

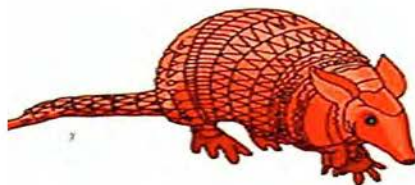
# **The Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star**

Extends Fraternal Greetings and  
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The One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Session

## **“Faith, Hope, and Love”**



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Irving, Texas





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Worthy Grand Matron  
Grand Chapter of Texas  
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**Mr. Richard "Rick" Skidd**  
Worthy Grand Patron  
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# ADVANCE ANNUAL REPORTS

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*Order Of The Eastern Star*

OF THE STATE OF TEXAS



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**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
2017-2018**

**Mrs. Melissa Hudman**

The year of Faith, Hope, and Love began on August 19, 2017 with a beautiful installation. I thank all who were a part of that ceremony. The Faith, Hope, and Love continued throughout my travels. I am honored and humbled to have served as your Worthy Grand Matron and to represent the GREAT STATE OF TEXAS. Bringing greetings and meeting the membership around the state was one of my greatest memories of the year. It was indeed my privilege and honor to get to meet you and you have made me feel very fulfilled. I sincerely hope that my messages of kindness will continue to resonate with you long after I am no longer your Worthy Grand Matron.

**HURRICANE HARVEY**

It's been almost a year after Hurricane Harvey, yet so many say they still feel like it was just yesterday. While many are back in their homes, others are still figuring out how to rebuild or where to even start. Hurricane Harvey, a category 4 storm, hit Texas on Friday, August 25, 2017 just north of Port Aransas, with 130 miles per hour winds. Port Aransas and Rockport were Harvey's ground zero. Wednesday, August 30, 2017, torrential rain was falling as swollen bayous and rivers continued to swell, and the rain bands simply did not move. The flooding from Harvey was historic. Flooding took place from Port Aransas all the way down to Port Arthur. Downtown Houston looked like it was in the middle of a large mass of water with areas all around being flooded.

Because this took place after I had approval for my Humanitarian Program, I decided to add another category for HURRICANE HARVEY. Through your generous contributions, plus contributions from other Grand Jurisdictions and General Grand Chapter, we were able to raise \$86,929.85. It is my hope that, while it has not come near to meeting all the needs, it is a start. I thank all the membership for their very generous donations.

**IN MEMORIAM**

It is with sadness that I say that we lost two wonderful Past Grand Patrons, Brother David B. Dibrell and Mr. Murray Watson, Jr. In addition, we lost an installed Grand Officer, Sister Karen Kidd, Grand Adah. The Savior reminds us, "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." We find comfort in knowing that they all have found fulfillment and the happiness that a person enjoys who shares his talents and gifts generously with others.

I wish to testify that the greatest fulfilling service to be rendered by any of us is in the service of the Master. It is obvious to me that these members did just that. Each one brought a separate blessing. The greatest fulfillment in life comes by rendering service to others. At each of their funerals, we learned of their individual contributions. All three were wonderful caring people.

Grand Chapter also lost numerous members of the subordinate Chapters. To the loved one's we've lost, we know you're enjoying heaven, and we thank you for all the good memories you gave us.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER  
GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS  
2017-2018**

“Love is more about giving than receiving and is best expressed through action, not words”, Pope Francis said. I was privileged to make the following recommendations for Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas to the Worthy Grand Matrons of these Jurisdictions.

<b>State/Country</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>District and Section</b>
<b>Kentucky</b>	Debra Rice	D3, S9
<b>Georgia</b>	Patricia Price	D1, S4
<b>Louisiana</b>	Elizabeth Grayson	D1, S4
<b>Maryland</b>	Barbara Grosvenor	D1, S3
<b>California</b>	Rebecca Dunn	D4, S7
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Gene Cannon	D4, S7
<b>Idaho</b>	Lynne Huckabay	D5, S7
<b>Oregon</b>	Catrina Christopher	D5, S7
<b>Colorado</b>	Mary Brunet	D5, S6
<b>British Columbia &amp; The Yukon</b>	Richard Hudman	D1, S4

**TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER**  
**PARTIES AND EVENTS**

Mrs. Sandy Trimble served as General Chairman of TMRC – Time and Talent Committee and oversaw the parties at TMRC.

The following parties were held during the year:

October 29, 2017	Halloween Party	Hosted by District 4 Mrs. Marita Adamson Lewis, Chairman
December 17, 2017	Christmas Party	Hosted by District 5 Mrs. Melissa Ramos Chairman
February 18, 2018	Valentine Party	Hosted by District 3 Ms. Georgia Orr Chairman
April 15, 2018	Easter Party	Hosted by District 2 Mrs. Joyce Marlar Chairman
July 8, 2018	Independence Day Party	Hosted by District 1 Mrs. Dorothy High Chairman

Each party was well attended. Your hosts, and Grand Officers that attended, dressed the part for that holiday and a good time was had by all. We ate, played bingo, and just visited. It was indeed our pleasure to spend time with these wonderful members. Thank you to my General Chairman, Mrs. Sandy Trimble, and all the District Chairmen for the wonderful success of these parties.

**October 14, 2017**, we attended TMRC family day. From the car show, to all the wonderful food and vendors, we had a great time. It was my privilege to draw names for the vendors to get a donation to add to what they had already earned.

**On March 12, 2018**, we attended the Brunch given each year by TMRC to honor the Worthy Grand Matron. The food was so pretty and excellent to eat. A variety of sandwiches, vegetables, and sweets were offered. But the biggest surprise was the GORGEOUS flower arrangement in my colors that was presented to me by TMRC. I enjoyed it for many days after bringing it home. It was a privilege and an honor to attend this very special party held to honor the Worthy Grand Matron.

## GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

I was honored to serve with two Grand Masters who are both members of the Eastern Star. Brother Jerry N. Kirby, 2017, and Brother Tommy F. Chapman, 2018. As mentioned above, we attended TMRC family day on October 14, 2017.

I had the pleasure of attending the 182nd Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M. on Thursday, January 18, 2018. It was my privilege to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, on Thursday afternoon. In addition, we had a display available with information available on the Order of the Eastern Star. This booth was staffed by my District Deputies. As always, they did an awesome job in representing me and the Order of the Eastern Star. They truly are awesome!

## YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

I had the pleasure to attend Grand Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, June 29 – 30, 2018. On Friday, June 29, I attended the **Grand Cross Luncheon**. It was such an honor to receive my Grand Cross and the ceremony was beautiful. That evening I attended the **General Banquet**. It was awesome to look out at all the young ladies and the adult leaders and family members present. The room was overflowing with good thoughts for all those present. At the meeting on Friday night, I had the privilege to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. It was so much fun to talk to these young ladies. I ended my greetings by singing to them “Do You Really Care”, changing it from Eastern Star to Rainbow Girls. I couldn’t believe it, but I received a standing ovation! I hope that it means that I was able to communicate with them on their level. I was happy to celebrate the verve and knowledge of young people and I have to say that I absolutely love being with them, around them, and learning from them. Not only do my own grandchildren teach me so much about myself, the world, and this new technological age we live in, but, so do these young adults I meet through this Eastern Star. On Saturday, June 30, I attended the **Awards Luncheon**. It was so gratifying to see these young ladies receive their awards. It is evident that they truly love being part of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

I was unable to attend the 88th Annual Texas State DeMolay Conclave in Waco, Texas, Thursday, July 19 - Sunday, July 22, 2018 due to scheduling conflicts.



