. The program allows Non-Profit 501(c)3 holders to receive .5% cash back from Amazon members who purchase items from Amazon. The Grand Secretary is the point of contact for this program.

Technology plays a big part of our lives today. The "Bulletin" is no exception and as of January 2017 the Grand Chapter now has digital copies available for a small donation separate from the original paper "Bulletin" fee.

Continuing to look for other ways to increase revenue for Grand Chapter, the Board with the assistance of the Worthy Grand Matron researched our current bulk permit and found advertising of any kind was permissible. The board adopted this practice with the exception of political ads.

The Grand Chapter Website has a great wealth of knowledge. You can now find Benevolent Aid Guidelines and Forms on the site under "Forms".



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.

The attendance of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer at our monthly Board meetings was appreciated. We say "Thank you" to Sister Ellen, along with the office staff for their patience and understanding with the information they have provided and answering numerous questions. Their hard work and service did not go un-noticed.

As we continue moving this Grand Chapter forward into the electronic age, we say thank you for your willingness to help.

To the sweet membership of Texas, your Board of Directors has worked this year to be good stewards of the funds of this Grand Chapter. The responsibilities are enormous, but inspiring and rewarding.

To our General Grand Chapter Family, our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board members, please know the time you shared with us in the Board room was be greatly appreciated.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon Mosmeyer and our Worthy Grand Patron, Tom Murphy thank you for your leadership and assistance this year. It was a delight when your schedule allowed you to be in attendance at our Board meetings. Your inspiration and interest for the membership and financial affairs of this Grand Chapter has given reassurance to this Board of Directors.

To the other nine Board members, I say thank you for the generous ways in which each of you have served and supported not only this Grand Chapter but to me personally. The confidence you placed in me to serve as your chairman these past two years means more than you will ever know. Your kind words of encouragement, your smiles, and the lasting friendship have made this an experience that will never be forgotten. My "Eastern Star" life has been truly blessed because of you.

As this 2016-2017 year of service comes to a completion, please keep in mind that decisions are not always as simple as they may seem. Through the love and support from this membership you have made this year one in which these ten (10) board members will treasure, while hoping we have not failed this Grand Chapter.

To my Mom and traveling partner, I will never be able to express the love and gratitude that I hold for you.

Our journey together in this Order is now changing directions and as long as I have you by my side anything is possible. Thank you will never be enough.

My years of service for the Board of Directors has come to an end, no words can express the appreciation I have felt these past five (5) years. I want to thank this sweet membership for allowing me the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter as a board member.

Audri Rowell, Chairman Board of Directors

**GRAND DEMITS**  
**2016-2017**

**KURTEN #1146**

|                       |                     |                    |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Grace Y. Ashley       | Beverly Font Harper | Debbie Nelson      |
| Olly C. Ashley        | Stacy Hayes         | Cheryl Phillips    |
| Emma Batson           | Donnie Helm         | Erin Riley         |
| Kasey Boykin          | Jimmy Lloyd         | Judith Ann Riley   |
| Leonard Cox           | Benjamin Matcek     | Martin Riley       |
| Richard L. Elliott    | Maloree Matcek      | Paula Schehin      |
| Russell Ford          | Ronald McCormick    | Carlas Smith       |
| Claire French         | Mary C. Moore       | Mary L. Trowbridge |
| Robbie Cecile Gullick | Theodore Moore      | Charles Yeats      |

**SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS 2016-2017**

**LATE INSTALLATION**

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Richardson #921   | Seguin #555     |
| Lubbock #76       | Garrison #192   |
| Groesbeck #810    | Brookshire #652 |
| Austin #304       | Normangee #87   |
| Johnson City #376 | Santana #247    |
| Pleasanton #133   |                 |

**LATE ELECTION WORTHY MATRON**

Gate City #77

**LATE ELECTION WORTHY PATRON**

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Gate City #77 | Bellaire #1021 |
| Bowie #16     |                |

**LATE ELECTION ASSOCIATE MATRON**

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Rosenburg #429 | Nacogdoches #428 |
| Sarah #353     |                  |

**LATE ELECTION ASSOCIATE PATRON**

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Rosenberg #429        | Frank W. Lynn #1015 |
| Freedom #898          | Velasco #220        |
| Sarah #353            | Lake Worth #1109    |
| Roy Stanley #1086     | Spurger #315        |
| North Fort Worth #684 | Grapevine #326      |

**LATE ELECTION SECRETARY**

Alice #61  
Jasper #291

Rosenberg #429

### LATE ELECTION TREASURER

Haltom City #982  
Schertz #911

Nacogdoches #428  
Grapevine #326

### LATE ELECTION CONDUCTRESS

Jasper #291  
New Braunfels #771  
Frank W. Lynn #1015

Seabrook #1096  
Caldwell #976

### LATE ELECTION ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Freedom #898  
Goose Creek #798  
Nacogdoches #428  
Rosenberg #429

New Braunfels #771  
Creedmoor #607  
Lockhart #210  
Pine Tree #1090

### LATE ELECTION – ALL OFFICERS

Wimodausis #141  
Glen Rose #171  
Teneha #185

Garrison #192  
Lytle #335

### MOVE MEETING PLACE OR DATE

Gonzales #403  
Plano #703  
Graham #668  
Woodbine #738

Wallace Hughston #1100  
Sweeny #873  
Odessa #447

### WAIVE DISABILITY

LaMarque #979  
Arlington #249  
Gainesville #1123

Travis #472  
Gatesville #1005

### TRAVELING CHARTER

Odessa #447

Johnson City #376

### CALLED MEETING

Crockett #509  
Boyd #897

Garrison #192

### SAINT JO 17

Mrs. Edna Louise Robertson

1/23/17

### WEATHERFORD 21

Mrs. Dorothy Hill Ellington 5/2/17

### KERRVILLE 24

## LOST SECRET WORK

Center #349 – AC  
Richardson #921 – WP&AC  
Royse City #642 – WP  
Leander #73 – All  
Ore City #1033 – AC  
Roy Stanley #1086- AP  
Hereford #312 – AP

Belton #589 – C & AC  
Lonnie L. Blake #1116 – AP  
Amisted #1115 – WP  
LaMarque #979 – AC  
Lancaster #943 – AC  
Tomball #838 – AP

## FRATERNAL VISIT

Nederland #1079  
Sour Lake #75

Spurger #315  
Friendship #1008

## 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Schulty  
9/26/16  
Mr. Lamar Hodges 9/26/16  
**ABILENE 30**  
Mrs. Cliffa Nelle Thomasson  
5/8/17  
Mrs. Kathleen Lippincott 5/8/17  
**TEXAS 35**  
Mrs. Janey E. Reddell 11/29/16  
Mrs. Reathel B. Williams  
11/29/16  
Mrs. Joan E. Welch 11/29/16  
**SMITHVILLE 39**  
Mrs. Marilyn M. McDonald  
11/29/16  
**ADAH 49**  
Mr. Bobby Stanley 12/13/16  
**ALICE 61**  
Mrs. Helen Gebert 2/8/17  
**BIG SPRING 67**  
Mr. Eldon Welch 5/16/17  
Mrs. Sheryl Gambill 5/16/17  
Mrs. Marie Boyd 5/16/17  
Mrs. Joyce Buchanan 5/16/17  
Mrs. Deanna Foresyth 5/16/17  
**LEANDER 73**  
Mrs. Barbara Desormeau  
11/2/16  
**LUBBOCK 76**  
Mrs. Karen Nell Porter 2/24/17  
**BELLE MOON 90**  
Mrs. Eva Followill 5/22/17  
Mr. Bill Sullivant 5/22/17  
**CHILDRESS 101**  
Mrs. Pearl L. Jones 5/2/17  
**BRENHAM 144**  
Mrs. Marilyn Whitmarsh 1/4/17  
**BUFFALO 157**  
Mrs. Mildred Joy Fewox 4/18/17  
**CARPENTERS 183**  
Mrs. Ruby L. Farrer 5/2/17  
**TRINITY 186**  
Mr. Tommy Sheridan 5/16/17  
**BOERNE 200**  
Mr. Coy O. Price 4/18/17  
Mrs. Clara D. Price 4/18/17  
**DEL RIO 204**  
Mrs. Jeanne Fletcher 5/9/17  
Mr. Dan Murrah 5/9/17  
Mrs. Grace Elliot 5/9/17  
**COMMERCE 208**  
Mrs. Helen F. Cole 5/2/17  
**LOCKHART 210**  
Mrs. Ann Schroeder 2/24/17  
**ORANGE 214**  
Mrs. Mary Peveto 3/10/17  
**HAMILTON 215**  
Mrs. Olga Christelle Gilbert  
4/10/17  
**VELASCO 220**  
Mrs. Ethel O. Roberts 1/11/17  
Mrs. Carol James 1/11/17  
Mrs. Evon Sydow 1/11/17  
Mrs. Patricia Pinckard 1/11/17  
**BRYAN 222**  
Mrs. Betty Carter 11/1/16  
**MIDLAND 253**  
Mr. Kenneth Beeler 2/8/17  
Mrs. Anna Beeler 2/8/17  
**HOUSTON HEIGHTS 258**  
Mrs. Juanita F. Lee 9/29/16  
Mrs. Peggy Joyce Peterson

- 9/29/16  
Mrs. Carolyn J. Schack 9/29/16  
Mrs. Beverly Anderson 9/29/16  
Mrs. Linda Carswell Russell  
9/29/16  
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
- CENTER 348**  
Mrs. Janice Butler 3/9/17  
Mrs. Wynn (Jeanie) Stracener  
4/10/17
- 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
- GILMER 355**  
Mr. Raymond Stokley 3/24/17
- TEMPLER 374**  
Mrs. Oleta Faye Turner 3/9/17
- JACKSONVILLE 377**  
Mrs. Frances Hicks 4/13/17  
Mrs. Belinda Still 3/9/16  
Mrs. Dona Stransky 3/9/16  
Mr. Billy Wayne Sessions  
5/20/16
- LUFKIN 382**  
Mrs. Evelena Patterson 4/19/17  
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  
Mr. Gerald Justin Shelburn  
9/26/16
- 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  
Mrs. Detra Nell Swenson  
9/29/16
- WOODVILLE 462**  
Mrs. Elsie Stewart 3/15/17
- 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**  
Mrs. Phyliss Sue Henke Prycer  
11/1/16  
Mrs. Lorraine Longwell 2/16/17
- KILLEEN 490**  
Mrs. Jeanne A. Humphrey  
10/18/16  
Mr. Robert Don Sutton 10/18/16
- SPRINGTOWN 498**  
Mrs. Virginia Thomson 10/14/16
- CROCKETT 509**  
Mrs. Linda Faye Skidmore  
9/26/16  
Mrs. Wanda Nichols 9/26/16  
Mrs. Quita Dailey O'Dell 9/26/16  
Mrs. Evalena Ashley 10/26/16
- MCKINNEY 518**  
Mrs. Hannah Kunkle 1/15/17  
Mrs. Sue Cantrell 5/25/17  
Mr. Bob Dunfield 5/15/17
- GRANBURY 530**  
Mrs. Waunell Bennett 5/10/17
- SEGUIN 555**  
Mrs. Carolyn Fielder 2/8/17
- DAL-CLIFF 574**  
Ms. Kathleen Turner Chavarria  
5/16/17
- CREEDMOOR 607**  
Mrs. Rosemary LeGrotte  
10/14/16
- HANDLEY 617**  
Mrs. Sheila Nowell 4/18/17  
Mrs. Bobbie Smith 5/24/17  
Mr. Walter Cox 5/24/17
- LEAGUE CITY 621**

Mrs. Adonis M. Johnson 2/8/17  
Mrs. Virginia Heady 3/9/17

**MCLENNAN 639**  
Mrs. Jeanie Collier 3/9/17

**ANAHUAC 649**  
Mrs. Juanita Terrell 10/18/16  
Mrs. Mary Ann Brandon  
3/20/17

**BROOKSHIRE 652**  
Ms. Beverly Youdal 4/3/17

**PORT NECHES 677**  
Mr. Fred Douglas 1/27/17

**LAPORTE 683**  
Mrs. Betty Puckett 3/20/17

**NORTH FORT WORTH 684**  
Dr. W. Bert Hammack 10/3/16

**PLANO 703**  
Mrs. Patricia Jean Atkins  
4/13/17

**WEST COLUMBIA 705**  
Mr. James Howard Hobbs  
2/24/17  
Mrs. Bettie Schlitzkus 2/24/17  
Mrs. Carol Blake 2/24/17

**PASADENA 711**  
Mrs. Virginia Pitts 5/2/17

**FAITH 713**  
Mrs. Linda Conner 5/4/17  
Mrs. Georgia Thornton 5/4/17

**WOODBINE 738**  
Mrs. Vicki Fisher 9/26/16  
Mrs. Charlotte Carpender  
11/29/16

**NEW BRAUNFELS 771**  
Mrs. Lee Ellis 3/9/17  
Mrs. Margie Gormley 3/9/17  
Mr. James Hagan 3/9/17  
Mrs. Phyllis Hagan 3/9/17  
Mrs. Janelle Jenson 3/9/17  
Mr. George Lantrip 3/9/17  
Mrs. Sara Kay McBride 3/9/17  
Mrs. Pauline McCamey 3/9/17  
Mrs. Leona Vance 3/9/17  
Mrs. Mariam Norwood 3/9/17

**AMARILLO 787**  
Mrs. Alma York 9/26/16  
Mrs. Yvonne Karlin 4/13/17

**COCKRELL HILL DELTA FLORA 794**  
Mrs. Marjorie Montgomery  
2/8/17

**GOOSE CREEK 798**  
Mrs. Jo Ann Smith 1/11/17  
Mr. W.S. Hewitt 1/11/17  
Mrs. Sharon Hewitt 1/11/17

**WASKOM 812**  
Mrs. Sandra Oden 4/3/17  
Mrs. Wilma E. Fuselier 5/2/17  
Mrs. Helen Rudd 5/2/17  
Mrs. Syble McMillian 5/2/17  
Mrs. Etta Marie Shires 5/2/17  
Mrs. Mary Jane McCrary 5/2/17  
Mrs. Nollie Sue McCarty 5/2/17

**CRESCENT 820**  
Mrs. Mary Alma Mason 11/1/16  
Mrs. Dorothy Tennison 11/1/6

**QUEEN ESTHER 833**  
Mrs. Patricia Blank 3/9/17  
Mrs. LEEANORE Cowan 3/9/17

**TOMBALL 838**  
Mrs. Mary Frances Gollnisch  
9/26/16

**MESQUITE 887**  
Mrs. Lucille Quick 10/11/16  
Mrs. Ada K. Allen 10/11/16  
Mrs. Gwendolyn Smith 10/11/16  
Mrs. Marilou Quinn 10/11/16

**JOAQUIN 903**  
Mrs. Eula Milam 1/23/17

**DAINGERFIELD 906**  
Mrs. Jo Ann Truitt 10/18/16

**GOLDTHWAITE 909**  
Mrs. Margaret Williams 5/26/17  
Mrs. Myrtiel Moore 9/26/16

**HUNTINGTON 938**  
Mrs. Evonne Nerren 11/16/16

**WHITEWRIGHT 939**  
Mrs. Joyce Smith 3/14/17

**FARMERSVILLE 940**  
Mrs. Phyllis Wilson 4/19/17

**LANCASTER 943**  
Mrs. Claribel Armstrong 9/26/16  
Mrs. Leah Sisk 5/9/17  
Mrs. Norma Worley 5/9/17  
Mrs. Sylvia Craddock 5/9/17

**GROVES PORT ARTHUR 953**  
Mrs. Barbara J. Brogan 9/26/16

**CALDWELL 976**  
Mrs. Lois Love 9/26/16  
Mrs. Gayle Kathleen Curtis  
9/26/16  
Mr. Jesse N. Love 9/26/16

**HALTOM CITY 982**  
Mrs. Ann Hanes

**LEXINGTON 996**  
Mrs. Vera Nell Vizena

**OMAHA 997**  
Mrs. Carolyn Kimbriel 9/26/16

**RIDGLEA 999**

Mrs. Mary A. Gammon 3/27/17  
**FRIENDSHIP 1008**  
 Mr. Roy P. Goff 1/23/17  
**DUNCANVILLE 1014**  
 Mrs. Dorothy O'Burke 2/8/17  
 Mrs. Barbara Parramore 2/8/17  
 Mrs. Christine Bowman 2/8/17  
 Mrs. Mary Edith Brookshire 2/8/17  
**PEARLAND 1065**  
 Mrs. Janet Busby 2/17/17  
**COPPERAS COVE 1070**  
 Mrs. Wanda Darlene Foster 1/4/17  
 Mrs. Lueda P. Beck 1/4/17  
 Mrs. Brenda Either 1/4/17  
 Mrs. Rexie Van Winkle 1/4/17  
 Mrs. Helen K. Hood 1/4/17  
**OAK FOREST 1080**  
 Mrs. Ruth Austin 4/10/17  
 Mrs. Bettie Light 5/16/17  
**ALDINE 1088**  
 Mrs. Lillie Leonard 4/19/17  
 Mrs. Bebe Rhodes 4/19/17  
 Mr. Robert (Bob) Bradford 4/19/17  
 Mrs. Sarah Salisbury 4/19/17  
**ARCHIVES 1095**  
 Mrs. Romelle Edwards 2/8/17  
**WALLACE HUGHSTON 1100**  
 Mr. Jack H. Marshall 10/11/16  
**LAKE WORTH 1109**  
 Mrs. Margie Joan Curtis 9/26/16  
 Mrs. Marjorie McDaniel 9/26/16  
**WEBB 1140**  
 Mrs. Gloria Speakman 11/17/16  
**MONT BELVIEU 1142**  
 Mrs. Juanita Terrell 4/13/17  
**TMRC DAYLIGHT 1145**  
 Mrs. Juanna L. McLerran 2/8/17

Compilation of the actions taken on the Amendments presented will be published in the first Official Bulletin following the completion of the Jurisprudence Committee's Report

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
To the  
CONSTITUTION  
And CODE OF LAWS  
of the  
Grand Chapter of Texas  
Order of the Eastern Star  
WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE  
135TH SESSION  
TO BE HELD IN THE WOODLANDS  
August 17-19, 2017**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1  
PASSED AS EMERGENCY LEGISLATION AT THE 2016 SESSION**



**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1**  
**PASSED AS EMERGENCY LEGISLATION AT THE 2016 SESSION**

**PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING**

**IF PASSED, WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE AT THE CLOSE OF THIS**  
**GRAND CHAPTER SESSION**

**PAGE 32: CONSTITUTION; DIVISION III, ARTICLE III; LEGAL, STATUS, BUSINESS HEADQUARTERS; SECTION 3**

**WHEREAS** the permanent headquarters for 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 for commercial office space in Arlington, Texas is very expensive and,

**WHEREAS** there are more economically viable solutions for commercial office space in the Dallas-Fort 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:**

- SECTION 3. 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 preservation of its records shall be maintained.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

- SECTION 3. BUSINESS HEADQUARTERS. 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 preservation of its records shall be maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

Audri Rowell  
Carlotta Fairchild  
Becky Austin  
Ray Hargis  
Deborah Land

Jean Hobbs  
Barbara Martin  
Debi Fincher  
Robert Royall, Jr.  
David Ouellette

# CODE OF LAWS

If adopted, shall become effective after the adjournment of this Grand Chapter Session per Article 170.

## AMENDMENT #2

### Article 152-C, COL Page 104, Committee on By-Laws

**Whereas**, the requirement for the Committee on By-Laws to hold a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on the opening day of Grand Chapter is not necessary;

**Whereas**, the requirement for a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on opening day of Grand Chapter conflicts with other activities that members of the By-Laws Committee may wish to attend;

**Whereas**, the Committee's review on By-Laws should be completed and the report prepared prior to the opening day of Grand Chapter.  
Therefore, be it resolved that we the undersigned propose the following amendment:

#### **Which now reads:**

ARTICLE 152-C. The Committee on By-Laws shall meet at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the day of the opening of Grand Chapter and examine all By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws approved by the Worthy Grand Matron during the year, or submitted to the Grand Chapter for consideration, and approved, modify or disapprove the same, and make report thereon to the Grand Chapter.

- a. No Change
- b. No Change

#### **Be amended to read:**

ARTICLE 152-C. The Committee on By-Laws shall meet before opening day of Grand Chapter and examine all By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws approved by the Worthy Grand Matron during the year, or submitted to the Grand Chapter for consideration, and approved, modify or disapprove the same, and make report thereon to the Grand Chapter.

- a. No Change
- b. No Change

Submitted by:

Sue Barnes  
Bess Caldwell  
Faye Murphy  
Tamela Henington  
Patricia Pettit

## AMENDMENT #3

### PAGE 168: CODE OF LAWS: DIVISION V; CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 229, VACANCIES – APPOINTIVE OFFICERS d.

**WHEREAS** the current edition of the RITUAL of the ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR *Published by authority of the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, Copyright © 2015*, Page 166, QUORUM requires that the offices most essential to be filled and are required for the transaction of business are Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain, Warder, and Sentinel, and

**WHEREAS** the Code of Laws, as now written, states that elective or appointive officers may relinquish their stations to others, temporarily, when authorized to do so by the Worthy Matron or other Presiding Officer, except in the opening and closing of Chapter, and

**WHEREAS** the current wording in the Code of Laws is in conflict with the RITUAL, and

**WHEREAS** the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas continues to decline, and

**WHEREAS** our subordinate Chapters need the flexibility for officers to move between their stations during the opening and close of Chapter, We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

#### WHICH NOW READS:

d. Elective and appointive officers may relinquish their stations to others, temporarily, when authorized to do so by the Worthy Matron or other Presiding Officer, except in the opening and closing of Chapter.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

d. Elective and appointive officers may relinquish their stations to others, temporarily, when authorized to do so by the Worthy Matron or other Presiding Officer. **The offices of Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain, Warder, and Sentinel are required to be filled for the transaction of Chapter business.**

Submitted by:

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## AMENDMENT #4

PAGE 166: CODE OF LAWS: DIVISION V; CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 225,  
OFFICERS (ELECTED & APPOINTED) \*c

**WHEREAS** the Code of Laws, as now written, states no member shall be elected to serve as Worthy Matron, Secretary or Treasurer in two (2) Chapters simultaneously, there is some confusion about the intent of this wording, and

**WHEREAS** in the past, some Worthy Grand Matrons have had to render an interpretation on the intent of this Article, and

**WHEREAS** the wording of this Article needs to be clarified, and

**WHEREAS** the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas continues to decline, and

**WHEREAS** some subordinate Chapters have difficulty filling their elected offices, and

**WHEREAS** many members hold plural memberships and are willing to serve in multiple elected offices in support of their subordinate Chapters,  
We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

**WHICH NOW READS:**

\* c. No member shall be elected to serve as Worthy Matron, Secretary or Treasurer in two (2) Chapters simultaneously. Plural Members, however, may serve two (2) Chapters simultaneously in ANY OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICE.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

\* c. Plural members may serve multiple Chapters simultaneously in ELECTIVE OFFICES but may not serve as Worthy Matron in more than one (1) Chapter simultaneously or Secretary in more than one (1) Chapter simultaneously or Treasurer in more than one (1) Chapter simultaneously.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **AMENDMENT #5**

### **Article 17: (R), Page 58, Titles Deeds & Properties Committee**

**WHEREAS**, the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee are responsible for examining, protecting and documenting titles and records of real and personal property belonging to the Grand Chapter of Texas, and making recommendations to the Board of Directors, and

**WHEREAS**, this committee is vital to the on-going support in the initial and periodic investigation and research of the Grand Chapter's real and personal property, and

**WHEREAS**, the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee serves only one year, and

**WHEREAS**, there is no continuity from one year to the next, causing each new committee to begin anew, and

**WHEREAS**, it will be deemed necessary to have at least two members having served previously to remain on the committee at all times.

We, the undersigned, propose the following amendment:

#### **WHICH NOW READS:**

#### **ARTICLE 17: (Page 58)**

#### **WHICH NOW READS:**

r. **Titles, Deeds and Properties:** Five (5) Members who are learned in the Law, one from each of the Five (5) Districts for a term of one (1) year. A Chairman shall be appointed annually. Members may be re-appointed.

BE AMENDED by adding the following:

r. **Titles, Deeds and Properties:** Five (5) Members who are knowledgeable in the Law, one from each of the Five (5) Districts, shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. A Chairman shall be appointed annually. Members may be re-appointed. In order to maintain a continuity of the committee, it will be necessary to initially assign members to a 1, 2, or 3 year term. The first year Districts 2 and 5 will serve a three year term which will end in 2020. Districts 1 and 3 will serve a 2 year term ending in 2019. District 4 will serve a 1 year term which will end in 2018

(1) The Chairman shall arrange for quarterly meetings of the committee. The Committee shall meet the first month after grand chapter session and quarterly for the remainder of the year or as often as deemed necessary. Conference calls may be substituted for in-person meetings.

(2) This Committee shall provide ongoing support in the periodic review of Grand Chapter real & personal property and

make recommendations to the Board of Directors for handling said properties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda-Winn Christenson  
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## Eastern Star Ladies Budget 2017 - 2018

|                       |   |                       | MOSMEYER              | ACTUAL                | PROJECTED           | HUDMAN              |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| CODE                  | RECEIPTS  | BUDGET 2016-2017      | 9/1/16 to 4/30/17     | 9/1/16 to 8/31/17     | 9/1/16 to 8/31/17   | 9/1/16 to 8/31/17   |
| 1009.00               | Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund                 | \$576,611.43          | \$576,611.43          | \$576,611.43          | \$576,611.43        | \$576,611.43        |
| 1 4000.10             | Interest Eastern Star Ladies Checking           | \$4.75                | \$9.70                | \$24.25               | \$5.00              | \$5.00              |
| 2 4000.24             | Endowment Interest 501c(8)                      | \$225,000.00          | \$272,392.11          | \$272,392.11          | \$290,925.00        | \$290,925.00        |
| 3 4000.30             | Interest Eastern Star Ladies Investment 501c(3) | \$4,000.00            | \$5,162.03            | \$7,743.05            | \$6,000.00          | \$6,000.00          |
| 4 4040.30             | Gain/Loss Eastern Star Home Investment          | \$300.00              | \$342.77              | \$514.16              | \$200.00            | \$200.00            |
| 5 4111.01             | Per Capita Income @ \$5.00/Member               | \$128,000.00          | \$123,030.00          | \$123,030.00          | \$117,500.00        | \$117,500.00        |
| 6 4200.00             | Oil & Gas Royalty                               | \$35,000.00           | \$15,763.43           | \$23,645.15           | \$24,000.00         | \$24,000.00         |
| 7 4225.00             | Ladies Pensions                                 | \$86,400.00           | \$51,093.90           | \$76,639.50           | \$80,000.00         | \$80,000.00         |
| 8 4250.00             | Gifts & Donations                               |                       | \$198.02              | \$297.03              | \$200.00            | \$200.00            |
| 9 4260.00             | Bequests, Wills & Grants                        |                       | \$0.00                | \$0.00                | \$50.00             | \$50.00             |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> |   | <b>\$1,055,316.18</b> | <b>\$1,044,603.39</b> | <b>\$1,080,896.68</b> | <b>\$522,030.00</b> | <b>\$522,030.00</b> |
|                       |   |                       | EXPENDITURES          |                       |                     |                     |
| 10 5212.10            | Audit   | \$0.00                | \$4,852.00            | \$4,852.00            | \$5,000.00          | \$5,000.00          |
| 11 5213.10            | CPA-990 Taxes                                   | \$1,800.00            | \$2,500.00            | \$2,500.00            | \$2,500.00          | \$2,500.00          |
| 12 5236.00            | Property Tax (Oil & Gas)                        | \$1,000.00            | \$434.44              | \$651.66              | \$1,400.00          | \$1,400.00          |
| 13 5320.00            | Annual TMRC Billing                             | \$35,000.00           | \$55,811.97           | \$55,811.97           | \$66,090.00         | \$66,090.00         |
| 14 5324.00            | Legal   | \$1,000.00            | \$0.00                | \$0.00                | \$1,000.00          | \$1,000.00          |
| 15 5504.00            | Allowance to Ladies @ \$70/month                | \$7,560.00            | \$5,040.00            | \$7,560.00            | \$7,560.00          | \$7,560.00          |
| 16 5520.00            | Funeral Expenses                                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| 17 5710.00            | Independent Resident Expense                    | \$87,600.00           | \$54,223.87           | \$81,335.81           | \$79,480.00         | \$79,480.00         |
| 18 5810.00            | Clinic Resident Expense                         | \$520,125.00          | \$358,186.80          | \$537,280.20          | \$545,560.00        | \$545,560.00        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> |   | <b>\$654,085.00</b>   | <b>\$481,049.08</b>   | <b>\$689,991.64</b>   | <b>\$688,200.00</b> | <b>\$688,200.00</b> |
| <b>NET TOTAL</b>      |   | <b>\$401,231.18</b>   | <b>\$563,554.31</b>   | <b>\$390,905.04</b>   |                     |                     |

The Board of Directors requests that \$176,170.00 be transferred from the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Account 501(c)8 to cover the deficit balance for the 2017-2018 Ladies Budget. The transfer will assist the Grand Chapter in paying the expenses of our ladies residing at Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

| BENEVOLENT AID BUDGET 2017-2018 |         |   | MOSMEYER            | ACTUAL              | PROJECTED           | HUDMAN              |
|---------------------------------|---------|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                 |         |   | BUDGET 2016-2017    | 9/1/16 to 4/30/17   | 9/1/16 to 8/31/17   |                     |
| <b>Income</b>                   |         |   |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| 1                               | 4112    | Benevolent Aid Per Capita                       | \$51,000.00         | \$49,212.00         | \$49,212.00         | \$47,000.00         |
| 2                               | 4280.03 | Humanitarian                                    | \$15,000.00         | \$8,128.00          | \$12,192.00         | \$13,200.00         |
|                                 |         | <b>Total Income</b>                             | <b>\$ 66,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 57,340.00</b> | <b>\$ 61,404.00</b> | <b>\$ 60,200.00</b> |
|                                 |         | Prior Year's Unspent Funds                      | \$40,186.75         | \$ 37,378.00        | \$ 37,378.00        |                     |
|                                 |         | <b>Total Funds Available for Benevolent Aid</b> | <b>\$106,186.75</b> | <b>\$ 94,718.00</b> | <b>\$ 98,782.00</b> |                     |
| <b>Expense</b>                  |         |   |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| 3                               | 5330    | Long Term Benevolent Aid                        | \$45,000.00         | \$ 19,250.00        | \$18,875.00         | \$28,715.00         |
| 4                               | 5331    | Temporary Benevolent Aid                        | \$6,000.00          | \$7,500.00          | \$11,250.00         | \$12,000.00         |
| 5                               | 5332    | Emergency Benevolent Aid                        | \$12,000.00         | \$4,500.00          | \$6,750.00          | \$11,860.00         |
|                                 |         | <b>Total Expense</b>                            | <b>\$ 63,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 31,250.00</b> | <b>\$ 46,875.00</b> | <b>\$ 52,875.00</b> |
|                                 |         | <b>Net Funds Available for Benevolent Aid</b>   | <b>\$ 43,186.75</b> | <b>\$ 63,468.00</b> | <b>\$ 51,907.00</b> | <b>\$ 7,825.00</b>  |

The Board of Directors requests that any Benevolent Aid account balances remaining from the previous year be made available for 2017-2018 Benevolent Aid payments.