## GIFTS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

At this Grand Chapter, I say “good-bye” as your Worthy Grand Matron, to a membership I love dearly. I’m still struggling to process the myriad of emotions I’m experiencing. One thing, however, is clear: I’m overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown by so many. I was hugely moved by the tributes and generous gifts given. I am also overwhelmed by the love demonstrated to me and the Order of the Eastern Star. What I have experienced has transcended into friendship. What I witnessed this year was a massive expression of gratitude from a group of people who love the Order of the Eastern Star. You have made a difference in the lives of many and I feel so blessed to have played a role in that. I will remember this year as long as I live. I expect that I will remain overwhelmed for quite some time. I am truly humbled and grateful—grateful for the gifts and the kind words. I will remember the people of this membership with much affection. And I will always give thanks to God for giving me the privilege of serving this fine Order.

GIFT	SIGNED BY	DATE SIGNED	
US Flag	Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capital	2/13/17	Flew in Afghanistan
Texas Flag	Honorable John Ratcliffe	8/19/17	In WGM Honor
Texas Flag	Sergeant of Arms, Texas House of Representatives	8/19/17	In WGM Honor
Proclamation	Mayor, City of Waco, and Counsel Members	9/28/17	WGM Order of the Easter Star Day
Texas Flag	Doc Anderson, State Representative	9/29/17	In Honor to Service to OES
Texas Flag	Cole Hefner, Representative	10/2/17	In WGM Honor
Proclamation	Mayor of Lubbock and Counsel Members	10/27/17	Designated as Visiting Dignitary
Proclamation	Governor of Texas	1/4/18	Designated as "The Yellow Rose of Texas"
US Flag	K. Michael Conaway, Member of Congress	1/19/18	WGM Birthday
Texas Flag	Pete Sessions, US House of Representatives	1/19/18	WGM Birthday
Texas Flag	Sergeant of Arms, Texas House of Representatives	1/19/18	WGM Birthday
Proclamation	Mayor of Floresville and City Secretary	1/25/18	Grand Chapter of Texas OES Day
Proclamation	Mayor of Sherman	2/17/18	Eastern Star Day
US Flag	Honorable John Ratcliffe	2/19/18	In Honor to Service to OES
Proclamation	Mayor of Texarkana	2/22/18	Mrs. Melissa Hudman Day
Proclamation	Mayor of Lewisville	2/26/18	Honorary Citizen of Lewisville
Proclamation	Mayor of Richardson	3/9/18	Mrs. Melissa Hudman Day
Keys to City	Floresville		
Keys to City	Sherman		

## QUILT

As is our custom, each Deputy Grand Matron presented me with a beautiful quilt square. Each square was representative of something unique to their individual section. All these squares will bring me many memories over the years to come. Sister Donna Noe has been given all the squares and I look forward to seeing the beautiful quilt she will present to me.

## ALTAR COVER, DRAPE, AND BIBLE MARKER

Sister Cindy Rogers and her mother, Sister Joan Watkins, made my beautiful altar cover. These two ladies are from Loyal Chapter #648, my home chapter, in Dallas, Texas. At the end of my Grand Chapter, this beautiful altar cover will be turned into a gorgeous quilt. Thank you does not even cover how special this is for me. These two fine ladies are awesome! My altar drape and bible marker were made by Mrs. Rita Lytle of Spring Chapter #1105 in Spring, Texas. Rita is a very talented and loving lady and I am happy to call her my friend. Again, I cannot thank these ladies enough for all their hard work and their talent. I will treasure them forever.

## INSTALLATIONS

I was given the opportunity to be the Installing Officer at the following installations:

June 2, 2018 Canyon Lake Chapter #1103  
June 2, 2018 Adah Chapter #49  
June 15, 2018 Loyal Chapter #648  
June 16, 2018 Templar Chapter #374  
June 16, 2018 Dallas Chapter #1  
June 23, 2018 Roy Stanley Chapter #642

## FRIENDSHIP – 4 STATE EXCHANGE

Texas is part of the 4-State Friendship Exchange Program. This consists of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. I attended the Exchange on September 22-24, 2017 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. We were privileged to bring home to TEXAS the plaque for having the most attendees. Thank you to Mrs. Kay Gilmore, General Chairman, and all the District Chairmen for their hard work.

## **MULTI-STATE**

Texas participated during the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year in a Multi-State Friendship Exchange Program with Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. I decided to make it a bus trip, and we left Dallas on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. We drove from Dallas to Amarillo, where we met Past Grand Matron, Betty Benham, and had dinner at The Big Texan Steak Ranch. It was a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. We left Amarillo the next morning and traveled to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where we spent the night and shopped until we dropped. From there it was on to Albuquerque for the Friendship Exchange which was held April 6 – 8, 2018.

I can't thank Ms. Jo D. Dibrell, General Chairman, enough for all her hard work and planning. She, and the District Chairmen, did an exemplary job. AND.... Texas had the most attendees, other than New Mexico who was hosting. We arrived back in Dallas on April 9, 2018. We all had a great time. As I told all these people, they truly are my heroes.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

To Mr. Bill Prague, words fail me, but you didn't. Thank you for all you've done. I wish I had the words to express my appreciation for your kindness and dedication. Thanks so much for everything. You are truly a wonderful friend and Executive Chairman. You and your wife, Sharon, have given me the strength to do what needed to be done and I will always thank you for so much for your kind assistance. Barbara Tramel, I want to sincerely express my gratitude and thanks to you. You have done an outstanding job as Secretary to the Executive Committee. To one of my good friends, Marlene Scholari, our Treasurer, thank you so much for your kind assistance. It came just when we needed it most! The assistance you sent truly kept us afloat until we got things figured out. Finally, thanks to Rick Hardy, our Auditor. It is the wonderful actions of others that keep us going most days. Thank you again and God bless you all.

## **ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

To Mr. James Walker, in life, you can put a price tag on just about everything, except people who pulled you up when you were down and helped you get where you wanted to be. Thanks for being one such person in my life. Without you, this session would not have been a success. The biggest advantage of working with fun colleagues like you is that I don't feel like I am working at all. Thanks for being such a joy to work with. To your wife, Shelley, thank you for sharing James. To Mrs. Patsy Jones, a good friend. Thanks for all that you do. To the members of the Arrangement Committee, words cannot express my thankfulness. You have touched my heart and my gratitude is overflowing!

## 2017-2018 PROJECTS

### Bulletin

The Bulletin Committee encouraged new subscriptions to the **Official Bulletin** of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

They also encouraged Chapters and individuals to send articles for "**They Say That**". Chapters who put something in "**They Say That**" at least four (4) times were recognized at Grand Chapter. The Bulletin Committee also encouraged members to participate in special **Holiday Greetings Pages** by purchasing a one or two line greeting for the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving
- Christmas
- Happy New Year
- Valentine's

Members of this committee also participated in a contest for getting the most new subscriptions. The overall winner received an Endowed Membership. A great big thank you to all who were a part of this program. I also want to thank my General Chairman, Mrs. Patricia Hammond, and all the District Chairmen, who helped make this a success.

### Do You Really Care? - Membership Committee

Every Chapter must initiate new members and keep them involved if we wish to survive. However, we must also generate renewed enthusiasm in our current active members and our inactive members. This committee worked to assist in these efforts. **The Sections within each District with the highest percent increase in membership were recognized at Grand Chapter.** Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this Committee a success. To Mrs. Bitsy Choate, you were a great General Chairman, thanks to you and all the District Chairmen.

### Give A Hoot

The "**Give A Hoot**" Award was a program to encourage and recognize Chapters for participating in a wide variety of programs. Members of this committee encouraged Chapters in their District/Section to participate in this program. Chapter Awards were given at Grand Chapter to those Chapters who achieved the "Give A Hoot" Award. Thanks to all who participated and Congratulations!! To my General Chairman, Mrs. Karen Weser, and the District Chairmen, thank you for soliciting the participation in this program.