| Fund Budget 2017-2018       |         |  | MOSMEYER         | ACTUAL            | PROJECTED         | HUDMAN           |
|-----------------------------|---------|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|                             |         |  | Budget 2016-2017 | 9/1/16 to 4/30/17 | 9/1/16 to 8/31/17 | Budget 2017-2018 |
| Income Account Codes        |         |  |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| Interest                    |         |  |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| 1                           | 4000.01 | Interest Checking( General Fund Checking)          | \$5.00           | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$5.00           |
| 2                           | 4000.15 | Interest Gen Fund Holding Investment               | \$6,000.00       | \$4,037.88        | \$6,056.82        | \$5,775.00       |
| 3                           | 4000.25 | Endowment Interest                                 | \$250,000.00     | \$185,740.85      | \$278,611.28      | \$290,928.00     |
| 4                           | 4000.26 | Endowment Interest Sub-Acct                        | \$75,000.00      | \$60,697.02       | \$91,045.53       | \$98,000.00      |
| 5                           | 4290.01 | Interest Endowed Memberships                       | \$1,500.00       | \$1,795.80        | \$1,795.80        | \$1,800.00       |
| Designated Revenue          |         |  |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| 6                           | 4090    | Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Funds             | \$155,000.00     | \$158,070.99      | \$160,000.00      | \$128,000.00     |
| Grand Chapter Office Income |         |  |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| 7                           | 4110    | General Fund Per Capita @ \$3.00 per member        | \$77,000.00      | \$2,004.48        | \$72,000.00       | \$70,500.00      |
| 8                           | 4113    | General Grand Chapter Per Capita                   | \$25,797.00      | \$0.00            | \$48,000.00       | \$47,000.00      |
| 9                           | 4120    | Refunds/Adjustments/Return Checks                  | \$1,000.00       | \$126.00          | \$189.00          | \$227.00         |
| 10                          | 4130    | Registration Fees Grand Chapter                    | \$21,000.00      | \$4,200.00        | \$30,000.00       | \$30,000.00      |
| 11                          | 4135    | Session Income/Returned Funds 2016                 | \$20,000.00      | \$19,210.00       | \$19,210.00       | \$20,000.00      |
| 12                          | 4140    | Grand Chapter Sales Items                          | \$22,000.00      | \$42,623.32       | \$63,934.98       | \$58,000.00      |
| 13                          | 4141    | Bulletin Subscriptions                             | \$22,000.00      | \$17,397.00       | \$26,095.50       | \$27,000.00      |
| 14                          | 4142    | Bulletin Articles                                  | \$23,000.00      | \$14,886.00       | \$22,329.00       | \$18,000.00      |
| 15                          | 4145    | Supplies/Postage/Shipping                          |                  | \$8.00            | \$12.00           | \$14.00          |
| 16                          | 4150    | 25% Admin.Fee (WGM Special Projects)               | \$38,750.00      | \$0.00            | \$40,000.00       | \$32,000.00      |
| 17                          | 4151    | GF WGM Projects Donations                          | \$0.00           | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$0.00           |
| 18                          | 4152    | GGC Supplies Sales Items                           | \$20,000.00      | \$13,191.46       | \$19,787.19       | \$31,000.00      |
| 19                          | 4155    | Administrative Revenue-Endowed Memberships         | \$6,175.00       | \$6,340.00        | \$6,340.00        | \$6,500.00       |
| 20                          | 4160    | Credit Card Conv Fee for Sales                     | \$200.00         | \$59.96           | \$89.94           | \$100.00         |
| 21                          | 4170    | Misc.Fees/For Duplicate Documents/Spec. Disp/Etc.  | \$500.00         | \$216.53          | \$324.80          | \$400.00         |
| Grand Chapter Donations     |         |  |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| 22                          | 4180    | International Headquarters @ \$5.00 per new member | \$4,500.00       | \$4,020.00        | \$6,000.00        | \$3,000.00       |
| 23                          | 4185    | Founder's Day 100%                                 | \$350.00         | \$76.00           | \$76.00           | \$23,000.00      |
| 24                          | 4250    | Gifts and Donations Made to Grand Chapter          | \$1,000.00       | \$151.00          | \$226.50          | \$1,000.00       |
| 25                          | 4280.01 | General Fund Humanitarian Program                  | \$5,000.00       | \$7,136.45        | \$10,704.68       | \$8,000.00       |
| 26                          | 4990    | Other Misc. Receipts (Example-demised chapters)    | \$1,000.00       | \$3,923.89        | \$5,885.84        | \$6,000.00       |
|                             |         | Total Income                                       | \$ 776,777.00    | \$ 545,912.63     | \$ 908,714.84     | \$ 884,076.00    |

| General Fund Budget 2017-2018     |           |  | MOSMEYER         | ACTUAL            | PROJECTED         | BUDMAN           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Expense Account Codes             |           |  | Budget 2016-2017 | 9/1/16 to 4/30/17 | 9/1/16 to 8/31/17 | Budget 2017-2018 |
| 27                                | 5001      | Office Salaries                                    | \$83,600.00      | \$43,398.00       | \$82,500.00       | \$83,600.00      |
| 28                                | 5010      | Grand Secretary's Salary                           | \$29,000.00      | \$20,076.84       | \$29,000.00       | \$29,000.00      |
| 29                                | 5012      | Grand Treasurer's Salary                           | \$6,000.00       | \$4,000.00        | \$6,000.00        | \$6,000.00       |
| Grand Officers Expense Allocation |           |  |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| 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            | \$0.00           |
| 34                                | 5120      | Grand Secretary Expense                            | \$0.00           | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$0.00           |
| 35                                | 5145      | Grand Treasurer Expense                            | \$0.00           | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$0.00           |
| 36                                | 5140      | Grand Conductress Expense                          | \$0.00           | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$0.00           |
| 37                                | 5115      | Assoc Grand Conductress Expense                    | \$0.00           | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$0.00           |
| Past Grand Jewels Expense         |           |  |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| 38                                | 5155      | Past Grand Matrons Jewel                           | \$1,000.00       | \$0.00            | \$1,000.00        | \$1,000.00       |
| 39                                | 5160      | Past Grand Patrons Jewel                           | \$500.00         | \$0.00            | \$500.00          | \$500.00         |
| Grand Chapter Expenses            |           |  |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| 40                                | 5166      | GGC Officers Expense                               | \$600.00         | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$600.00         |
| 41                                | 5167      | GGC Hospitality                                    | \$500.00         | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$500.00         |
| 42                                | 5180      | International Headquarters @ \$5.00 per new member | \$4,500.00       | \$4,020.00        | \$6,000.00        | \$4,500.00       |
| 43                                | 5181      | Official Reporter-GC                               | \$3,800.00       | \$3,800.00        | \$3,800.00        | \$3,800.00       |
| 44                                | 5210      | Advanced Reports                                   | \$1,500.00       | \$23.98           | \$1,500.00        | \$1,500.00       |
| 45                                | 5212      | Audit  | \$20,000.00      | \$28,938.75       | \$28,938.75       | \$20,000.00      |
| 46                                | 5213      | Interpretations                                    | \$500.00         | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$500.00         |
| 47                                | 5214      | Scanner Rental/Ballots & Voting Cards              | \$750.00         | \$2,090.88        | \$2,090.88        | \$750.00         |
| 48                                | 5215      | CPA-990 Tax Filing                                 | \$2,500.00       | \$0.00            | \$2,500.00        | \$2,500.00       |
| 49                                | 5216      | Bulletins  | \$24,000.00      | \$6,055.41        | \$9,083.12        | \$24,000.00      |
| 50                                | 5222      | Grand Master Expense Session                       | \$500.00         | \$0.00            | \$500.00          | \$500.00         |
| 51                                | 5227      | GC Support Staff Housing                           | \$500.00         | \$0.00            | \$500.00          | \$500.00         |
| 52                                | 5228/5229 | Installation Programs/Humanitarian                 |                  | \$0.00            | \$1,000.00        | \$1,000.00       |
| 53                                | 5236      | Photos for Proceedings                             |                  | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$0.00           |
| 54                                | 5240      | Registration Forms/Postage/ Badges                 | \$1,500.00       | \$1,604.95        | \$1,604.95        | \$1,500.00       |
| 55                                | 5242      | Session & Memorial Programs                        | \$1,000.00       | \$0.00            | \$1,000.00        | \$1,000.00       |
| Auto Expenses WGM Van & Trailers  |           |  |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| 56                                | 5248      | Vehicle-Fuel                                       | \$10,000.00      | \$4,883.73        | \$7,325.60        | \$10,000.00      |
| 57                                | 5250      | Vehicle-License (van & 2 cargo trailers)Toll-Tags  | \$250.00         | \$282.11          | \$282.11          | \$250.00         |
| 58                                | 5252      | Vehicle-All Maintenance/Repairs                    | \$1,000.00       | \$810.47          | \$1,215.71        | \$1,000.00       |
| 59                                | 5353      | Auto Acquisition                                   | \$12,000.00      | \$0.00            | \$12,000.00       | \$12,000.00      |
| Grand Chapter Operation           |           |  |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| 60                                | 5234      | Legal Services                                     | \$12,000.00      | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$12,000.00      |
| 61                                | 5237      | Humanitarian Ribbons                               | \$100.00         | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$100.00         |
| 62                                | 5302      | Auto Insurance                                     | \$6,000.00       | \$3,925.00        | \$5,000.00        | \$6,000.00       |
| 63                                | 5304      | Insurance-Directors Liability                      | \$6,000.00       | \$0.00            | \$6,000.00        | \$6,000.00       |
| 64                                | 5314      | Ins. Furnishings,Personal Prop./Umbrella           | \$48,000.00      | \$1,190.00        | \$46,000.00       | \$48,000.00      |
| 65                                | 5316      | Insurance-Workmans Comp.                           | \$650.00         | \$0.00            | \$600.00          | \$650.00         |
| 66                                | 5320      | Miscellaneous                                      | \$500.00         | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$500.00         |
| 68                                | 5322      | Bank Fees/NSF                                      |                  | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$0.00           |
| 69                                | 5323      | GGC Per Capita @ \$2.00 per member                 | \$25,797.00      | \$24,606.00       | \$48,000.00       | \$25,797.00      |

|     |         | General Fund Budget 2017-2018                        | MOSMEYER<br>Budget 2016-2017 | ACTUAL<br>9/1/16 to 4/30/17 | PROJECTED<br>9/1/16 to 8/31/17 | HUDMAN<br>9/1/16 to 8/31/17 |
|-----|---------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 70  | 5324    | Credit Card Fees                                     | \$200.00                     | \$856.16                    | \$1,284.24                     | \$1,284.24                  |
| 71  | 5325    | District Workshop/Chapter Packets                    |                              | \$0.00                      | \$0.00                         | \$0.00                      |
| 72  | 5346    | Document Storage                                     | \$990.00                     | \$0.00                      | \$0.00                         | \$0.00                      |
| 73  | 5347    | Office and Museum Items Storage                      |                              | \$909.85                    | \$909.85                       | \$909.85                    |
| 74  | 5355    | NSF Return Checks (Bank returned checks)             |                              | \$1,075.00                  | \$1,612.50                     | \$2,000.00                  |
| 75  | 5375.25 | Trust Fees-OES GC Endowment 501c8                    | \$25,000.00                  | \$27,156.33                 | \$36,157.00                    | \$36,157.00                 |
| 76  | 5375.26 | Trust Fees-OES GC Endowment Sub 501c8                | \$10,000.00                  | \$11,420.80                 | \$14,921.00                    | \$17,000.00                 |
| 77  | 5379    | The Session 2017                                     | \$20,000.00                  | \$1,297.20                  | \$20,000.00                    | \$20,000.00                 |
| 78  | 5381    | Endowed Interest(Grand Chapter to Eastern Star Home) | \$250,000.00                 | \$0.00                      | \$278,611.28                   | \$290,000.00                |
| 79  | 5382    | Contingency Fund                                     | \$10,000.00                  | \$0.00                      | \$0.00                         | \$0.00                      |
| 80  | 5410    | Annual Proceedings-Printing                          | \$9,000.00                   | \$0.00                      | \$9,000.00                     | \$9,000.00                  |
| 81  | 5415    | Printing- Chapter Packets/Line Officers/Committees   | \$1,500.00                   | \$0.00                      | \$1,500.00                     | \$1,500.00                  |
| 82  | 5416    | Letter Head WGM, WGP & Grand Chaplain                |                              | \$0.00                      | \$0.00                         | \$0.00                      |
| 83  | 5460    | Postage-Certified Mail/Postage Shortages/Petty Cash  | \$200.00                     | \$146.52                    | \$219.78                       | \$250.00                    |
| 84  | 5465    | Postage- Bulletin Mailings                           | \$7,000.00                   | \$4,655.33                  | \$6,983.00                     | \$6,700.00                  |
| 85  | 5466    | Postage- Chapter Packet Mailing                      |                              | \$17.72                     | \$26.58                        | \$0.00                      |
| 86  | 5470    | Postage- Bulk Mail Permit                            | \$225.00                     | \$0.00                      | \$225.00                       | \$225.00                    |
| 87  | 5475    | Postage Machine Meter Lease                          | \$2,000.00                   | \$1,273.73                  | \$1,910.60                     | \$2,000.00                  |
| 88  | 5480    | Computer Contract Services GLMMS                     | \$6,600.00                   | \$5,821.78                  | \$7,100.00                     | \$7,100.00                  |
| 89  | 5482    | Building Maintenance/Repair/Replacement              | \$0.00                       | \$600.00                    | \$900.00                       | \$1,200.00                  |
| 90  | 5484    | Equipment Maintenance                                |                              | \$0.00                      | \$0.00                         | \$0.00                      |
| 91  | 5485    | HVAC Service Maintenance Contract                    | \$600.00                     | \$0.00                      | \$600.00                       | \$600.00                    |
| 92  | 5486    | Postage For Meter                                    | \$5,000.00                   | \$3,753.45                  | \$5,630.18                     | \$5,400.00                  |
| 93  | 5511    | Copy Machine   | \$20,000.00                  | \$31,541.76                 | \$47,312.64                    | \$49,000.00                 |
| 94  | 5526    | Janitorial Service/Cleaning Service                  | \$1,350.00                   | \$1,000.00                  | \$1,000.00                     | \$1,500.00                  |
| 95  | 5546    | Security Services                                    | \$1,166.00                   | \$364.93                    | \$547.40                       | \$540.00                    |
| 96  | 5600    | Supplies Purchased from General Grand                | \$13,000.00                  | \$20,606.86                 | \$30,910.29                    | \$30,000.00                 |
| 97  | 5644    | Directories Printed to Sell                          | \$1,000.00                   | \$0.00                      | \$1,000.00                     | \$1,500.00                  |
| 98  | 5645    | Office & Committees-Printing and Mailing Supplies    | \$6,000.00                   | \$4,183.01                  | \$6,274.52                     | \$5,000.00                  |
| 99  | 5646    | Chapter Directories (Furnished to Chapters)          | \$1,000.00                   | \$0.00                      | \$1,000.00                     | \$1,300.00                  |
| 100 | 5647    | Chapter Bulletins (Furnished to Chapters)            | \$5,500.00                   | \$2,925.79                  | \$4,388.69                     | \$4,000.00                  |
| 101 | 5650    | Shipping Charges for Supplies Received from GGC      | \$500.00                     | \$113.01                    | \$169.52                       | \$200.00                    |
| 102 | 5672    | Utilities- Electric                                  | \$6,500.00                   | \$4,784.46                  | \$7,176.69                     | \$7,400.00                  |
| 103 | 5674    | Utilities-Gas  |                              | \$0.00                      | \$0.00                         | \$0.00                      |
| 104 | 5676    | Utilities-Telephone                                  | \$3,000.00                   | \$1,454.40                  | \$2,181.60                     | \$2,000.00                  |
| 105 | 5681    | Website  |                              | \$310.80                    | \$466.20                       | \$200.00                    |
| 106 | 5682    | Internet Service                                     | \$1,863.00                   | \$954.17                    | \$1,431.26                     | \$1,500.00                  |
| 107 | 5683    | Computer Maintenance                                 | \$500.00                     | \$481.43                    | \$722.15                       | \$500.00                    |
| 108 | 5686    | Rent Office  | \$36,000.00                  | \$21,000.00                 | \$36,000.00                    | \$36,000.00                 |
| 109 | 5688.01 | PropertyTaxes/Office Maintenance/Landscaping Fees    | \$7,738.00                   | \$4,514.09                  | \$4,500.00                     | \$5,000.00                  |
| 110 | 5910    | Sale of Property Exp (Items for move preparation)    |                              | \$0.00                      | \$0.00                         | \$0.00                      |
| 111 | 6550    | Payroll Expense (Employer Liability Taxes)           | \$10,000.00                  | \$0.00                      | \$9,500.00                     | \$9,500.00                  |
|     |         | Total Expenses                                       | \$ 774,979.00                | \$ 309,924.70               | \$ 853,613.03                  | \$ 875,735.00               |
|     |         | Net Income   | \$ 1,798.00                  | \$ 235,987.93               | \$ 55,101.81                   | \$ 8,261.00                 |

# CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

## DONNA NOE

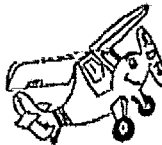
Past Matron & Endowed Member  
South Fort Worth Chapter #835

To be nominated for the office of  
Associate Grand Conductress  
At the 2017 Grand Chapter Session in The Woodlands



### SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

- 1981 Initiated Summit Chapter #138  
Knights Ferry, California
- 1982 Electa
- 1983 Electa
- 1984 Esther
- 1985 Associate Conductress
- 1986 Conductress
- 1987 Associate Matron
- 1988 Worthy Matron
- 1989 Marshal
- 1990 Treasurer
- 1992-97 Secretary
- 1989 Affiliated with Escallonia  
Chapter #447, California
- 1990 Adah
- 1992 Warder
- 1993 Electa
- 1994 Electa
- 1995 Esther
- 1996 Adah
- 1997 Adah
- 1998 Affiliated with South Fort Worth  
Chapter #835, Texas
- 1999-00 Electa
- 2000-01 Associate Conductress
- 2001-02 Conductress
- 2002-03 Associate Matron
- 2003-04 Worthy Matron
- 2006-07 Worthy Matron
- 2007-08 Associate Conductress
- 2008-09 Conductress
- 2009-10 Associate Matron
- 2010-11 Worthy Matron
- 2011-12 Worthy Matron
- 2012-13 Chaplain
- 2013-14 Associate Conductress
- 2014-15 Conductress
- 2015-16 Associate Matron
- 2016-17 Worthy Matron



### EDUCATION

Graduate-1977, Escalon High School, California  
Modesto Junior College, California

### GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

- CALIFORNIA
- 1991 Deputy Grand Matron
- TEXAS
- 2003-04 Let's Get Acquainted
- 2005-06 Arrangements - Steno
- 2006-07 Grand Page to Grand Chaplain
- 2008-09 Arrangements - Housing Chairman
- 2009-10 Grand Page to Assoc Grand Conductress
- 2010-11 Grand Page to Grand Conductress
- 2011-12 Deputy Grand Matron, D3, S1
- 2012-13 District Deputy Grand Matron D3
- 2013-17 Grand Examiner D3

### FRATERNAL SERVICE

- 2004 Past Matrons-Past Patrons Assn. of D3, S1
- 2005-07 Treasurer
- 2007-08 Secretary
- 2008-09 Second Vice President
- 2009-10 First Vice President
- 2010-11 President
- 2011-Current Member

### EMPLOYMENT-CALIFORNIA

RAINSCAPE LANDSCAPING  
Office Manager

DIAMOND KAVATION, INC  
Office Manager

ESCALON AMBULANCE, INC  
Office Manager/EMT

### EMPLOYMENT-TEXAS

MOORE CREATIONS, INC  
MOORE ACTION COLLECTIBLES, INC.  
Office Administrator

TROTTER CONTROLS  
Office Manager

HOUSTON STREET MERCANTILE  
Sales Clerk

CURRENT-LONG ARM QUILTING  
Owner

*"OES Soaring to New Heights"*



**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 2017 Grand Chapter in The Woodlands**

**Subordinate Chapter Service:**

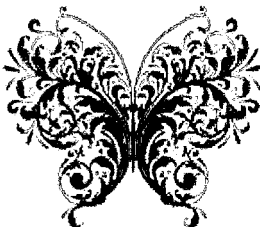
- 1968-69 Adah
  - 1969-70 Ruth
  - 1986-87 Associate Conductress
  - 1987-88 Conductress
  - 1988-89 Associate Matron
  - 1989-90 Worthy Matron
  - 1992-94 Associate Conductress
  - 1994-95 Conductress
  - 1995-96 Associate Matron
  - 1996-97 Worthy Matron
  - 2000-01 Associate Conductress
  - 2001-02 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
- 2016-17 Fond Memories, Yearbook



**Education:**

Sam Houston High School, Houston  
Houston Community College

**Employment:**

Houston Community College System  
Head Cashier for the System



## *Terri Rozell*

Groves-Port Arthur Chapter #953-Parent Chapter  
Past Matron and Endowed Member of  
New Caney Chapter #1093-Plural

To be nominated for

### **ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS**

At the 2017 Grand Chapter Session in The Woodlands

#### Subordinate Chapter

Groves-Port Arthur Chapter #953  
Initiated 1982

New Caney Chapter #1093

1989-Plural Membership

1990-91—Chaplain

1996-97—Martha

1997-98—Associate Conductress

1998-99—Conductress

1999-2000—Associate Matron

2000-01—Worthy Matron

2001-02—Adah

2003-04—Associate Conductress

2004-05—Conductress

2005-06—Associate Matron

2006-07—Associate Matron

2007-08—Worthy Matron

2008-09—Martha

2009-10—Martha

2010-11—Martha

2012-13—Fsther

2014-15—Martha

2016-17—Associate Conductress

#### Fraternal

Past Matrons & Patrons Assoc. Dist. 4, Sect 4

2005-06—Vice President

2006-07—President

2012-13—President



#### Grand Chapter

2000-01—Just Say It

2002-03—Hope for Tomorrow

2003-04—Deputy Grand Matron

2004-05—Founders Day

2005-08—Board of Directors Dist. 4 Member

2008-09—Board of Directors, Secretary

2009-10—Board of Directors, Vice-Chairman

2010-11—Arrangements, Housing General Chairman

2011-12—District Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 4

2012-13—ESTARL, General Chairman

2014-17—Board of Grand Examiners, Dist. 4

#### Education

Port Neches-Groves High School

Bachelor of Science-Accounting University of Houston

Other Courses:

Dale Carnegie Management

Senn-Delaney Leadership and Team Building

#### Certifications

Certified Public Accountant State of Texas

#### Business Experience

1999-Present—CenterPoint Energy Services (Formerly Atmos Energy Marketing)

Accounting Director (Actualization & Storage Analysis)

Management and development of professional accountants responsible for the monthly accounting of natural gas volumes for invoicing, payment of supply and gas storage and valuation/recording of natural gas storage position.

Other Positions held: Senior Director-Gas Settlements, Accounting Manager

1981-1999—Acadian Gas Pipeline/Tejas Gas Corp/Coral Energy Resources

Positions Held: Director-Gas Accounting, Accounting Manager, Gas Accounting Supervisor, Accountant

**Loretta Booth**  
*Past Matron and Endowed Member*  
**Crescent Chapter #820**

*To be Nominated for*  
**Board of Grand Examiners, District 3**

*At the 2017 Grand Chapter Session in*  
**The Woodlands, Texas**



**Subordinate Chapter Service**

**Riverside Chapter #834**

January 1995 Initiated  
 1996-1997 Chaplain  
 1997-1998 Esther  
 1998-1999 Associate Conductress  
 1999-2000 Conductress  
 2000-2001 Associate Matron  
 2001-2002 Worthy Matron  
 2002-2003 Treasurer  
 2003-2004 Treasurer  
 2005-2006 Esther  
 2006-2007 Sentinel  
 2007-2008 Associate Conductress  
 2008-2009 Conductress  
 2009-2010 Associate Matron  
 2010-2012 Worthy Matron  
 2011-2012 Secretary

**Crescent Chapter #820**

2003 Plural Membership  
 2004-2005 Conductress  
 2005-2006 Associate Matron  
 2006-2007 Worthy Matron  
 2007-2008 Worthy Matron  
 2009-2010 Adah  
 2010-2011 Associate Conductress  
 2011-2012 Associate Conductress  
 2012-2013 Conductress  
 2013-2014 Associate Matron  
 2014-2015 Worthy Matron  
 2015-2016 Chaplain  
 2016-2017 Treasurer

**Fraternal Service**

1969-1976 Member, Grand Assembly of TX  
 1975-1976 Jr. Member Grand Examining  
 Committee, Grand Assembly of TX  
 1976-2003 Advisory Board Member, W. Mark  
 Sexton #373, Grand Assembly of TX  
 2002-2012 District 3, Section 1 PM/PP Assn., Member  
 2012 Tour Co-Chairman, General Grand Chapter  
 2012-2016 District 3, Section 1, PM/PP Association  
 Treasurer, 2nd VP, 1st VP, President  
 2012- Texas Top Hats, Member  
 2015- P.A.G.O.  
 2016- District 3, Section 1, PM/PP Assn., Treasurer

**Grand Chapter Service**

2001-2002 Labels and Worksheets  
 2002-2003 Grand Page to the Grand Marshal  
 2003-2004 Cancer Research Committee  
 2004-2005 Pillows of Support  
 2005-2006 Arrangements—Stenographer  
 2006-2007 Stars Molding the Future,  
 District 3 Chairman  
 2007-2008 Showers of Blessings,  
 District 3 Chairman  
 2008-2009 Credentials, Chairman  
 2009-2010 Registration, District 3  
 2010-2011 Humanitarian Chairman, District 3  
 2011-2012 Secretary to the Associate Grand  
 Conductress  
 2012-2013 Secretary to the Grand  
 Conductress  
 2013-2014 Secretary to the Associate Grand  
 Matron  
 2014-2015 Grand Marshal  
 2015-2016 Grand Representative—  
 Saskatchewan in Texas  
 2016-2017 Deputy Grand Matron  
 District 3, Section 1

**Education**

1979 Bachelor of Science, Nursing  
 Texas Christian University

**Employment**

1970-1979 Edison Jewelers  
 1973-1974 Corps of Engineers, Appraisal Dist.  
 1979-1981 Saint Joseph Hospital  
 1981-1984 John Peter Smith Hospital  
 1984-1986 Fort Worth Surgery Center  
 1986-2000 Ronald L. Antimone, Office Mgr.  
 2001-2012 Faith United Methodist Church  
 Administrative Assistant  
 2002-2012 H.J.G. Trucking  
 2012- Western Hills United Methodist Church  
 Administrative Assistant





# Lesla Smith

Past Matron and Endowed Member  
Handley #617 and Dual Member Arlington #249

To be nominated for the office of

## Board of Grand Examiners District 3

At the 2017 Grand Chapter Session In The Woodlands



### Subordinate Chapter Service

Initiated into Bossier City #311, Bossier City LA, June 1981

Transferred to Independence #1044 in Corpus Christi, December 1982

Dual with Queen Esther #833 in Abilene, April 1984

Transferred to Handley #617 in March 1992

Dual with Arlington#249 in March 1997



### Queen Esther #433 - Abilene

|             |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1984 - 1985 | Electa                |
| 1985 - 1986 | Adah                  |
| 1986 - 1987 | Associate Conductress |
| 1987 - 1988 | Conductress           |
| 1988 - 1989 | Associate Matron      |
| 1989 - 1990 | Worthy Matron         |

### Handley #617 - Fort Worth

|             |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1993 - 1994 | Chaplain              |
| 1994 - 1995 | Ruth                  |
| 1995 - 1996 | Marshal               |
| 1996 - 1997 | Electa                |
| 1997 - 1998 | Electa                |
| 1998 - 1999 | Chaplain              |
| 1999 - 2000 | Esther                |
| 2000 - 2001 | Adah                  |
| 2001 - 2002 | Electa                |
| 2002 - 2003 | Associate Matron      |
| 2003 - 2004 | Worthy Matron         |
| 2004 - 2005 | Conductress           |
| 2005 - 2006 | Martha                |
| 2006 - 2007 | Chaplain              |
| 2007 - 2008 | Chaplain              |
| 2008 - 2009 | Associate Matron      |
| 2009 - 2010 | Worthy Matron         |
| 2010 - 2011 | Associate Conductress |
| 2011 - 2012 | Conductress           |
| 2012 - 2013 | Associate Matron      |
| 2013 - 2014 | Worthy Matron         |
| 2014 - 2015 | Electa                |
| 2015 - 2016 | Electa                |
| 2016 - 2017 | Electa                |

### Grand Chapter Service

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 1992 - 1993 | Friend Fast                                |
| 1993 - 1994 | General Chairman Grand Pages               |
| 1994 - 1995 | Grand Representative Tennessee             |
| 1995 - 1996 | Grand Representative Tennessee             |
| 1996 - 1997 | Arrangements                               |
| 1997 - 1998 | Founders Day                               |
| 1998 - 1999 | Credentia                                  |
| 1999 - 2000 | Music Committee-General Chairman           |
| 2000 - 2001 | Spring Fling                               |
| 2001 - 2002 | Deputy Grand Matron District 3 Section 1   |
| 2002 - 2003 | Grand Escort the Grand Sentinel            |
| 2003 - 2004 | Humanitarian General Chairman              |
| 2004 - 2005 | Public Relations                           |
| 2005 - 2006 | Grand Soloist                              |
| 2006 - 2007 | Knowledge of Our Order                     |
| 2007 - 2008 | Grand Chaplain                             |
| 2008 - 2009 | Spring Fling General Chairman              |
| 2009 - 2010 | Grand Soloist District 3                   |
| 2010 - 2011 | District Deputy Grand Matron District 3    |
| 2011 - 2012 | Grand Choir Director                       |
| 2012 - 2013 | Grand Escort to the Associate Grand Patron |
| 2013 - 2014 | Grand Esther                               |
| 2014 - 2015 | Grand Representative to Italy              |
| 2015 - 2016 | Grand Representative to Italy              |
| 2016 - 2017 | Arrangements Vendors Chairman              |

### Education

Richard King High School, Corpus Christi  
Del Mar College, Corpus Christi

### Employment

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 1979-1980    | HEB General Merchandise Purchasing - Corpus Christi |
| 1980-1982    | Crystal Oil Company - Bossier City, LA              |
| 1982-1984    | HEB General Merchandise Purchasing - Corpus Christi |
| 1984-1988    | Apartment Complex Manager - Abilene                 |
| 1988-1990    | Big Country Publishing Company - Abilene            |
| 1990-1999    | Radio Shack - Fort Worth                            |
| 1999-2000    | Open Medical Systems - Arlington                    |
| 2000-2001    | Big Brothers/Big Sisters - Arlington                |
| 2002-Current | Lockheed Martin - Fort Worth                        |



**Glenda Klemm  
Past Matron and  
Endowed Member of  
Waller Chapter  
No. 1047  
to be nominated for  
Grand Examiner  
District 4**



**Subordinate Chapter Service:  
Initiated: October 18, 1968 -**

- Fairbanks Chapter #1041**
- 1969 - Adah
- Transferred March 19, 1990 -
- Navasota Chapter #309**
- 1990 - Associate Conductress
- 1991 - Conductress
- 1992 - Associate Matron
- 1993 - Worthy Matron
- 1994 - Worthy Matron
- 1995 - 2002 - Secretary
- 2002 - Associate Matron
- 2003 - Worthy Matron
- 2004 - 2009 - Secretary
- June 1, 2009 - Consolidated with
- Waller Chapter #1047**
- 2009 - Marshal
- 2010 - Adah
- 2011 - Conductress
- 2012 - Associate Matron
- 2013 - Worthy Matron
- 2014 - Conductress
- 2015 - Associate Matron
- 2016 - Worthy Matron



**Fraternal Service:**

- Member of Dist 4 Sec 7 Study Club
- Past President Dist Sec 7 Study Club
- Texas Cardinals, Inc.
- Grand Representatives Association of Texas
- International Grand Representatives Assoc.