### Helping Those Who Served

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) operates a fleet of vehicles around the country, including Texas, to provide free transportation to VA medical facilities for injured and ill veterans. The DAV stepped in to help veterans get the care they needed when the federal government terminated its program that helped many veterans pay for transportation to and from medical facilities. The vans are driven by volunteers with the rides being coordinated by almost 190 Hospital Service Coordinators around the country. DAV has purchased 2,967 vehicles, worth nearly \$65.1 million, that have been donated to the Department of

Coordinators around the country. DAV has purchased 2,967 vehicles, worth nearly \$65.1 million, that have been donated to the Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers nationwide since the program began in 1987, to ensure that injured and ill veterans are able to get to their medical appointments. The members of this committee sold pins in the shape of wings with the U.S. and Texas flags joined in the center. To Mr. Chuck Ross, General Chairman, and all the District Chairmen, we **thank you all for your hard work. Without it, we would not have been able to make the substantial donation to DAV. You all will forever have my gratitude.**

### **Kups for Kids - Youth**

Our mission and vision reflect our deep commitment to today's youths. The Kups for Kids promoted the support organizations, the Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay. **This committee had a travel cup for sale with the Eastern Star and Masonic Logos. To my General Chairman, Mrs. Kimi Shaw, and the District Chairmen, thank you for all you hard work. I thank you all for your generosity and support of these two organizations. We were able to give a generous donation to each.**

### **Let's Go Fly a Kite**

*"In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun, and – SNAP - the job's a game!"* Mary Poppins. What a fun movie "Mary Poppins" was. This Committee promoted the fun and the attitude of "Mary Poppins" by hosting an event held in each District on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Just like in the movie, as Eastern Star members, we are sometimes uptight about things that are miniscule in nature. We need to look for the magic and try to emulate the sunny attitude of "Mary Poppins" into our Chapter activities and how we view the Order. These individual events were a great success and we thank all who participated. **Thanks go to the General Chairman, Mrs. Sharon Beauchamp, and all the District Chairmen.**

### **Patriot PAWS**

Patriot PAWS Service Dogs is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization CFC #35710. They are located in Rockwall, Texas. They provide a **Service for Those Who Have Served** by training and placing quality service dogs at no cost to disabled veterans nationwide. Caring for a service dog in training can cost about \$33,000 over a two-year period. This committee was dedicated to promoting Patriot PAWS in any way possible. **They had a PAWS pin for sale and they did an outstanding job. Thank you to the General Chairman, Mrs. Debbie Blake, and all the District Chairmen. I am so pleased and overwhelmed with your success. A substantial donation was made to this organization. Thanks to all who contributed.**

### **Remember When? Yearbook Committee**

This committee promoted the 2017-2018 "Remember When?" Yearbook. They encouraged the membership to place ads in the yearbook along with selling advertising ads to outside entities. Pictures of Chapter activities throughout the year, Grand Chapter, Schools of Instructions, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and business cards, were submitted for publication. **Thank you**

to the General Chairman, Mrs. Stacey Ramer, and all the District Chairmen. Due to your hard work the yearbook was an absolute success!

### Rob Morris Celebration

The members of this committee handled the Silent Auctions at each Eastern Star School of Instruction and will oversee the Rob Morris Celebration at Grand Chapter. The Sections who collected over \$1,000.00 will be announced at Grand Chapter and be given special recognition. **Thank you to the General Chairman, Patrick Travers, and all the District Chairmen for their hard work. In addition, thanks go to the District 1 Chairman, Mrs. Ruby Lee, and the District 3 Chairman, Mrs. Susie Rodgers, I know we will have a fabulous party at Grand Chapter!**

### Scottish Rite Hospital and Shriners Transportation Fund

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children provides exceptional care to thousands of children every year. TSRHC is not a United Way agency and does not receive state or federal funding. The hospital relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations, foundations, and corporations to continue its mission.

Shriners Transportation Fund. Since the early 1960's, when Shriners Hospitals for Children first began offering pediatric burn treatment, thousands of patients have been given a second chance to lead productive lives, thanks to the expert medical care they received at these "state of the art" hospitals. When children experience burn injuries, receiving the kind of multidisciplinary pediatric burn care available at Shriners Hospitals for Children, is paramount to their overall recovery. Since their injuries can be severe and even life-threatening, burn patients often require transportation to Shriners Hospitals for Children in medically equipped airplanes with medical professionals on board to monitor them. Costs for these medical air flights are rising every year. If transportation is required, the funding must be there. **Thanks to the General Chairman, Mrs. Laura Brooks, and all the District Chairmen. We have been able to make a quality donation to each of these organizations.**

### Specialty License Plates

This is an ongoing project for Texas Eastern Star. We were so excited to finally get the approval to start getting to register our vehicles with the State and put the specialty license plates on our cars. **Thank you to our General Chairman, Mr. Dwight Phillips, and all the District Chairmen for getting the information out to our membership in an effective manner.**

### Texas Who's Who

Because of the success of the Texas Who's Who Book in 2016-2017, we once again printed and sold the Who's Who Book. I am pleased that the Who's Who Book sold so well and we were able to earn funds for Grand Chapter. **Thank you to the General Chairman, Mrs. Judy Harris, and all the District Chairmen, for the success of this project. Also, a BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. Tonya Wilson, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, for typing the book. Without her help, this never would have happened!**

## MUSEUM

**General Chairman, Sharon Hill Adams**, you have worked extremely hard to get our items shown. One accomplishment was to get some space for us at the Grand Lodge of Texas. Our space is right next to the Rainbow Girls' exhibit and we are so happy to have been given the opportunity to have this display. When you are at Grand Lodge, please go by and see what has been displayed. **Thank you to all the District Chairmen, you will always have my gratitude.**

## CALIFORNIA COAST CRUISE

On April 29, we departed on a fabulous cruise down the California Coast. **Starting in San Francisco**, cable cars and the Golden Gate Bridge, rising from the fog – welcomed us to San Francisco, arguably the most romantic and cosmopolitan city in the United States. San Francisco has it all: a colorful history, superb restaurants, sophisticated museums, world-class shopping, and that elusive air of romance and abandon that's part of the tang of the city. **From there we sailed to Santa Barbara.** "Welcome to Paradise," is a fitting expression for those visiting the coastal city of Santa Barbara. Called the "American Riviera", Santa Barbara is a place where food, art, history, fashion, wine, and sunshine, mix to create a delightful and unique experience. Charming Spanish and Moorish style buildings graced by brilliantly-colored bougainvillea, palm-lined beaches, a warm Mediterranean climate, charming sidewalk cafés, and a pristine seaside setting, are just some of the sites we saw. **From there, it was on to Los Angeles.** The City of Angels always hovers between dream and reality. Once a near-forgotten colonial outpost, the pueblo metamorphosed into an agrarian paradise before reinventing itself as a movie colony. Perhaps no other city owes so much to the technological innovations of the 20th century, from the automobile to the airplane. Little wonder that LA is oft described as the "dream machine." In LA, reinvention is a way of life. Yet this talent for change has created a city with a rich ethnic diversity and a sizzling culture. LA is the source for trends that migrate across the country and then the world. Where else can you enjoy a Thai taco or munch on a kosher burrito? Or travel from downtown's high rises to the beaches of Malibu, shopping in Beverly Hills along the way? We all loved it. **From LA, it was on to San Diego.** Known as a place of infinite beauty, affectionate locals, and endless sunshine, San Diego has become one of America's favorite cities. Located in the southwest corner of California, close to the border of Mexico, San Diego has a distinct cross-cultural feel, part sun-drenched Mediterranean atmosphere, part south-of-the-border zest, and part quintessential California beach town. The history of San Diego is rooted in its Spanish and Mexican past. San Diego was declared the capital of upper and lower Baja only four years after Mexico gained its independence in 1821. Less than thirty years later, the United States declared war on Mexico, and within two years the Treaty of Guadalupe Hildalgo was signed, creating the current borders between Mexico and the United States.