**Grand Chapter Service:**

- 1993 - 1994 - Grand Page to Grand Warden
- 1994 - 1995 - Reflection Picture Book
- 1995 - 1996 - Rob Morris/Founder's Day
- 1996 - 1997 - Deputy Grand Matron D4 S 7
- 1997 - 1998 - Visitation Comm Dist 4 Chairman
- 1998 - 1999 - Credentials Dist 4
- 1999 - 2000 - Startlight Gala
- 2001 - 2002 - Travelling Texas
- 2002 - 2003 - Proficiency
- 2003 - 2004 - Let's Get Acquainted
- 2004 - 2005 - Grand Representative of Washington in Texas
- 2005 - 2006 - District Deputy Grand Matron Dist 4
- 2006 - Grand Page
- 2006 - 2007 - Registration
- 2007 - 2008 - Music Among the Stars
- 2009 - 2009 - Spring Fling
- 2009 - 2010 - Time & Talent General Chairman
- 2010 - 2011 - Yearbook
- 2012 - 2013 - Yearbook
- 2013 - 2014 - Grand Page to A.G.C.
- 2014 - 2015 - Grand Page to Grand Conductress
- 2015 - 2016 - Arrangements
- 2016 - 2017 - Grand Marshal

**Education:** Spring Woods High School

**CEU Classes**

**Employment:**

- 1966 - 1981 - Cameron Iron Works
- 1983 - Substitute Teacher/Aide
- 1984 - 1991 - Navasota Police Department - Secretary to Chief of Police
- 1993 - Present - S & S Vending (Partner)

# Cindy Echols

Past Matron and Endowed Member  
Lubbock Chapter No. 76

To be nominated for the office of

## Board of Directors, District 2

At the 2017 Grand Chapter Session in The Woodlands



### Subordinate Chapter Service

Shallowater Chapter No. 1134

Initiated March 17, 1992

1992 - 93 Ruth  
1993 - 94 Esther  
1994 - 95 Associate Conductress  
1995 - 96 Conductress  
1996 - 97 Associate Matron  
1997 - 98 Worthy Matron  
1998 - 99 Chaplain  
1999 - 00 Martha  
2000 - 01 Associate Matron  
2001 - 02 Worthy Matron  
2002 - 03 Worthy Matron  
2003 - 04 Secretary  
June 2004 Consolidated with  
Lubbock Chapter No. 76  
2005 - 06 Conductress  
2006 - 07 Conductress  
2007 - 08 Associate Matron  
2008 - 09 Worthy Matron  
2009 - 10 Conductress  
2010 - 11 Associate Matron  
2011 - 12 Worthy Matron  
2012 - 13 Associate Matron  
2013 - 14 Worthy Matron  
2014 - 15 Secretary  
2015 - 16 Secretary  
2016 - 17 Secretary

Freedom Chapter No. 898

1996 - 97 Chaplain  
1997 - 98 Chaplain  
1998 - 99 Worthy Matron  
1999 - 00 Secretary  
2000 - 01 Chaplain  
May 2001 Withdrew Dual Membership

### Grand Chapter Service

1999 - 2000 21<sup>st</sup> Century Time Capsule Committee,

District 2 Chairman  
2000 - 01 Deputy Grand Matron, District II, Section IV  
2001 - 02 District Deputy Grand Matron, District II  
2002 - 03 Registration, District II  
2003 - 04 ESTARL, District II  
2004 - 05 Grand Page to Grand Ruth  
2005 - 06 Arthritis & Diabetes Research,  
District II Chairman  
2006 - 07 Board of Grand Examiners, District II  
2007 - 08 Board of Grand Examiners, District II  
2008 - 09 Board of Grand Examiners, District II  
2009 - 10 Board of Grand Examiners, District II  
2010 - 11 Historical Highlights, District II Chairman  
2011 - 12 Cancer Awareness  
2012 - 13 Historical Highlights  
2013 - 14 Grand Page to Grand Warden  
2014 - 15 Grand Ruth  
2015 - 16 Humanitarian Chairman, District 2  
2016 - 17 Humanitarian General Chairman

### Fraternal Service

West Texas Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association

2000 Chaplain  
2001 Treasurer  
2002 Secretary  
2003 Vice President  
2004 President

Texas Top Hats - Member

### Education

Comando High School, Lubbock, TX

### Employment

1972 - 1974 USLIFE Credit  
1975 - 1996 Commercial Credit  
1996 - 2002 Michael P. Reed, Attorney  
2002 - Present Covenant Health System



*Time is not measured by clocks, but by memories.*

# Darrell Albrecht

Past Patron, Life Member and Endowed Member of  
Crescent Chapter No. 820

To be nominated for the Office of

## Board of Directors, District 3

At the 2017 Grand Chapter Session in The Woodlands



Initiated      October 9, 2000

### Subordinate Chapter

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| 2001-2002 | Treasurer        |
| 2002-2003 | Treasurer        |
| 2003-2004 | Associate Patron |
| 2004-2005 | Worthy Patron    |
| 2005-2006 | Associate Patron |
| 2006-2007 | Worthy Patron    |
| 2007-2008 | Worthy Patron    |
| 2009-2010 | Associate Patron |
| 2011-2012 | Worthy Patron    |
| 2012-2013 | Chaplain         |
| 2013-2014 | Associate Patron |
| 2014-2015 | Worthy Patron    |
| 2015-2016 | Sentinel         |
| 2016-2017 | Associate Patron |

### Education

Burleson High School  
Various Courses in Diesel Mechanics

### Employment

1977-Present      HJG Trucking  
Vice President in Charge of Repair  
Shop and Trucks

### Grand Chapter

|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 2004-2005 | Founder's Day-District 3 Chairman  |
| 2005-2006 | Yearbook Committee                 |
| 2006-2007 | Endowed Membership Stamp Comm      |
| 2007-2008 | Distinguished Ushers               |
| 2007-2008 | Participant in Precision Drill     |
| 2008-2009 | Grand Page to Assoc. Grand Patron  |
| 2009-2010 | Grand Page to Worthy Grand Patron  |
| 2009-2010 | Director of Precision Drill        |
| 2010-2011 | Grand Page to Assoc. Grand Patron  |
| 2011-2012 | Escort to Assoc. Grand Conductress |
| 2012-2013 | Escort to Grand Conductress        |
| 2013-2014 | Escort to the Assoc. Grand Mairon  |
| 2013-2014 | Participant in Precision Drill     |
| 2014-2015 | Grand Warder                       |
| 2014-2015 | Director of Precision Drill        |
| 2015-2017 | Grand Representative-Missouri      |
| 2015-2016 | Participant in Precision Drill     |
| 2016-2017 | Masonic Family, Gen. Co-Chairman   |

### Fraternal

Patrons & Associate Patrons Club of District 3,  
Section 1. Held various offices including Treasurer,  
and President.

Member-PAGO

Member - Texas Top Hats



**Richard S. Hancock**  
**Past Patron**  
**McLennan Chapter No. 639 &**  
**Bellmead Chapter No. 980**

**To be Nominated for Board of Directors, District Three**  
**At the 2017 Grand Chapter Session in the Woodlands**

**Subordinate Chapters**

**Marlin #286**

- 1989-1990 Associate Patron
- 1990-1991 Worthy Patron
- 1991-1992 Chaplain
- 1992-1993 Marshal
- 1993-1994 Chaplain
- 1994-1995 Chaplain
- 1995-1996 Associate Patron
- 1996-1997 Worthy Patron
- 1997-1998 Chaplain
- 1998-1999 Chaplain
- 1999-2000 Chaplain
- 2000-2001 Associate Patron
- 2001-2002 Worthy Patron
- 2002-2003 Associate Patron

**Bellmead #980 Dual 4-23-1992**

- 1993-1994 Associate Patron
- 1994-1995 Worthy Patron
- 1996-1997 Marshal
- 1997-1998 Chaplain
- 1999-2000 Chaplain
- 2002-2003 Marshal
- 2003-2004 Associate Patron
- 2004-2005 Worthy Patron
- 2005-2006 Worthy Patron
- 2006-2007 Treasurer
- 2007-2008 Worthy Patron
- 2008-2009 Sentinel
- 2009-2010 Associate Patron
- 2010-2011 Worthy Patron
- 2011-2012 Chaplain
- 2013-2014 Chaplain
- 2014-2015 Warier
- 2015-2016 Associate Patron
- 2016-2017 Worthy Patron

**McLennan #639 Transferred 4-3-2006**

- 2006-2007 Associate Patron
  - 2007-2008 Worthy Patron
  - 2010-2011 Associate Patron
  - 2011-2012 Worthy Patron
  - 2012-2013 Chaplain
  - 2013-2014 Associate Patron
  - 2014-2015 Associate Patron
  - 2015-2016 Associate Patron
  - 2016-2017 Associate Patron
  - Currently Worthy Patron-Elect
- Groesbeck #810 Plural 8-11-2016**

**Grand Chapter Service**

- 1990 Host of Marlin #286 Exchange TX-OKLA Fraternal Visit
- 1992-1993 Mountain Movers
- 1993-1994 Fraternal Ambassadors
- 1994 Session Assistant Grand Warden Co-Chairman
- 1994-1995 Home Builders
- 1995-1996 Home Laborers Volunteers
- 1996-1997 Home & Country Celebration
- 1997-1998 Founders Day
- 1998-1999 Arrangements – Parking Chairman
- 1999-2000 Celebration 2000
- 2000-2001 Arrangements – Transportation
- 2001-2002 Arrangements – Security
- 2002-2003 Founders Day
- 2003-2004 Arrangements – Security
- 2004-2005 Endowed Membership Stamp Committee
- 2005-2006 Bulletin/OES Journal Timely Ram Inders Diet. 3 Chrm.
- 2006 Session Assistant Grand Warden
- 2006-2007 Arrangements – Security Co-Chairman
- 2007-2008 Onward Christian Soldiers
- 2008-2009 Arrangements – Paraphernalia
- 2009-2010 Arrangements/Gr. Representative Appointment
- 2010-2011 Grand Representative of North Carolina in Texas
- 2011-2012 Grand Representative of North Carolina in Texas
- 2012-2013 General Chairman – Rob Morris Celebration
- 2013-2014 Proud to be an American
- 2014-2015 Grand Escort to the Associate Grand Matron
- 2015-2016 American Heroes – General Chairman
- 2016-2017 Proficiency – District Three Chairman

**Other Fraternal Service**

Member of Texas & International Grand Representative Assoc.  
 Member of Texas Cardinals & Top Hats  
 Served as 2010 Session Transportation for Ft Worthy Grand Eather  
 Served as Assistant on Mexico Bus Trips for Several Years  
 Past President – District 3, Section PM & PP Club  
 President of Eastern Star Temple Association, Waco 2010-Present

**Education**

Graduate of Holsington High School, Kansas  
 Attended Pittsburg Teachers College, Kansas  
 Bachelor of Science & Bachelor of Arts Degrees – Business, Accounting  
 along with Industrial Arts & Military Science  
 Cameron College – Lawton, Oklahoma.

**Employment**

Holsington Dispatch Newspaper, Oklahoma Moving & Storage  
 1966-1973 US Army Instructor, Advisor & Unit Commander  
 3 Awards for Valor, Purple Heart – Medically Retired as a Captain  
 THS Hospital in Marlin, Texas – Director of Environmental Services &  
 Purchasing Agent.

US Postal Service – Retired

**Community Service**

Disabled American Veterans – Commander & Adjutant  
 Volunteer Fire Department Fire Fighter, Training Officer & Chief  
 Fire District #1 Emergency Medical Services Secretary-Treasurer

**These members of the Board of Grand Examiners  
would like to serve this Grand Chapter for the year 2017-18.**



**District 1  
Phyllis Macon**



**District 2  
Susan Dormady**



**District 5  
Joan Miller**



**Grand Examiner at large  
Shelley Walker**

*Friends are blessings in the garden of life*

## 2016-2017 Committees and Projects

### **AN EVENT TO REMEMBER:**

This event will be held March 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium at the Grand Lodge Building in Waco, Texas. There will be performing participants including Blackwood Gospel Group and Michael Cote, to only name 2 (have to keep some surprises). This event will benefit the Shriner's Burn Hospital for Children – Galveston Unit, and our General Fund. There will be surprise participants that you will not want to miss!

### **BULLETIN:**

The members of the Bulletin Committee will be enlisting as many new subscribers to our Official Bulletin as possible. The Official Bulletin of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. is a most informative publication and it is our desire to have the Official Bulletin delivered to the homes of every member.

We will have a contest included in each Bulletin. This contest will be an inspiration to the members to have a subscription. To win the contest, they must have a current subscription. Each month members who can solve a riddle, or find a hidden word or object, etc. will submit their name. The names will go in a drawing for the prize to be given at the 2017 Grand Chapter Session. The prize for this contest will be an endowed membership.

### **CALENDAR:**

The members of the Calendar Committee will be dedicated to promoting and selling the yearly pocket calendar for 2016-2017. The calendar will have dates and places for the Chapter Anniversaries, Fraternal Visits, Schools of Instruction, and dates of Round-ups for various individuals. The calendar will include other important dates for the Grand Chapter year. The calendar will be a donation of \$5.00 each.

### **CHANGE FOR CHANGE:**

Snowflakes are small, but when they stick together they can be powerful. This committee will inspire and remind members that everyone can make a difference. Small change from your pockets can make a difference. As members, when we stick together and each gives a little it will add up. Little by little we can all make a change. The members of this committee will design and provide a collection container to the chapters in their Sections to collect the change. It will be their duty to collect the money and turn it in to their District Chairman.

### **DRESS PIN:**

Although not a committee, the SNOWMAN dress pin will be available to all members. In lieu of, or in addition to, purchasing a dress or jacket, all members will be encouraged to make a donation to support Grand Chapter in our benevolent purposes.

A donation of:

- \$30 for a Single Snow woman
- \$60 for a pin with two Snow people
- \$100 for a pin with three Snow people
- \$125 for a pin with four Snow people

### **ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP/PIN:**

The Endowed Membership Committee will encourage the participation of Chapter members in securing Endowed Memberships. This committee will also promote and make available the stamps and booklets as an easy method for a member to secure an Endowed Membership. Members will be given the opportunity to obtain stamps in increments of \$10.00 each, to be placed in a stamp booklet. An Endowed Membership is a means of continuing the financial support of the subordinate Chapter in which the Endowed Membership was purchased. The interest accrued by the Principal investment of the \$500 Endowed Membership fee will be forwarded annually to the Subordinate Chapter in which the Endowed Membership was purchased. The Principal Amount of \$500 is never reduced and is an asset of Grand Chapter.

The Endowed Membership Pin is an easy way for others to notice that the member has an endowed membership. A donation of \$10.00 for each pin.

### **FOND MEMORIES – YEARBOOK:**

This committee will promote the Yearbook “Fond Memories” at Grand Chapter and all Schools of Instruction. They will encourage the membership and Chapters to place an ad in this book. Pictures of the Grand Officers, family members, pets, etc. as well as birthdays, anniversaries, and business cards, may also be submitted to the yearbook chairman.

This book will be worked on, getting ads, donations, etc. from members. This money paid in advance will provide the means to purchase the book with no funding from Grand Chapter.

This book will be offered for a donation of \$20 each. Presale orders will be taken and the books distributed after 2017 Grand Chapter Session is over.

### **FRIENDSHIP – 4 STATE EXCHANGE:**

Texas is part of the 4-State Friendship. This consists of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas. The members of this committee will work to “INSPIRE” the members to attend and participate in these visits:

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2016. 4 State Exchange: Hosted by Louisiana, this meeting will be held in Bossier City/Shreveport.

Grand Chapter of Oklahoma: October 16-19, 2016

Grand Chapter of Arkansas: December 7-9, 2016

Grand Chapter of Louisiana: March 27-29, 2017

### **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ASSISTANCE:**

Texas is honored to have Brother Henry Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, and several General Grand Chapter Appointments. This committee will work with and help Brother Henry and the General Grand Chapter appointments in any way needed. They will be able to help in selling items, delivering items, setting up tables, etc.

### **GIVE US PAWS – HELP OUR MILITARY:**

Give Us Paws is a Houston based, TEXAS nonprofit, Federally recognized organization under Section 501(c)(3). The mission of Give Us Paws is to train and provide service dogs of the highest quality at no cost to disabled American veterans and others with mobile disabilities and PTS in order to help restore their physical and emotional independence. Give Us Paws intends to build partnerships with state and community organizations to



help develop and support this goal.

This committee will be dedicated to promoting Give Us Paws in any way possible. We will have a "We Support Veterans" pin available for a donation of \$5.00 each and this committee will be in charge of selling this pin.