The city continues to prosper with a population exceeding one million. World-renowned attractions, such as the San Diego Zoo, the Salk Institute, Sea World, La Jolla, and the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge, have created a strong tourism industry for the area. But, undoubtedly, what we loved the most, was the city's breathtaking natural beauty, superb coastline, and near-perfect weather. **From there it was on to Ensenada, Mexico, and then back to San Francisco. Thank you to Nannette Gwaltney, who was our host. We enjoyed every moment of our trip and are grateful to all who were able to join us! It truly was seven days of heavenly bliss!!!**

### FRATERNAL VISITS

Below are the Fraternal Visits that were not in conjunction with the school schedule that were made. There were 49 scheduled, but three were cancelled due to weather and measles outbreak. I enjoyed the love gifts and other gifts and will treasure all. Most of all, I enjoyed the wonderful fellowship had by all. It was indeed my honor to have the opportunity to visit with so many of our Chapter members.

8/26/17	Hella Shrine Garland, Texas	Loyal #648	D1/S4
9/2/17	Floresville, Texas	Adah #49	D5/S7
9/5/17	Arlington, Texas	Webb #1140	D3/S1
9/12/17	Odessa, Texas	Friendship #1008	D2/S8
10/2/17	Childress, Texas	Childress #101	D2/S5
10/3/17	Temple, Texas	Vashti #32	D3/S8
10/24/17	Midland, Texas	Midland #253	D2/S8
10/30/17	Fort Worth, Texas	Crescent #820	D3/S1
11/6/17	Beaumont, Texas	Wisteria #823	D4/S2
11/7/17	Orange, Texas	Orange #214	D4/S2
11/11/17	Dallas, Texas	Templar #374 Roy Stanley #1086	D1/S4
11/13/17	Dallas, Texas	Edwin J. Kiest #959	D1/S4
11/21/17	Lewisville, Texas	Lewisville #935	D1/S2
11/27/17	Klein, Texas	Klein #1141	D4/S7
11/28/17	Killeen, Texas	Killeen #490	D3/S8
11/29/17	Dallas, Texas	Dal-Cliff #574	D1/S4



### FRATERNAL VISITS (Continued)

12/4/17	Haltom City, Texas	Haltom City #982	D3/S1
12/11/17	Huffman, Texas	Huffman #1112	D4/S4
12/19/17	Omaha, Texas	Omaha #997	D1/S9**
1/4/18	Buna, Texas	Buna #968	D4/S2
2/15/18	San Angelo, Texas	San Angelo #1027	D2/ S1&2**
2/20/18	Granbury, Texas	Granbury #530	D3/S2
3/5/18	New Braunfels, Texas	New Braunfels #771	D5/S6
3/6/18	Jefferson, Texas	Jefferson #627	D1/S8
3/8/18	League City, Texas	League City #621	D4/S10
3/12/18	Crowley, Texas	Crowley #1125	D3/S1
3/19/18	Bryan, Texas	Bryan #222	D4/S6
3/20/18	Cleveland, Texas	Cleveland #465	D4/S4
3/22/18	Baytown, Texas	Cedar Bayou #11	D4/S4
4/2/18	Odessa, Texas	Odessa #447	D2/S8
4/11/18	Grand Prairie, Texas	Duncanville #1014 Lonnie L. Blake #1116	D1/S5
4/12/18	Spurger, Texas	Spurger #315	D4/S2
4/16/18	Pasadena, Texas	Archives #1095	D4/S4
4/17/18	Livingston, Texas	Chapters of D4, S3	D4/S3
4/23/18	Nederland, Texas	Nederland #1079	D4/S2
4/24/18	Silsbee, Texas	Silsbee #298	D4/S2
4/26/18	Pearland, Texas	Pearland #1065	D4/S10
5/9/18	Houston, Texas	Bellaire #1021	D4/S5**
5/10/18	Conroe, Texas	Conroe #710	D4/S7
5/14/18	Friendswood, Texas	Friendswood #1131	D4/S10
5/15/18	Houston, Texas	Andral Van #741	D4/S5
5/17/18	Houston, Texas	Houston-Ransford #135	D4/S5

### FRATERNAL VISITS (Continued)

5/19/17	Conroe, Texas	Mary Martha #981	D4/S7
5/21/18	Spring, Texas	Spring #1105	D4/S7
5/22/18	New Caney, Texas	New Caney #1093	D4/S4
5/24/18	Montgomery, Texas	Montgomery #228	D4/S7
6/12/18	Fort McKavett, Texas	Fort McKavett #783	D5/S2
7/2/18	Tomball, Texas	Tomball #838	D4/S7
7/5/18	Caddo Mills, Texas	Caddo Mills #82	D1/S3

\*\*\* Cancelled

### SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION and DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

I enjoyed all the Schools of Instruction and I am so pleased to call these ladies my Deputies. I had so much fun at each and every one of them. Thank you to the Deputy Grand Matrons for all your hard work. It is with gratitude that I tell you what an inspiration all of you have been throughout my experience. Your knowledge, understanding, and genuine "care" for others, is illuminated in everything each of you do! I am so grateful to know you.

### **DISTRICT ONE SCHOOLS BECKY AUSTIN, DDGM**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>
2-16-17	Sherman	2	Donna McKnight Rings	Learning the Melodies
2-19-20	Caddo Mills	3	Pam Barnett	Soaring Together—Always Rewarding
2-21-22	Texarkana	9&10	Gina King and Brandy Dorner	Hometown Sunsets With Hometown Friends
2-23-24	Carthage	8	Mary Bagley	Recalling Lessons of Yesteryear
2-26-27	Lewisville	1	Reta Geer	Fishing for Knowledge on the "Swanee" River
2-28-3-1	Athens	6&7	Joyce Hagens Peggy Rosamond	Shining Stars of Knowledge
3-2-3	Midlothian	5	Patty Russell	Swan's School of Knowledge
3-9-10	Richardson	4	Janet Cavender	Aloha'oe

**DISTRICT TWO SCHOOLS  
MARY MEDFORD, DDGM**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>
10-6-7	Amarillo	2,3,5	Karen White	Get Your Kicks on Route 66
10-9-10	El Paso	10	Patty Lane	Swans on the Rio Grand
10-11-12	Odessa	8	Denise Browning	West Texas Wise
10-20-21	Abilene	7	Tina O'Shields	West Texas Fellowship
10-26	Wichita Falls	6	Margaret Arlington	Autumn Adventure
10-27-28	Lubbock	4	Loveta Krogman	Savvy Swans

**DISTRICT THREE SCHOOLS  
BEVERLY PLANTE, DDGM**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>
9-13-14	Mineral Wells	2&3	Sandra Harper Leslie Keilberg	The Ugly Duckling Appears
9-15-16	Fort Worth	1	Christine Loven	Where the West Begins
9-18-19	Burnet	6	Gay Jones	Eagle's Nest at Highlands Lakes
9-20-21	Brownwood	4&5	Geri Schultz	Keys to Success
9-25-26	Georgetown	8	Marrika Crown	Owl Be Doing Great
9-27-28	Hamilton	7	Connie Morrison	Birds of a Feather Learn Together
9-29-30	Waco	9&10	Betty Penney Patsy Mathis	Beginning Flight

**DISTRICT FOUR SCHOOLS  
TONYA WILSON, DDGM**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>
11-1-2	Pearland	10	Camille Luke	Music to My Ears
11-3-4	Orange	2	Sue Barnes	Keepers of the Garden
1-8-9	Lufkin	1	Sue Johnson	Ripples on Swan Lake
1-10-11	Pasadena	4	Karen DeVillier	Birth Place of Texas—Day of Instruction and Friendship
1-12-13	Houston	5&9	Danna Fertsch Lesley Buentello	The Odyssey of Learning: Back to the Basics
1-15-16	Crockett	3	Donna Mims	Stars Stroll on the Camino Real
1-22-23	Tanglewood	8	Jan Walker	Jesters, Name That Melody
1-24-25	Buffalo	6	Dorothy Nevill	Cygnets Learning by Example
1-26-27	Shenandoah	7	Cynthia Leftwich	Ten Swans a Swimming in Knowledge

**DISTRICT FIVE SCHOOLS  
GAIL FULLER, DDGM**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>
1-31-2-1	Blanco	3	Beverly Stroman	Rocking With Section 3
2-2-3	Floresville	7	Marilyn Olivarez	Sunrise Star
2-5-6	Victoria	8	Annette Otremba	We Rise by Lifting Others
2-7-8	Rockport	9	Sandy Walker	Shore of Knowledge
2-9-10	New Braunfels	6	Joyce Whiteside	Musical Memories Flow Through the Hill Country
2-12	Harlingen	10	Betty McCune	Feathers of Enlightenment
2-13	Lytle	5	Rebecca Shuler	Swimming with the Swans
2-14	Del Rio	4	Cynthia Martinez	Fiesta Along the Border

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**

Mrs. Becky Austin	District 1
Ms. Mary Medford	District 2
Mrs. Beverly Plante	District 3
Mrs. Tonya Wilson	District 4
Mrs. Gail Fuller	District 5

I am so happy to have each and every one of you. Each of you were chosen for many different reasons, but please know how much I love each of you. Your talents, attributes, and goals are special and unique, just like you are. I have much respect for each of you and knew that you would represent me with just as much respect and dignity.

Each District Deputy taught their schools with dignity and grace. I am so proud of each one of them. They are truly the epitome of what a member should be. I wish them each the best with their lives and their endeavors in Eastern Star. Each has served with enthusiasm, cooperation, smiles for the membership, kindness in their heart, and love for our beautiful Order. We have built friendships and made memories that will last a lifetime. I hope you have enjoyed your year of service and the time spent working with the great membership of Texas.

**BY-LAWS**

To Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw, General Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, thank you for all the assistance you have provided to me during this year of service. I appreciate the information and advice you have given. Your expertise and help have been invaluable during this process. Again, thank you so much. I sincerely appreciate your hard work.

The following By-Laws have been approved through May 18, 2018. Those received after will be listed in the By-Laws General Chairman's report.

<b>CHAPTER #</b>	<b>CHAPTER NAME</b>
16	Bowie
141	Wimodausis
156	Garland
210	Lockhart
280	Eastland
377	Jacksonville
425	Burnet
435	Marble Falls
447	Odessa
458	Iola-North Zulch
518	McKinney
576	Lindon
589	Belton
642	Roy Stanley
643	Bandera
649	Anahuac
695	Quitman
703	Plano
738	Woodbine (1st)
738	Woodbine (2nd)
771	New Braunfels
833	Queen Esther
838	Tomball
930	Whitney
968	Buna
995	Hallsville
1005	Gatesville
1047	Waller
1079	Nederland
1107	Sugar Land
1116	Lonnie L. Blake

## DECISIONS, RULINGS, IRREGULARITIES, DISCIPLINE

When I was elected, I had a vision of taking this organization to the next level. I wanted to have our Corporate Board and our Board of Directors work together to develop a three (3) year Strategic Business Plan which would take us through the next tri-line. The following are my comments to the Corporate Board and Board of Directors regarding this project.

A charity is a type of business. That's why it incorporates before applying for tax-exempt status from the IRS. Although there are **significant differences between a for-profit organization and a nonprofit**, many of the same rules apply. And nonprofits need comprehensive planning just as much as a business, including

To identify any problems in our plans before we implement those plans.  
To get the commitment and participation of those who will implement the plans, which leads to better results.

To establish a roadmap to compare results as the venture proceeds from paper to reality.

To achieve greater profitability in our organization, products, and services -- all with less work.

To minimize our risk of failure.

To have plans and operations that will work in a changing world.

To clarify and synchronize our goals and strategies.

Strategic roadmapping manages uncertainty in the planning process by helping organizations conduct fact-based assessments of future plans. Roadmaps enable our leaders to identify the most valuable opportunities for innovation and make the right decisions about where to invest time, money, and other resources.

### **Strategic Planning Should Be Organization-Wide**

Strategic planning is best viewed as clarifying the overall purpose and priorities of the organization. There are many different ways to do strategic planning, and the contents of the plan vary, depending on the purpose of the planning. However, the focus of the planning should primarily be organization-wide. Our Constitution defines why we exist, what our purpose is, etc. The WGM has an approved Purposes and Policies plan in place. So, I think a Strategic Business plan is in order. However, strategically how do we:

Operate a Grand Chapter office given our current resources,  
Maintain our 501(c)(3) status when we no longer have ladies at the home,  
Consider whether our Benevolent Fund also qualifies for a 501(c)(3) along with our Educational Scholarships,  
Continue to meet our subordinate chapter needs,  
Need to understand what is restricted vs. non-restricted funds. Are we as restricted as we think we are?

The combined meeting/training session was held on March 16, 2018. We were honored to have our outside consultant with us. There was not a cost to Grand Chapter as those who attended paid their share of the total cost, which included the meeting/training session and our lunch. Many ideas were shared and several lists were developed. My hope is that this incoming tri-line will work with the Board of Directors to take this information and develop an actual working strategic business plan. There were so many good ideas, I truly hope they can be executed. Thank you to the Corporate Board and Board of Directors for working so well together.

**I received a letter** and a call from a Chapter regarding an issue that took place during the Deputy Grand Matron's official visit. There were two issues, one that the Sentinel entered the Chapter Room during the reading of the minutes and stated he did not make particular motions. Second, that the DGM left the room during the meeting to go to the ladies' room and that said Sentinel followed her to talk to her about the issue. I met not only with a Past Grand Matron, but the Grand Master. After reviewing all of the information submitted, it was determined that based on evidence we were given, it was as he said/she said as to the allegations made by the DGM. A letter was written by me to the Chapter with specific instructions regarding how the issue would be handled should the Sentinel return to the Chapter. At this date, the Sentinel has not returned and the Chapter seems to be doing well.

**I received several calls, e-mails, and a letter** regarding issues in a Chapter where the Worthy Matron and the Organist could not get along. This issue is a spillover from the previous year. The Worthy Grand Matron had sent a letter to the newly installed Worthy Matron regarding this issue, as did the Organist. A letter was also sent to the Chapter. In her letter, it stated that the problem was escalated to the Worshipful Master. The Master had put together a committee to meet with these members in order to work out the differences. In September, right after my installation, I received a letter from the spouse of the Organist. He was not pleased with all that had gone on in the previous year and was not pleased with the response from the Worthy Grand Matron during that year. The Worthy Grand Patron reached out to the Master of the Lodge and we found out they were going to ask the Chapter to leave. We immediately set up a meeting with him and the Jr. Past Master, and a meeting with the parties involved at the Chapter. When we met with the Master and Jr. Past Master, it was apparent they would like to work with the Chapter, but they were tired of all of the squabbling going on. They stated that if we could work things out, they would work with the Chapter. We then went to our meeting with the parties at the Chapter. Based on discussion during this meeting, the following were sent letter: the Worthy Matron, the Organist, and the Chapter. The Chapter was put on probation. Below are excerpts from the letters:

"Sisters and Brothers, everyone in this world does not always get along with everyone else. We all must make compromises and you must know you **WILL NOT** always get what you want. I will remind you that our organization exists for the purposes of social interaction and for our benevolent purposes. We have our Constitution, Code of Laws, Ritual, and By-Laws of your Chapter that dictate our privileges and guidelines which you all **MUST OBEY**.

**According to our Code of Laws, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVE OF GRAND OFFICERS A. WORTHY GRAND MATRON**, Article 22. "ENFORCE RITUAL, ETC." She shall see that the Ritual, Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Order are STRICTLY enforced, and its DIGNITY MAINTAINED UNDER ANY AND ALL CIRCUMSTANCES."