### **HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS:**

The History of our Grand Jurisdiction is recorded in the Historical Highlights Book and may be purchased for a donation of \$23.50. It is a loose leaf notebook with pages of information in chronological order concerning the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas. For those who already have the Historical Highlights, additional pages updating the notebooks may be purchased for a \$3.25 donation.

I would like these committee members to have on hand a Historical Highlights book and order information. I would like for them to talk about, show to the membership and encourage the purchase of these interesting and historical memories of Texas Eastern Star.

### **INSPIRATIONS AND CONDUCTORS:**

(Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons -- Not receiving another appointment)

Some Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons do much for our Grand Chapter. All are busy being the leader of their chapter and do not have time to spend on additional projects for the year. Therefore, this committee will have members who are a current Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron and who desire to have a Grand Chapter appointment. Their only duty will be to support their chapters and Grand Chapter.

### **INSPIRING COOKS -- COOKBOOK:**

The members of this committee will put together recipes and promote the sale of a cookbook. This cookbook will be composed of recipes from members around the state, ideas for teas and honor nights, helpful hints, cooking charts, etc. Each cookbook will be a donation of \$20.00.

This cookbook will have pictures of some of the recipes to help inspire cooks and to help inspire the purchase of the cookbook. Also, this committee will either prepare or contact someone to prepare a recipe from the cookbook to serve at Fraternal Visits, School Lunches, etc. to inspire members to purchase the cookbook.

### **MASONIC FAMILY COMMITTEE:**

The Masonic Lodge is a great source of potential new members for the Order of the Eastern Star. This committee will visit our Masonic Lodges and speak about becoming a member and have a petition with them.

These committee members will have and sell a Masonic Knife. This is a masonic knife which has the picture of a past President (who was a mason): George Washington, Teddy Roosevelt, F. D. Roosevelt and Benjamin Franklin on the cover of the detailed "Legendary Free Masons" carrying case. The knives will be a donation of \$25.00.

### **MAYFEST COMMITTEE:**

This committee will promote and be responsible for a festival to be held in May at TMRC. This event will be just for fun and to inspire members to meet and greet members from all

over the state. There will be 3-legged races and other contests for fun. Other events will be coordinated for the festival...possibly a kissing booth...possibly a “dunking” booth. It will be encouraged that chapters have booths to sell items to help their chapters.

### **MEMBERSHIP VISITATION (SCHOOL TRAVEL BOOK):**

These members will help sell the Travel Book. This book will consist of the school schedule and Fraternal Visits. The members of this committee will also promote visitation between Chapters in their section. A donation of \$5.00 will be collected per book.

The Membership Visitation Committee is encouraged to help promote membership growth. As we have seen in the last few years, our numbers are declining. This committee will visit chapters to encourage those present to increase their memberships by initiating new members. They will contact inactive members and encourage them to become active members again.

### **MUSIC TO MY EARS:**

The Music Committee will be promoting the individual marches written for the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron. Each piece of music will be a donation of \$5.00 each.

### **OES RECYCLE:**

Our country is interested in recycling plastic, aluminum, paper, etc. Recycling is important for the preservation of our earth. Many members have clothing that does not fit or they would not wear any longer. Many members enjoy collecting Grand Chapter formals and would want to purchase a formal. Many members have pins they have purchased over the years. Many of us have a drawer full of OES pins we do not wear any longer.

This committee will be responsible in finding OES items to be recycled. At the Rob Morris auction, items may be sold for “recycle” there (but not clothing). There will be an area at the 2017 Grand Chapter Session where members can bring clothing to be purchased which will be “recycled”. This committee will also find unique ways to display pins or any other OES items for resale.

We may not save the earth, but we can recycle! All profit to go to the General Fund.

### **ONE DEGREE – I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:**

Water is hot at 211 degrees. 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. This committee will inspire, promote and help chapters and chapter members to make a difference.

There will be an award for Chapters who exemplify our work, and strive to achieve excellence. Special recognition will be given to these Chapters at the 2017 Grand Chapter Session.

### **PROFICIENCY:**

The Proficiency Committee will encourage members to form study classes to help prepare for Proficiency Exams during the School of Instruction. They will also assist the Grand Examiner during the schools of instruction and help distribute the proficiency

stickers to those who obtain their proficiency certificates. A donation of \$1.00 will be collected per sticker.

### **PUPPY LOVE – YOUTH:**

Our youth can be the start of and a building block for membership in our Order. It is important for us to show our support to our youth groups of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay in Texas.

This committee will promote Rainbow and DeMolay. They will sell a stuffed animal....a puppy! This puppy can be purchased and kept by the purchaser, or donated back to the committee for distribution to Firefighters and/or Hospitals. Children who are traumatized by fire or sickness would be comforted by a puppy, and parents would be happy that the puppy is a stuffed animal. A donation of \$10.00 for each puppy will be collected.

### **RITUALISTIC EXCELLENCE:**

This committee will be composed of members who are proficient in the Ritual. The format will be the same as in previous years and will encourage members to learn their work and participate in certain categories.

Two mistakes will be allowed for a gold star.

If the participant corrects themselves it will not be counted as a mistake.

Categories:

1. Any Star Point Lecture (initiation)
2. Prayers (any 3 prayers in our Ritual)
3. Associate Conductress lecture to candidate (page 50)
4. Conductress lecture to candidate (page 53)
5. Worthy Matron lecture to candidate (page 56)
6. Worthy Matron lecture to candidate (page 77)
7. Associate Patron Lecture (long form) (page 86)
8. Worthy Patron complete initiation lecture Will award 2 stars and will allow 3 mistakes

### **ROB MORRIS COMMITTEE:**

The Rob Morris Committee will be responsible to promote and hold a silent auction at each of the schools. There will also be a silent auction at the 2017 Grand Chapter in Houston. This committee will be responsible for setting up; collecting the money and making sure the items are taken home.

There will be a contest between each section's school for the most successful Rob Morris auction. The Sections who collect over \$1,000.00 will be announced at Grand Chapter and will be given special recognition.

The money collected will be used for a "Mayfest" event and for a Rob Morris event to be planned for the 2017 Grand Chapter Session.

### **SAVE THE CHILDREN:**

This committee is dedicated to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, Galveston Burn Unit. There will be many children with serious burns. Only the Galveston Burn Unit is able to save a child's life that has been burned over 90% of their body. This committee will be selling a snowflake sun catcher/ornament. A donation of \$10.00 will be collected per snowflake.

**SNOW CRYSTALS (HONORARY MEMBERS):**

Snow is formed when temperatures are low and there is moisture - in the form of tiny ice crystals - in the atmosphere. When these tiny ice crystals collide they stick together to become snowflakes.

This is a very special committee composed of members who have worked and supported our Order for many years. They may no longer be able to give their physical support to their Chapters or Grand Chapter, but they are the crystals that actually form the snowflakes...they are the foundation of our Order. Sharing their love and knowledge of the Order will be their only duty. We should never forget these members for they are truly the foundation of our beautiful Order.

**SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES:**

This will be an ongoing project for Texas Eastern Star. The Grand Lodge of Texas has been selling specialty License Plates with the Masonic emblem on them since 2011. The Grand Lodge has made the following profit:

1st year, 2011: \$18,543.43

last year: \$44,596.54

The license plates for Eastern Star will have the OES emblem on the license plate. This committee will help promote and inform members that this item is now available when they purchase a license plate new or renewal. Anyone can order these license plates when their renewal comes due.

**TMRC – TIME AND TALENT:**

The members of the TMRC Party Committee will be dedicated to providing holiday parties for the residents (all residents) of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The General Chairman will be responsible for contacting the Chairman of each District and coordinating the event. The Chairman of each District will plan parties for the following holidays:

The Districts will be responsible for these parties:

|            |                   |                   |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| District 3 | Thanksgiving/Fall | November 6, 2016  |
| District 1 | Christmas         | December 18, 2016 |
| District 4 | Valentine         | February 12, 2017 |
| District 5 | Easter            | April 23, 2017    |
| District 2 | Independence Day  | July 2, 2017      |

Committee members will be encouraged to ask the Chapters in their District to donate food, decorations and/or gifts for the party assigned to their District.

**TEXAS WHO’S WHO:**

How many times have you looked for a member in the Bulletin Appointments Listing and had to go from page to page to page to find them (when you did not know what committee they were on)? Well, me too!

This book will be the size of the “Directory” and printed in the Grand Chapter Office. It will contain all the dignitaries and appointments of Texas. If you don’t know what committee “Sharon Mosmeyer” is on, you can look in the index, find her name and see that she is on page 4!

When changes or corrections are made they will be printed in the bulletin, and the ones who purchased the book will be able to pen and ink change them in their book. A donation of \$10.00 will be collected per book.

### **GRAND OFFICERS:**

#### **Worthy Grand Matron**

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer

#### **Worthy Grand Patron**

Mr. Thomas R. Murphy

#### **Associate Grand Matron**

Mrs. Melissa S. Hudman

#### **Associate Grand Patron**

Mr. Richard "Rick" Skidd

#### **Grand Secretary**

Dr. Ellen Lorraine Pickrell

#### **Grand Treasurer**

Mrs. Lorraine E. "Lorrie" Owens

#### **Grand Conductress**

Mrs. Carolyn Ann Martin

#### **Associate Grand Conductress**

Mrs. Linda R. Winn-Christenson

#### **Grand Chaplain**

Mrs. Laura Geyer

#### **Grand Marshal**

Mrs. Glenda S. Klemm

#### **Grand Organist**

Mrs. Susan M. Smith

#### **Grand Adah**

Mrs. Kathy N. Paschal

#### **Grand Ruth**

Ms. Mary F. Bond

#### **Grand Esther**

Mrs. Glenda R. Murphy

#### **Grand Martha**

Mrs. Susie Rodgers

#### **Grand Electa**

Mrs. Monette Butler Littlepage

#### **Grand Warder**

Mr. Don L. Lawrence

#### **Grand Sentinel**

Mr. Dallas Glen Alford

### **PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

Mrs. Rennie Ofton

### **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ELECTED OFFICER:**

#### **Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron**

Mr. Henry S. Martin

### **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **Ambassador to Germany**

Mrs. Jayne Yenger

#### **Ambassador to Mexico**

Mr. Jerry Trees

#### **Ambassador to Romania**

Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Bane

#### **By-Laws Committee, Chairman**

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane

#### **Credentials**

Mrs. Bonnie Varnell

#### **Eastern Star Journal**

Mrs. Bess M. Caldwell

#### **ESTARL**

Mr. Trey Smith

#### **First Responders, Chairman**

Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr.

#### **Jurisprudence, Chairman**

Mr. H. Lee Stallings

#### **Necrology**

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert

#### **Regenerative Medicine**

Mrs. Mary Ruth White

#### **Service Dogs**

Mr. Jack W. Guy

#### **Youth**

Mr. David B. Dibrell

### **SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS OF MWGM:**

#### **Deputy to MWGM in Mexico**

Mrs. Delia Whitfield

#### **Hummingbird**

Mrs. Phyllis Macon

#### **Hummingbird**

Mrs. Deborah Foster

#### **Eagles**

Mr. Robert "Bob" Royall

**PAST GRAND MATRONS OF TEXAS:**

**WGM 78-79**

Mrs. Rennie Ofton

**WGM 81-82**

Mrs. Elise Hammack

**WGM 84-85**

Mrs. Beulah Speer

**WGM 85-86**

Mrs. Elsie Paladino

**WGM 89-90**

Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham

**WGM 90-91**

Dr. Effie Mae Davis

**WGM 95-96**

Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry

**WGM 97-98**

Mrs. Yvonne S. Brownfield

**WGM 98-99**

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane

**WGM 99-00**

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend

**WGM 00-01**

Mrs. Naomi Wolfe

**WGM 01-02**

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon

**WGM 03-04**

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester

**WGM 04-05**

Mrs. Karen T. Morgenthaler

**WGM 05-06**

Mrs. Nancy E. Brown

**WGM 06-07**

Mrs. Geraldine Dusek

**WGM 07-08**

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert

**WGM 08-09**

Mrs. Joyce R. Nicklas

**WGM 09-10**

Mrs. Bess M. Caldwell

**WGM 10-11**

Mrs. Mary Ruth White

**WGM 11-12**

Mrs. Vi Griffin

**WGM 12-13**

Mrs. Annette Curry

**WGM 13-14**

Mrs. Jayne Yenger

**WGM 14-15**

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht

**WGM 15-16**

Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas

**PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS:**

**WGP 77-78**

Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.

**WGP 91-92**

Mr. Glenn Whitaker

**WGP 96-97**

Mr. Richard Lee Ochs

**WGP 97-98**

Mr. Kenneth Ray Gregory

**WGP 98-99**

Mr. Henry S. Martin

**WGP 99-00**

Mr. H. Lee Stallings

**WGP 00-01**

Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker

**WGP 01-02**

Mr. Harold Trammell

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Mr. Ed G. Warner

**WGP 03-04**

Mr. Jack W. Guy

**WGP 04-05**

Mr. Jerry L. Martin

**WGP 05-06**

Mr. Nelson R. Campbell

**WGP 06-07**

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**WGP 12-13**

Mr. William A. "Bill" Crews

**WGP 13-14**

Mr. Trey Smith

**WGP 14-15**

Mr. George A. Gwaltney

**WGP 15-16**

Mr. William H. "Billy" Clabaugh

**PAST GRANDS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS:**

**PGM of Michigan**

Mrs. Carol Upston

**PGM of Nevada**

Mrs. Bettie J. Bywater

**PGM of New Hampshire**

Mrs. Susan Leanna Thomas

**PGM of New Mexico**

Mrs. Betty Ann Robertson

**PGM of New Mexico**

Mrs. Bonnie Varnell

**PGM of Vermont**

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Bordeaux

**PGP of Arizona**

Mr. Bill Rhyan

**PGP of Connecticut**

Mr. Carl P. Larson

**PGP of District of Columbia**

Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Bane

**PGP of Rhode Island**

Mr. David Flaxington

**PGP of Nebraska**

Mr. Robert Bass

**PGM of New Mexico**

Ms. Rosemary Alsworth

**SPOUSES OF DECEASED PAST GRANDS OF TEXAS:**

Mrs. Lynda L. Benefield

Mrs. Freda Combest

Mrs. Edna Goettee

Mr. Floyd Green

Mrs. Barbara Cunningham Grimes

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Mrs. Clela M. Todd

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**GRAND ESCORTS TO THE PAST GRANDS:**

**Grand Escort to the PGM**

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Mr. Lewis N. Mathison

**Grand Ruth**

Mr. Bradley Jason "Brad" Grimmett

**Grand Esther**

Mr. Scott Bradley Sory

**Grand Martha**

Mr. Allen J. Rodgers

**Grand Electa**

None

**Grand Warder**

Mrs. Kenlyn M. Lawrence

**Grand Sentinel**

Mrs. Sandy K. Alford

**APPOINTED SECRETARIES:****Secretary to Worthy Grand Matron**

Ms. Jerre Miller

**Secretary to Worthy Grand Patron**

Mrs. Joanne M. Barrett

**Secretary to Associate Grand Matron**

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann "Liz" Grayson

**Secretary to Associate Grand Patron**

Mrs. Sandra Zipp

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Mrs. Joy Gail James

**Secretary to Associate Grand Conductress**

Mrs. Karen J. DeVillier

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Mr. James "Buddy" Stricklin

Mr. Malcolm "Mike" Williams

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Mrs. Kathy Creel

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Mrs. Patricia Ann Price

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Mr. Thomas R. "Tom" Christopher

Mr. Ronald Charles Gubrud

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Mrs. JoAnn Snow Mrs. Kim Waxler

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**Associate Grand Conductress**

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Mrs. Martha "Sudie" Pool

Mrs. Kaye Shirley Swain

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Miss Terri Renee Hugo

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Ms. Donna Jane "Red" Caddenhead

Mrs. Judy K. Miller

**Grand Martha**

Mrs. Martha Heffington

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
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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, Texas nonprofit organizations, which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of August 31, 2017 and 2016, 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

**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, 2017 and 2016, 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.