Therefore, I, Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron, under the power given to me as Worthy Grand Matron, hereby place \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ under PROBATION starting tonight \_\_\_\_\_ through July 12, 2018." I sincerely believe that this probationary period gave the Chapter members time to reflect on their obligation and duties to the Order of the Eastern Star. They have worked to restore the peace and harmony of the Chapter, and to restore the dignity and honor they have as members. Their probation period was met and a letter was sent from me to the Chapter.

**I received a call from one of the Deputy Grand Matrons** regarding a letter the Chapter had received from a member for a demit. This member took exception to the fact that at the school it was stated that the Order of the Eastern Star was not a Christian/Religious Organization. I explained in my letter to her that while Eastern Star at its core is not a Christian organization, the purposes of the organization are "Charitable, Educational, Fraternal, and Scientific." The Order promotes moral values and personal goodness, building "an Order which is truly dedicated to charity, truth, and loving kindness." A candidate must have a belief in a "Supreme Being" and members of all religions may belong to the Order of the Eastern Star.

I explained to this member that while the organization is not a religion, we do have spiritual components. For this reason, the OES, like other Masonic organizations, requires its members to believe in a "Supreme Being". This belief does not necessarily have to be well-defined; however, people who explicitly have no religious or spiritual beliefs are not permitted. However, the form and name(s) of that being are left up to the individual member. I stated that when an investigation committee is assigned, they should visit the petitioner's residence and ensure themselves that their candidate meets the requirements to be a member.

I explained that our Code of Laws (page 173) requires the Holy Bible to be opened to the second Chapter of Matthew. The heroines of our order are based on the Holy Bible as shown below:



**Adah**, Jephthah's daughter, from the Book of Judges

**Ruth**, the widow from the Book of Ruth

**Esther**, the wife from the Book of Esther

**Martha**, sister of Mary and Lazarus, from the Gospel of Luke and the Gospel of John

**Electa**, the "elect lady" from II John, the mother

**I received a call** regarding the consolidation of a member's Chapter with another Chapter. After speaking with those involved, I wrote a letter to the Chapter who voted and the receiving Chapter stating that, unfortunately, they must once again follow the procedures in the Constitution/Code of Laws regarding Consolidation of Chapters, Chapter 13, Page 183. The vote previously taken was illegal as the letters did not contain the seal of the Secretary of the Chapter and the fact that it cannot be confirmed that copies were sent to all members of the Chapter. The Chapter followed all the rules regarding consolidation in their re-vote and have now consolidated with the Chapter chosen.

**I received a call** regarding an incident regarding how the ballot was taken on a petition. I declared the vote invalid and directed the Chapter to re-vote for the following reasons: The number of black cubes had been discussed and this is in direct conflict with the Constitution and the Obligation which each member took when they were initiated. Because it is known that the ballot should have been voted on twice due to the number of black cubes and was only voted on once. The Ballot should not have been declared by the Presiding Officer due to the fact that the Constitution/Code of Laws requires a second ballot in this situation..

The Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Article 218, "How Conducted (Page 158) (3) states: "No discussion of a Petitioner shall be allowed in open Chapter. If there are no more than three black cubes appearing in a ballot box that required a clear ballot, the Presiding Officer shall not declare the result. The ballot shall be destroyed and the presiding Officer shall order a second, final ballot."

I directed that the ballot be taken at the Chapter's next meeting per the instructions in the Constitution/Code of Laws on Balloting at the Altar. Code of Laws, Page 160, Article 219, "Prescribed Routine" c. BALLOTING AT THE ALTAR. The Worthy Matron must follow this Article and Article d. PROCEDURE AFTER ALL BALLOTING. Which states, "the Worthy Matron shall proceed according to the Ritual, Pages 14 and 15. After the declaration, the ballot is destroyed." Article 220 in the Code of Laws a. outlines what is to be said by the Worthy Matron upon beginning the process of balloting upon a petition for the degrees.

Each member was cautioned that this article also states the following: "Any member who shall report to non-members the name of rejected petitioner or the names of the members present, shall be subject to reprimand by the Worthy Matron or the Worthy Patron in open Chapter, or to trial, and if convicted shall be subject to reprimand, suspension or expulsion from the Order."

The Chapter did follow these instructions at their next meeting.

**I received a letter** inviting me to visit a Chapter that had received a visit from the Worthy Grand Patron. This Chapter had previously agreed to a Fraternal Visit with some instruction to be given during the visit. Later, the Chapter cancelled said visit. Because I felt that we needed to visit the Chapter, it was decided that we would go on the original date agreed to for the Fraternal Visit just to see how they were doing. Unfortunately, I was unable to make the trip due to another issue, but the Worthy Grand Patron did make the visit on March 13, 2018. On March 25, 2018, I received a call from a Past Grand Patron who had been called by the Secretary of the Chapter. He stated that apparently some members took exception to some of the information that was imparted that night. He asked if I would send a follow up letter to the Chapter to clarify why the visit was made and to also send them the articles that they had been told to obtain from the Grand Secretary's office. I sent a follow up letter and enclosed the following items:

1. Current Constitution (any further revisions can be ordered from the Grand Secretary)
2. Worthy Grand Matron's Interpretations (New ones will be for sale at Grand Chapter)
3. Current Ritual (Revised 2012)
4. Current Official Bulletin

I assured the Chapter it was NOT our intent to have the Chapter surrender, forfeit, or lose their Charter. We are committed, however, to assisting the Chapter in keeping current with the rules and regulations of the Order. I ultimately received a letter inviting me, as Worthy Grand Matron, to visit their Chapter. I made this visit on June 12, 2018.

**I received several calls as did the District Deputy Grand Matron**, stating concerns with the Chapter, and the Deputy Grand Matron. I was told allegations of fraud and misappropriation of monies had occurred. I talked with the District Deputy and the Deputy Grand Matron. The Deputy Grand Matron had also been told that she and other members had been accused of improprieties, but had no knowledge of who the accusations were being made by. Also, it was brought to my attention that the audits were not properly conducted, and no one had access to the P.O. Box. I sent the District Deputy to the chapter's stated meeting.

When she arrived she met with the current Secretary, Treasurer and Worthy Matron. The Secretary was very upset that the Worthy Matron had informed her that a member had accused her of fraud, and would not give her the name of the accuser. The District Deputy inquired about missing funds, and was told that the past Secretary and Treasurer kept immaculate books, and nothing was out of order. She inquired about audits for the past 3 years, and was told these were also in order. There was a question about the "feed the Masons fundraiser, and that receipts were not available. The Chapter's procedure was to collect money from the Masons in a can, and give money to whomever purchased the meat. The District Deputy suggested the Chapter have a committee that writes criteria for the incoming Worthy Matron.. She suggested the chapter might want to come up with a reimbursement procedure for the Chapter to approve, and then there should be no questions.

The Treasurer is a CPA and evidently has her own ideas of how the finances should be handled. The District Deputy went over the requirements for an audit of the books of the chapter based on the Eastern Star requirements.. While the audit of the books was completed and the books were found in order, I received a call from one of the members of the audit committee because the Worthy Matron had asked the Deputy Grand Matron to attend..

It is obvious that the Worthy Matron is getting advice from someone, who does not have the best interest of the Chapter at heart. Yet, no one either does not know. or is unwilling to volunteer the information. Evidently the P.O. Box problem has been solved. They are keeping the same Box and the keys are being retooled.

The stated meeting started on time, and at that time, the District Deputy noticed the Secretary was missing. She was told by the Worthy Matron, that the Secretary and her husband (sentinel) had resigned. During the meeting things went from bad to worse with members standing up and saying that members were saying things untrue about other members, people trying to run other people, and tearing up the Chapter. However, it was only accusations with no names. Finally the Worthy Patron stood up and said this was destructive for the Chapter and that we should try to get past this, and work for the good of the Chapter.

The District Deputy reminded them that our Worthy Grand Matron this year spoke frequently on our Obligation and the fact that we need to be kind to each other, and that we should try to solve our problems, and work for the good of OES. I have written a letter to the chapter regarding many of these issues and others. All of this will be turned over to the incoming Worthy Grand Matron. I believe that this will continue into her year.

**I have found** that we have two chapters that demised or consolidated and the Charters and other items have not yet been turned into the Grand Secretary's office. The District Deputies of these two Districts are working to attempt to get these turned in prior to Grand Chapter.

I was fortunate that the Deputies of Grand Chapter were able to handle most of the issues that came to fruition. I thank them for handling their jobs in such a professional and kind manner.

### **SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS**

Special dispensations were issued to all Chapters with no fee for all Joint Fraternal Visits held in conjunction with a school.

### **GRAND CHAPTER VAN**

Thank you to the membership of Texas for providing the Worthy Grand Matron with a vehicle to drive as she carries out her official schedule. Thank you to the Board of Directors for providing the team from the Board to pick out and purchase this vehicle and to ensure that the Worthy Grand Matron is provided with a credit card in order to put gas in the vehicle and to keep up its maintenance. It has been my pleasure and honor to be able to drive it this year in order to carry the paraphernalia we must carry to be sold, those who ride with us, and their luggage. We truly appreciate everything the membership does for us.

### **INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS (APPOINTED)**

First of all, thank you for accepting your position of responsibility. As an Appointed Grand Officer, you have fulfilled your important responsibility to me and to the members of Texas. One of the most exciting things that I got to do was to ask others to serve with me. It is with honor that I looked for deserving members to share this year with. The Order of the Eastern Star has so many talented members, each bringing their own uniqueness as they work for the good of the Order and each one of you was personally chosen by me. You each will always hold a special place in my heart for different reasons. I have loved serving with you as we served this great Order in Faith, Hope, and Love.

### **CORPORATE BOARD**

To Rick, Carolyn, Burley, Linda, Terri, Ellen, and Greta, I recognize the unique role the corporate board plays in promoting and advocating for our members. You have served as advisers, decision makers, problem solvers, and advocates during this year and for this, I thank you.

To Brother Burley, thank you for working with me in getting our outside consultant to work with us on a Strategic Business Plan. Please know that I wish you well. I know you all realize you were elected by the membership to represent their voice and vision for the Order. I wish you well as you continue to lead us into the future.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

It should be noted that you are volunteers who put in countless hours in meetings and in your individual assignments. Being a board member is a challenging role, an important role, to help lead our organization in the direction that the future is taking us. It's not every Worthy Grand Matron who can brag about her Board of Directors. I consider myself quite lucky on this account. It is my hope that our Strategic Business Plans Training will assist you in "Building Your Team: Making the Board one of Eastern Stars' Greatest Assets." By encouraging this diverse Board membership to set and achieve fundraising goals, manage our resources more creatively, utilizing the individual talents that each of you bring to the table, etc. we will move into the future and continue for decades to come. Thank you to each of you for your service to our beautiful Order.

### **BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS**

What a blessing you have been working with the membership in your Districts. This place of service is VERY rewarding to you. I know you have had many joys, made many new friends, and enjoyed renewing old friendships. I was very excited to get to work with each of you and traveling with you. It was a pleasure to get to know each of you better. I have memories that will last a lifetime.

### **GRAND CHAPTER SECRETARY AND OFFICE STAFF**

Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Grand Secretary, I sincerely thank you for being the best colleague I have had the pleasure to work with. I just want you to know how much I really appreciate everything you have done to make my year as Worthy Grand Matron successful! I sincerely thank the office staff for being so easy to work with, not only when I was your interim office boss before Dr. Ellen came, but also during my year as Worthy Grand Matron. I just want you to know how much I really appreciate everything you have done for me personally.

### **MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS**

The Order of the Eastern Star accomplishments do not occur by the hard work of any "one" member. It takes a whole team of dedicated members all over the state! For every member who has helped make this YEAR "perfect" and for all members around the state who made a commitment to work this year, THANK YOU!!! We all worked together and were a proud "TEAM" for OES in Texas.

## **TRAVELLING SECRETARY AND AT HOME SECRETARY**

To Elizabeth Grayson, my travelling secretary. What we had thought would be was interrupted by the breaking of your hip. You were missed so much, but please know as my BFF, no one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Thank you for lightening mine! To Beverly Plante, District Deputy, District 3. You called me and asked me if I knew who was going to be able to help me after Liz broke her hip. I immediately answered "you are hired". People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel, and you made me feel so special. You will be my friend forever. To Kathy Creel, my at home secretary, for a special friend, you are indeed a woman of wonder. Your super powers never ceased to amaze me. Your hard work, dedication, and winning attitude are truly heroic. Thank you for everything you have done for me!!

## **MY HUSBAND**

I want to thank my husband for allowing me to fly with my own wings. 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. Everyone has a past, but only a few lucky ones like me have life partners who help heal the wounds of yesterday and give wings for a happier tomorrow. Not a day goes by that I don't thank God for you, for your friendship, your faithfulness, your laughter, and your kindness. Thank you for being my voice of reason. My heart of the matter and my sounding board. Thank you for always helping me think clearly. For helping me always find the answer to my questions, and for giving me the courage to always try. You have always believed in me and my capabilities, and you never doubted just what I could do. Thank you for the love that you keep giving me, and I cannot wait to be home.

## **TO MY FAMILY**

To my family, whose love for me shines forth daily, 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**

To my parents, Roy and Frances Borders, who reside together in heaven, when I look back through all 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 hadn'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 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 counter-vailing 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 wasn'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 ADAH CHAPTER #49**

Dear Adah Chapter, that you for sharing Rick and Lou with me for the past two years. I love the goodness that is in your hearts and the desire you have to learn and grow and become even more and even better than you were yesterday. I love those of you I've gotten to know as we've communicated and those I'm getting to know. I love you as someone dedicated – no matter how imperfectly – to living a life of personal growth, of happiness and character. People who truly love the Order of the Eastern Star.

## **TO THE MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 1 AND THE SWANS**

I thank you for all the love and support you have given to me. Each one of you are very special to me. Thank you for all you do for our beautiful Order.

## **TO THE PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND 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 need, 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 SKIDD, WGP, AND SISTER LOU, GRAND ESTHER

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. I cherish the relationship we've established. I don't take it lightly or for granted. You have lent me something precious and special. You have lent me your time and your interest. I thank you for that.

I care about your life and your happiness. I wouldn't do what I do if I didn't. I care about you as a person. It means a lot to me.

### TO "MELISSA'S MELODIES"

For those of you 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 and this year of serving together was one of outstanding accomplishment. This was a wonderful year of dedication, and loving fellowship as we served side by side in our service to the subordinate Chapters and to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

### MUSIC

Music. What a curious thing! Isn't it incredible when all those clinks, clanks, hoots, toots, and la-di-das, come together into one heart-warming sound? There are tear-jerkers, foot-tappers, there's rock and roll, and arm-moving rappers. What a world of music there is out there, and although the realm of music is never-ending, one of the most important things about music in my opinion, is what it means to me. Considering I started piano lessons when I was 6 years old, and piano and singing are things I do regularly, music has become a big part of my life, and in many ways, it has changed who I am as a person. As a little girl I found practicing tedious, and I didn't understand why I couldn't just, "be good" at piano. I knew it was important, yet I wasn't as dedicated as I should have been. This bad habit, or lack of habit, continued until I couldn't be comfortably playing piano anymore. I began to realize not only how vital practicing was to success, but that it was a lot easier said than done, you had to do some work. Music has even given me a new view on life. In a way, the philosophy that it has given me is present many times in life. I've learned how nothing, including talent, can be a substitute for hard work and practice. I've learned to enjoy life and moments more from enjoying music, and music even helps me get through tough or blissful times. Even listening (and loudly singing) songs in the car from age 6 months to



the present, has been a fun way to be with my family and pass time on long trips. And oh, those 3-part harmonies. Music has helped me improve myself, and music has become of part of me, a part of who I am. Music means a lot to me, and I'm very grateful for it.