**Emphasis of a Matter**

As discussed in Note 9 to the financial statements, the Grand Chapter determined that a portion of net assets permanently restricted by the Grand Chapter were not donor restricted. The 2016 financial statements are restated to adjust net asset classes accordingly. The restatement includes a decrease in permanently restricted net assets of \$419,262 and an increase in unrestricted net assets of \$419,262 at August 31, 2016. The auditor's opinion is not modified with respect to the matter emphasized.

*Razdloff & Associates, P.C.*

April 16, 2018



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

To the Board of Directors,  
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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, 2017 and 2016, and our report thereon dated April 16, 2018, 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, consolidating statements of activities, and classification of investments are included herein on pages 18 to 22 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.

*Ratcliff & Associates, P.C.*

April 16, 2018

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**  
Consolidating Statement of Financial Position  
August 31, 2017

| <b>ASSETS</b>                                  |                      |                   |                     |                      |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|  | <u>Chapter</u>       | <u>Home</u>       | <u>Eliminations</u> | <u>Consolidated</u>  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                      | \$ 319,009           | \$ 40,441         | \$ -                | \$ 359,450           |
| Interest receivable                            | 75,727               | 1                 | -                   | 75,728               |
| Receivable from Chapter                        | -                    | 144,958           | (144,958)           | -                    |
| Merchandise inventory                          | -                    | -                 | -                   | -                    |
| Prepaid expenses and other                     | 59,445               | 22                | -                   | 59,467               |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                    | <u>454,181</u>       | <u>185,422</u>    | <u>(144,958)</u>    | <u>494,645</u>       |
| Investments                                    | 515,003              | -                 | -                   | 515,003              |
| Net property and equipment                     | 21,723               | -                 | -                   | 21,723               |
| Investments held in trust                      | 3,729,994            | -                 | -                   | 3,729,994            |
| Endowment investments                          | 14,989,988           | 529,435           | -                   | 15,519,423           |
| <b>Total other assets</b>                      | <u>19,256,708</u>    | <u>529,435</u>    | <u>-</u>            | <u>19,786,143</u>    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                            | <u>\$ 19,710,889</u> | <u>\$ 714,857</u> | <u>\$ (144,958)</u> | <u>\$ 20,280,788</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>              |                      |                   |                     |                      |
| Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities | \$ 102,120           | \$ 48,858         | \$ -                | \$ 150,978           |
| Payable to home                                | 144,958              | -                 | (144,958)           | -                    |
| Deferred revenue                               | 181,246              | -                 | -                   | 181,246              |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>               | <u>428,324</u>       | <u>48,858</u>     | <u>(144,958)</u>    | <u>332,224</u>       |
| Funds held for others                          | 3,729,994            | -                 | -                   | 3,729,994            |
| <b>Total other liabilities</b>                 | <u>3,729,994</u>     | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>            | <u>3,729,994</u>     |
| <b>Net assets</b>                              |                      |                   |                     |                      |
| Unrestricted                                   | 6,171,221            | 665,999           | -                   | 6,837,220            |
| Permanently restricted                         | 9,381,350            | -                 | -                   | 9,381,350            |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                        | <u>15,552,571</u>    | <u>665,999</u>    | <u>-</u>            | <u>16,218,570</u>    |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>        | <u>\$ 19,710,889</u> | <u>\$ 714,857</u> | <u>\$ (144,958)</u> | <u>\$ 20,280,788</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**  
Consolidating Statement of Financial Position  
August 31, 2016

**ASSETS**

|                            | <u>Chapter</u>       | <u>Home</u>       | <u>Eliminations</u> | <u>Consolidated</u>  |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 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 | <u>148,791</u>       | <u>22</u>         | <u>-</u>            | <u>148,813</u>       |
| Total current assets       | <u>525,199</u>       | <u>101,818</u>    | <u>(100,842)</u>    | <u>526,175</u>       |
| Investments                | 489,878              | -                 | -                   | 489,878              |
| Net property and equipment | 37,909               | -                 | -                   | 37,909               |
| Investments held in trust  | 3,583,700            | -                 | -                   | 3,583,700            |
| Endowment investments      | 14,575,293           | 750,361           | -                   | 15,325,654           |
| Total other assets         | <u>18,686,780</u>    | <u>750,361</u>    | <u>-</u>            | <u>19,437,141</u>    |
| 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            |
| Settlement liability                           | -                    | -                 | -                   | -                    |
| Payable to home                                | 100,842              | -                 | (100,842)           | -                    |
| Deferred revenue                               | <u>288,451</u>       | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>            | <u>288,451</u>       |
| Total current liabilities                      | <u>420,824</u>       | <u>50,122</u>     | <u>(100,842)</u>    | <u>370,104</u>       |
| Funds held for others                          | <u>3,583,700</u>     | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>            | <u>3,583,700</u>     |
| Total other liabilities                        | <u>3,583,700</u>     | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>            | <u>3,583,700</u>     |
| Net assets                                     |                      |                   |                     |                      |
| Unrestricted                                   | 5,826,105            | 802,057           | -                   | 6,628,162            |
| Permanently restricted                         | <u>9,381,350</u>     | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>            | <u>9,381,350</u>     |
| Total net assets                               | <u>15,207,455</u>    | <u>802,057</u>    | <u>-</u>            | <u>16,009,512</u>    |
| 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 Activities  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2017

|   | <u>Chapter</u>       | <u>Home</u>       | <u>Eliminations</u> | <u>Consolidated</u>  |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>             |                      |                   |                     |                      |
| Revenue   |                      |                   |                     |                      |
| Gifts and donations                                   | \$ 357,177           | \$ 104,672        | \$ -                | \$ 461,849           |
| Contributions from Chapter                            | -                    | 272,392           | (272,392)           | -                    |
| Dues  | 171,097              | 116,855           | -                   | 287,952              |
| Grand Session revenue                                 | 295,951              | -                 | -                   | 295,951              |
| Bulletin & supply sales                               | 134,899              | -                 | -                   | 134,899              |
| Investment income                                     | 361,253              | 7,757             | -                   | 369,010              |
| Unrealized gains                                      | 362,877              | -                 | -                   | 362,877              |
| Realized gains  | 119,364              | (1,583)           | -                   | 117,781              |
| Total unrestricted revenue                            | <u>1,802,618</u>     | <u>500,093</u>    | <u>(272,392)</u>    | <u>2,030,319</u>     |
| Expenses  |                      |                   |                     |                      |
| Program services                                      |                      |                   |                     |                      |
| Care of elderly members                               | 18,069               | 710,383           | -                   | 728,452              |
| Educational scholarships                              | 31,019               | -                 | -                   | 31,019               |
| Benevolence   | 110,322              | -                 | -                   | 110,322              |
| Fraternal activities                                  | 443,548              | -                 | -                   | 443,548              |
| Home support  | 272,392              | -                 | (272,392)           | -                    |
| Supporting services                                   |                      |                   |                     |                      |
| Management and general                                | 445,886              | 5,412             | -                   | 451,298              |
| Fundraising   | 56,622               | -                 | -                   | 56,622               |
| Total expenses  | <u>1,377,858</u>     | <u>715,795</u>    | <u>(272,392)</u>    | <u>1,821,261</u>     |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets</b> | <u>424,760</u>       | <u>(215,702)</u>  | <u>-</u>            | <u>209,058</u>       |
| Uncompleted transfer                                  | (79,644)             | 79,644            | -                   | -                    |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>              | 345,116              | (136,058)         | -                   | 209,058              |
| Net assets at beginning of the year                   | <u>15,207,455</u>    | <u>802,057</u>    | <u>-</u>            | <u>16,009,512</u>    |
| Net assets at end of the year                         | <u>\$ 15,552,571</u> | <u>\$ 665,999</u> | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ 16,218,570</u> |

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AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**  
Consolidating Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2016

|   | Chapter              | Home              | Eliminations     | Consolidated         |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <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              |
| Grand Session revenue                                 | -                    | -                 | -                | -                    |
| Bulletin & supply sales                               | 99,051               | -                 | -                | 99,051               |
| Investment income                                     | 475,380              | 6,592             | -                | 481,972              |
| Net unrealized gains                                  | 409,728              | 1,878             | -                | 411,606              |
| Net realized gains                                    | <u>85,313</u>        | <u>383</u>        | <u>-</u>         | <u>85,696</u>        |
| Total unrestricted revenue                            | <u>1,422,801</u>     | <u>543,589</u>    | <u>(279,298)</u> | <u>1,687,092</u>     |
| Expenses  |                      |                   |                  |                      |
| 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   | <u>26,447</u>        | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>         | <u>26,447</u>        |
| Total expenses  | <u>1,027,108</u>     | <u>719,962</u>    | <u>(279,298)</u> | <u>1,467,772</u>     |
| Correction of an error                                | 108,298              | 310,964           | -                | 419,262              |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets</b> | <u>503,991</u>       | <u>134,591</u>    | <u>-</u>         | <u>638,582</u>       |
| <b>Changes in Permanently Restricted Net Assets</b>   |                      |                   |                  |                      |
| Correction of an error                                | (108,298)            | (310,964)         | -                | (419,262)            |
| Contributions   | <u>19,000</u>        | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>         | <u>19,000</u>        |
| <b>Decrease in Permanently Restricted Net Assets</b>  | <u>(89,298)</u>      | <u>(310,964)</u>  | <u>-</u>         | <u>(400,262)</u>     |
| Uncompleted transfer                                  | <u>(78,655)</u>      | <u>78,655</u>     | <u>-</u>         | <u>-</u>             |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>              | 336,038              | (97,718)          | -                | 238,320              |
| 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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*135th  
Session*

*Grand Chapter of Texas*

*Texas Inspiration*





Worthy Grand Matron  
Sharon Mosmeyer  
Escorted by  
Gary Mosmeyer



Worthy Grand Patron  
Thomas R. Murphy  
Escorted by  
Glenda Murphy



Associate Grand Matron  
Melissa Hudman  
Escorted by  
Richard Hudman



Associate Grand Patron  
Richard "Rick" Skidd  
Escorted by  
Lou Skidd



Grand Secretary  
Ellen Pickrell  
Escorted by  
Jim Pickrell

Grand Conductress  
Carolyn Martin  
Escorted by  
Harold Wert





Associate Grand Conductress  
Linda Winn-Christenson  
Escorted by  
Vic Christenson



Grand Chaplain  
Laura Geyer  
Escorted by  
Jeff Geyer



Grand Marshal  
Glenda Klemm  
Escorted by  
Herman Flanagan



Grand Organist  
Susan Smith  
Escorted by  
Daniel Caldwell



Grand Adah  
Kathy Paschal  
Escorted by  
Joe Paschal



Grand Ruth  
Mary Bond  
Escorted by  
Bradley Grimmert



Grand Esther  
Glenda Murphy  
Escorted by  
Scott Sory



Grand Martha  
Susie Rodgers  
Escorted by  
Allen Rodgers



Grand Electa  
Monette Littlepage  
Escorted by  
Terry Littlepage



Grand Warder  
Don Lawrence  
Escorted by  
Kenlyn Lawrence



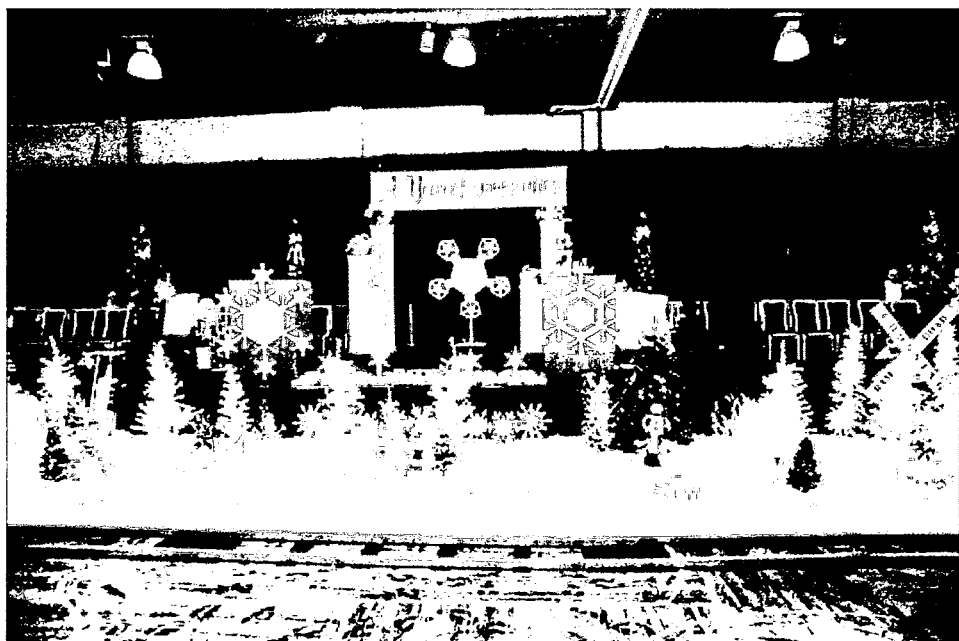


Fraternal Correspondent  
Betty Fogarty  
Escorted by  
Derrell Fogarty

Betty Martin  
Grand Chapter Mom  
Jerry L. Martin  
Grand Chapter Dad



Grand Chapter Sweetheart  
Helen Sanderford  
Escorted by  
Trey Smith



## Winter Wonderland



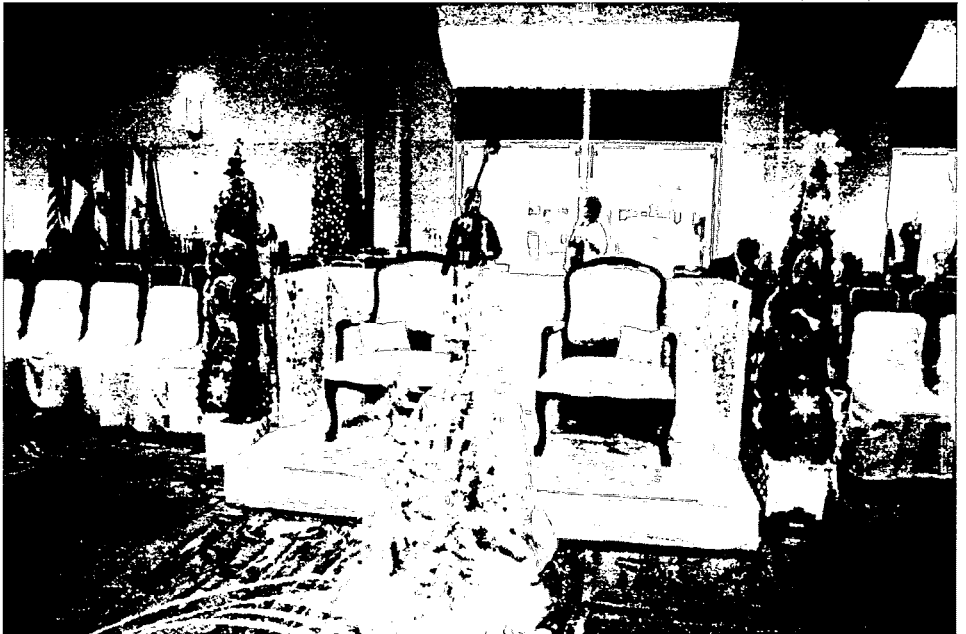


## Winter Wonderland





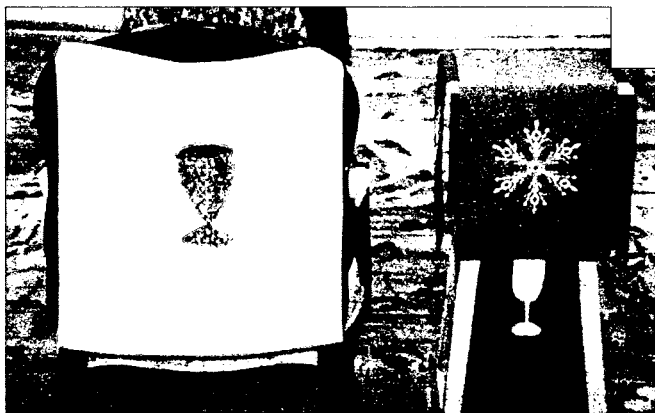
## Winter Wonderland





Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron  
Master of Ceremonies

Each Star Point station was beautifully decorated. Snowflake pedestal covers handmade by Stacey Ramer.



Alar cloth was handmade by Martha Bettis and Rita Lytle and included hand-dyed snowflakes at bottom edge.



Bible was presented by Jerre Miller  
Gary Mosmeyer presenting the Square and Compasses



Chapter Set-Up, Bible: Bill Wyatt, PGP and  
Square and Compasses: Thomas R. Murphy, WGP



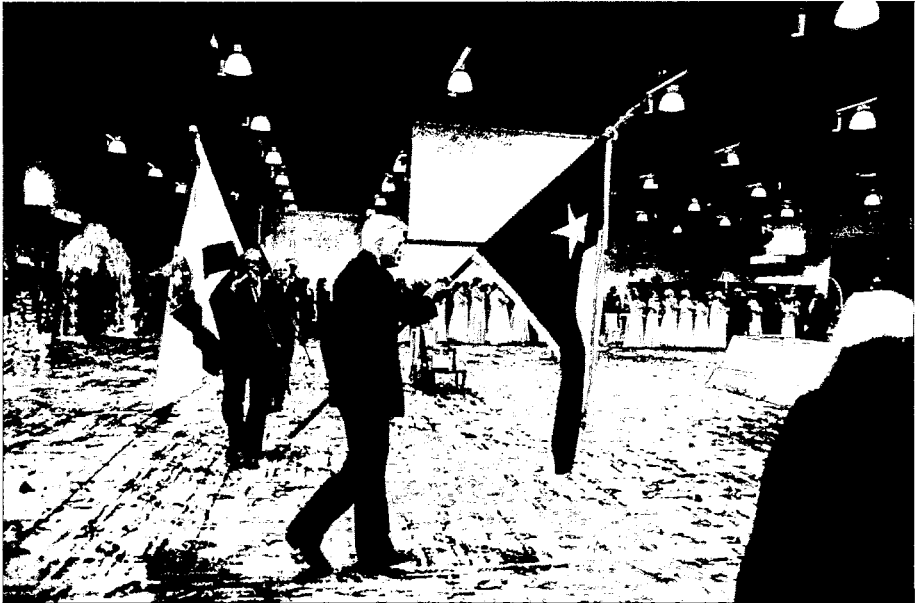
Precision Drill: Thomas Murphy, WGP; Mike Miller; John Wilson; David Dibrell under direction of Bill Wyatt, PGP



Betty Friend, PGM and  
Helen Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron



Gary Mosmeyer presenting the US Flag. Flag presentation under the direction of Tommy Griffin

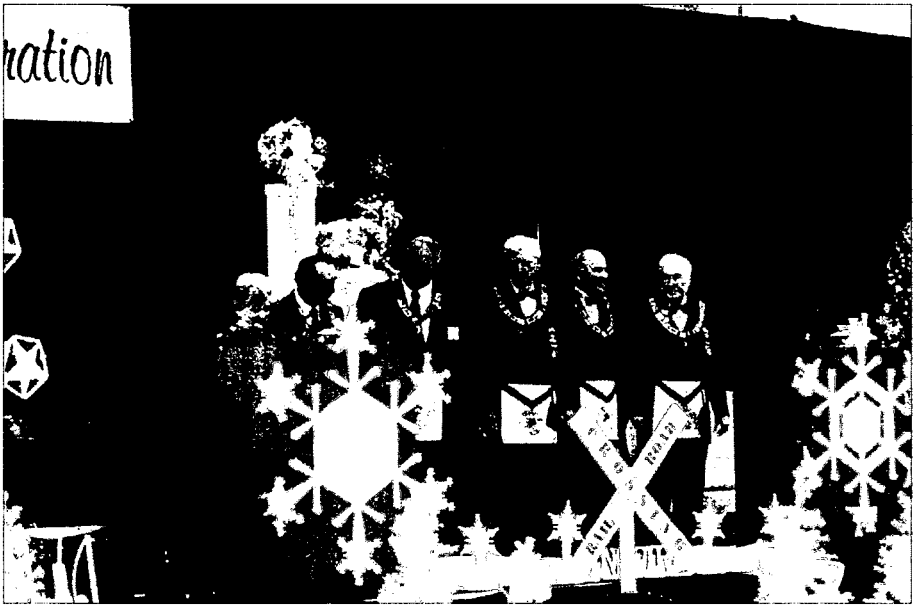


Jerry Martin presenting the Texas Flag, Jerry Trees presenting the Florida Flag





Betty Benham, Assisting Grand Marshall Escorting  
Rennie Ofton, Bobbi White, John Groebler PMWGM/P



Grand Lodge Masonic Dignitaries: Tommy Chapman, Terry  
Stogner, Jerry Martin, Tommy Griffin, David Dibrell



Paul Garner, Executive Committee Chairman  
Welcome to The Woodlands



Glenda Klemm, Grand Marshal  
Getting Ready for the "Let It Snow" Drill



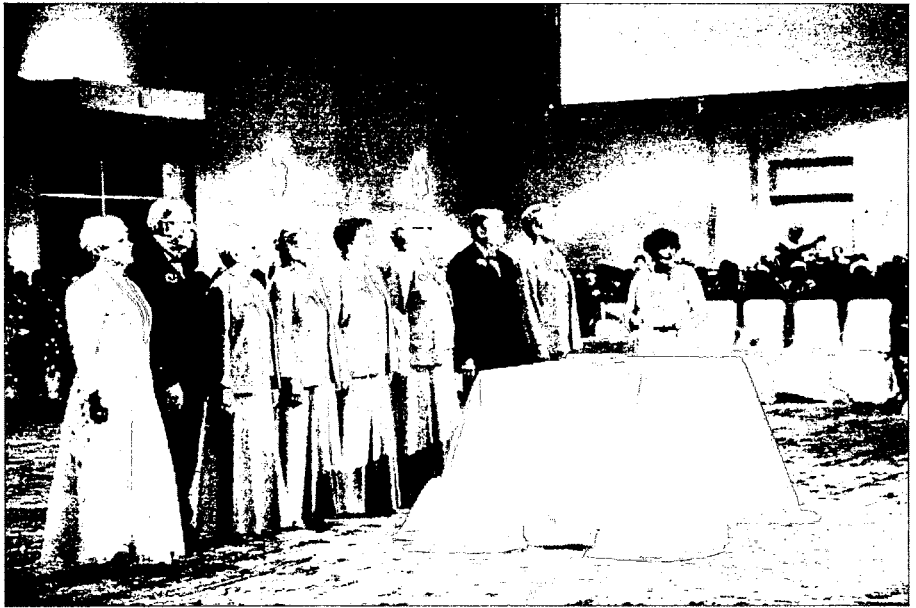
"Let It Snow" Drill  
Grand Officers and Pages



Sharon Mosmeyer, WGM escorted by Carolyn Martin, GC  
Tom Murphy, WGP escorted by Linda Winn-Christenson, AGC



Introduction of  
Helen Westmoreland, MWGM and Robert Penoyer, MWGP



Elected Officers of GGC: Marianne Shenefeld, RWAGM; Henry Martin, RWAGP; Alma Lynn Bane, Acting RWGS; Glenda Winchester, RWGC; Billie Bradfield, RWAGC; Jo Culifer, RWGTrustee; Lon Lowry, RWGSentinel



Appointed Officers of GGC: Jo Ann Sheppard, WGChaplain Joy Fiet, WGMarshal; Charles Chandler, WGOrganist; Amy Wehmeier, WGAdah; Judy Rutter, WGRuth; Lorraine Hough, WGEsther; Wilma Thompson, WGElecta



Jerry N. Kirby, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most  
Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas



WGM, Sharon Mosmeyer escorting  
MWGM, Helen Westmoreland to General Banquet



Introduction of Elected General Grand Chapter Officers,  
Marianne Shenefelt, RWAGM and Henry Martin, RWAGP



Sharon Mosmeyer, WGM and  
Gary Mosmeyer, Grand Escort



Grand Representative Breakfast  
Head and Sub-Head Tables





General Grand Chapter Tables in Foyer



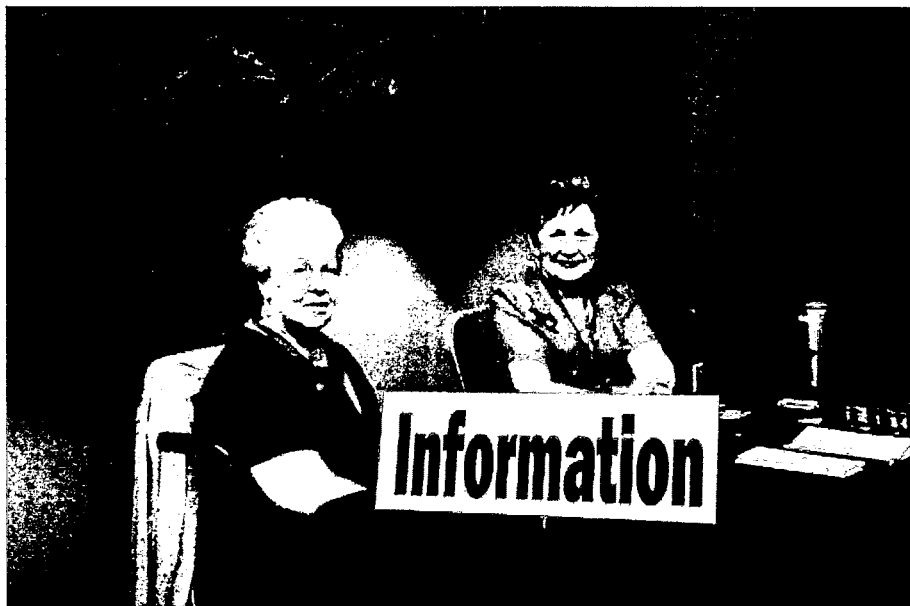
Lillian Kinard, Thelma Bethard, Tina Stevens  
Registration and Credentials working together!



Rainbow Booth



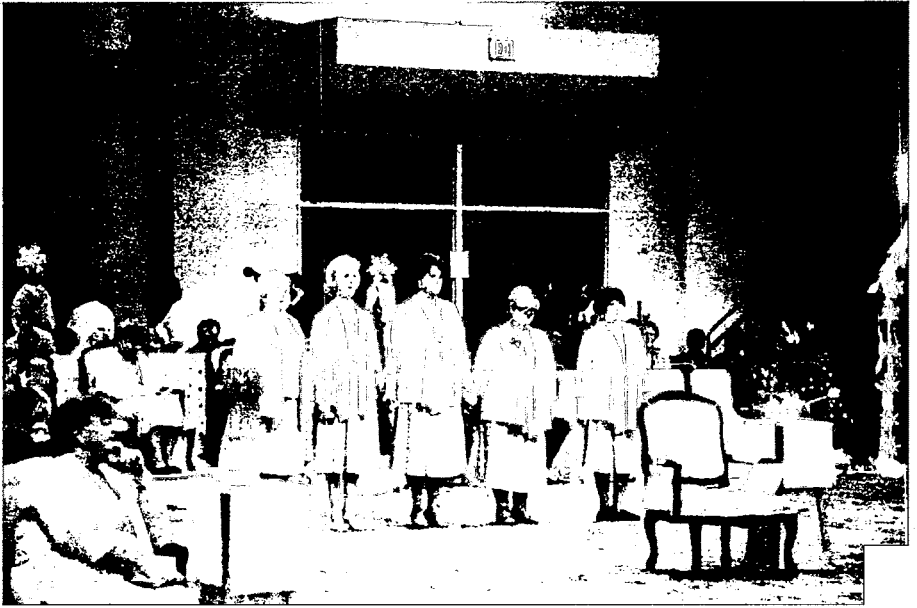
DeMolay Booth



Information Booth:  
Marilyn Knowlton and Bertha Fincher



New Grand Representative Appointments:  
Gary Mosmeyer and Jerre Miller



New Grand Representative Appointments:  
Susan Smith, Glenda Murphy, Kathy Paschal



Board of Directors



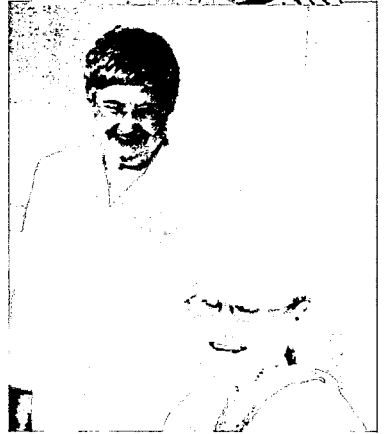
Sharon Mosmeyer, WGM and  
Tom Murphy, WGP



General Banquet Head Table



General Banquet  
Georgia Campbell giving Welcome



## Happy Faces



## Happy Faces





## Happy Faces



## Happy Faces



Rob Morris Banquet  
Sharon Mosmeyer, WGM; Betty Martin, Lesa Smith



Rob Morris Banquet  
Tom Murphy, WGP and Glenda Murphy, Grand Esther



Rob Morris Banquet





Rob Morris Banquet  
Karen Weser, DGM D1, S1



Rob Morris Banquet  
Carl Chalfant provides music



Rob Morris Banquet  
Doris Jones and Linda Roy



Rob Morris Banquet  
Susie Rogers, Grand Martha and Ruby Langley



New Grand Representative Appointments:  
Paul Garner, Yvonne Wunsche, Sam Cooper, Jim Leftwich



WGM pinning the New Grand Representative Appointment, Paul Garner with Regina Garner standing with her husband



2017-2018 Invitation



Glenda Klemm, Grand Marshal

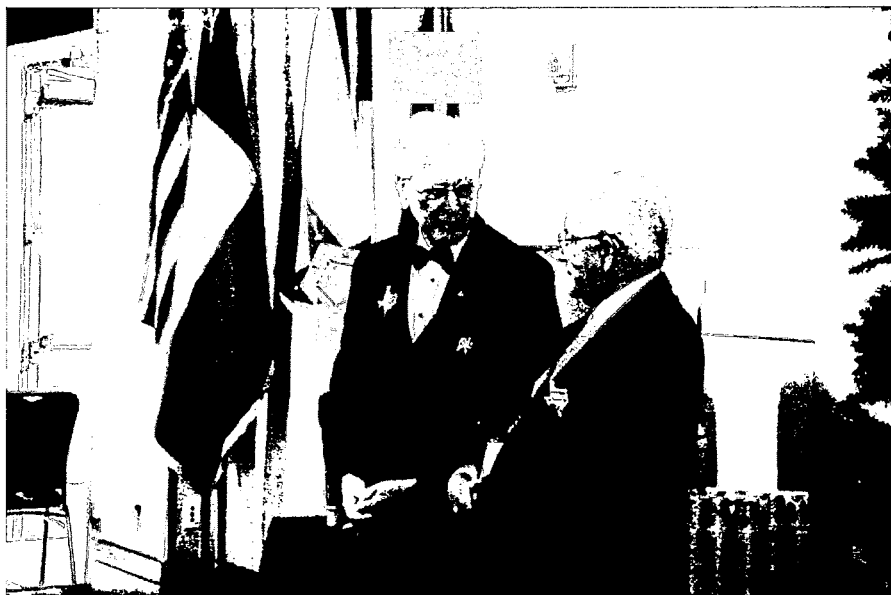




The end of session  
Sharon Mosmeyer, WGM and Tom Murphy, WGP



The end of session  
Sharon Mosmeyer, WGM and Tom Murphy, WGP



Jerry Martin, PGP and  
Herman Flanagan



Nelson Campbell, PGP and  
Helen Milner



Photographers:  
Brenda McDaniel and Nikki Bilski



2017-2018 Newly Installed Officers



Changing of Jewels: Sharon Mosmeyer, Past Grand Matron  
And Melissa Hudman, WGM



Effie Mae Davis, PGM and  
Doris Davis at Installation



Past Grand Matron pin presented to  
Sharon Mosmeyer by Gary Mosmeyer



Past Grand Patron pin presented to  
Tom Murphy by Glenda Murphy



Sunday Morning Breakfast  
Junior Past Grand Matron and Patron



Sunday Morning Breakfast  
Tommy Griffin



Sunday Morning Breakfast  
Melissa Hudman, WGM and Teri Rozell, AGC



Tom Murphy, WGP and  
The Grand Chapter Van



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