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 incorporated some of my favorite show tunes and ends with "The Music of the Night" from Phantom of the Opera. I really hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
2017-2018  
MR. RICHARD F. SKIDD**

**TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS**

Serving you, the Membership, has been a great honor for me. As I have traveled around the State you have made me feel welcomed and appreciated. I have said this many times during the year and I have meant it, "you are the Grand Chapter of Texas." We, the elected and appointed officers, are only there to represent you.

As I move from being the Worthy Grand Patron to a Past Grand Patron I look forward to working with the Membership to make the Grand Chapter of Texas a stronger organization as we continue to face the unknown challenges of the future.

**GRAND CHAPTER INSTALLATION**

The One Hundred Thirty-Sixth installation of Grand Officers was held on August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Woodlands Marriott. It was the beginning of the year of Faith, Hope and Love. It was an evening full of fond memories. Thank you to all who participated in making this evening so spectacular.

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, AMBASSADORS  
AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The membership of Texas is proud of its General Grand Chapter Officers, Ambassadors and Committee Members. It has been an honor to work alongside of you this past year.

Best wishes to Texas' Past Grand Patron Henry Martin as he prepares for his three-year tenure as the Most Worthy Grand Patron. May you enjoy your travels and meeting of the global Membership.

**PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS**

Thank you to the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons. Your kind advice and words of encouragement have helped me better perform my duties as the Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for all you do for the Grand Chapter of Texas and I look forward to joining your ranks.

During the year I had the pleasure of attending the hanging of Past Grand Patron George Gwaltney, 2014 – 2015, at Schertz Chapter. It was attended by many of Brother George's Grand Chapter Family and friends.

## **WORTHY GRAND MATRON MELISSA HUDMAN**

Sister Melissa, most of the male members only dream of someday becoming the Worthy Grand Patron, but you gave me the opportunity to fulfill that dream. Thank you. Thank you for asking me to walk down this road with you. Thank you for making Lou and me part of your family. Thank you for allowing us to be actively involved in the planning of our year. Thank you for allowing me to be me and not sitting me in the corner. It has been a wonderful year and Lou and I look forward to many more.

## **INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS**

It has been a privilege and an honor serving the membership with you this past year. I thank you for accepting your positions and forever being members of the Hudman/Skidd Grand Family. I also thank you for traveling with us during the year and for representing us at other functions we were unable to attend. You each will forever hold a special place in my heart.

## **GRAND ESTHER LOU SKIDD**

There are not enough words in the English Language that can express how I feel about you except I Love You. Since we first met you have always been supportive of dreams. Be it my military career, and all the time I had to spend away from home, my masonic goals of being Master of my Lodge or DDGM, or finally my Eastern Star dream of one day being Worthy Grand Patron. You have always been at my side and I can think of no one else I would have wanted to be there.

You are my wife, my friend, my sounding board, my greatest supporter and my soulmate. Thank you for being all those things for the last 32 years. I don't feel that I deserve you, but since you are here, I will love and cherish each and every day I have you by my side.

## **MY FAMILY**

To my kids. Since your mom and I have moved to Texas we have not had as much time together as your mom and I would have liked. But, we are still a very close family who appreciates all the time we do spend together. Although I am not either of your fathers, it has always made me glad inside to know you both consider me to be your daddy. Being a daddy means more than being a father. Anyone can be a father, but not everyone can be a daddy to their children.

I know I don't tell either of you enough of how proud I am of you for not only what you were, but for what you have become. Neither of you gave your mom and me very much grief when you were younger. And now that you have grown up, Jack, you have become a family man giving us two grandchildren as well as a funny daughter-in-law. Ann, you have become a professional woman working to achieve a goal you set for yourself when you were 11 years old.

Thank you both for all the joy you have brought to your mom and me and for accepting me as your dad.

### **ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS**

To our Grand Examiners. Thank you for working with the Membership on their secret work. Your dedication to their success is outstanding.

To our Board of Directors. Thank you for all you do to take care of the ladies in TMRC and manage our funds. Your service to the Membership and the Grand Chapter is greatly appreciated.

### **CORPORATE BOARD MEMBERS**

Thank you for working so well together. It was an honor to serve the Membership and the Grand Chapter with you.

### **DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS OF GRAND CHAPTER**

Although you are technically assigned to the Worthy Grand Matron, I consider each and every one of you to be my girl. Your hard work, and in many cases teamwork, resulted in outstanding schools. And the information imparted to the Membership was well received and appreciated over the dry and repetitive information of the past. Thank you all for what you did to make this year's school schedule such a success.

### **MELODIES AND JESTERS**

To the Chapter Worthy Matrons (Melodies) and Worthy Patrons (Jesters); thank you for leading your individual Chapters during the year. You accepted my challenge and worked to increase the membership of our Order.

### **ADAH CHAPTER 49**

Sisters, Brothers, friends and family. You have always supported Lou and me in our Eastern Star endeavors. During the past two years the task has been even more daunting, but you have stepped up to meet the

challenges. The banquet and fraternal visit you sponsored last September set the bar for the rest of the year. There is no way we will ever be able to thank you except to say we're returning to once again, be active members of the chapter.

### **SECRETARY, PAGES AND ESCORT**

They say behind every successful man is a strong woman. I would say that behind this successful Worthy Grand Patron is a strong team of Sisters and Brothers who worked very hard to keep me on track and out of trouble.

To my Secretary, Saundra Zipp. Thank you for keeping track of the gifts I received and sending out cards to the Membership.

To my Senior Page, Terry Miller. Thank you for agreeing to, once again, being a page to the Worthy Grand Patron. Your expertise as a page helped keep the other pages where they were supposed to be when they were supposed to be.

To my other Pages, Brian McKibbin, Gene Cannon, Boyd Kramer, Ron Gubrud and Tom Christopher. Thank you for agreeing to take this journey with me and for everything you have done and for what you are about to do. Brother Gene, good luck on your appointment as Grand Representative to Minnesota. Brother Tom, I had looked forward to having you as a member of the team, but you moved on to bigger things in heaven. You have been missed.

To my Escort, Dee Davis. Thank you for agreeing to walk by my side. My first Eastern Star appointment was as your Escort when you were Grand Electa and it was an honor having you as mine.

### **GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE STAFF**

Thanks to Ellen Pickrell and the ladies of the Grand Chapter office. You were always so cheerful and helpful whenever I called. Many are not aware of what you do for the Grand Chapter, the answered calls, the reports, the filing and the printing, just to name a few. Again, thank you for all you do.

### **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION**

During the year I was able to attend all the Schools of Instruction except one. This was due to a doctor's appointment I was unable to reschedule. It was amazing to see the different themes the Deputy Grand Matrons were able to come up with. And then the

decorations they were able to create to make those themes come alive. Thank you ladies for the outstanding work you did to plan and execute your schools.

Thank you also for the decorative quilt squares you presented me with. The story they will tell when sewn together, will always provide me with a memory of each of you. I look forward to seeing the final quilt when completed by sister Donna Noe.

### **FRATERNAL VISITS**

I was able to attend 30 of the 43 scheduled Fraternal Visits, not associated with the schools. The meals were always outstanding and the fellowship that followed was always warm and inviting. It was great to meet with the Membership, participate in their meetings and to bring them greetings. Thank you to all who worked to make these visits such a success.

### **SPECIAL HONORS AND GIFTS**

During the year I was honored to receive many Special Honors. Among them are City Proclamations, keys to two cities, numerous State Flags flown over the Capital in Austin and U.S. Flags, to include one flown in at face of the enemy ay Forward Operating Base AL-Taqaaddum, Al Anbar Province, Iraq. I was promoted to the rank of Admiral of the Texas Navy, made an Official Starlighter by the City of El Paso and initiated into the Pink Apron Lodge. Finally, I received enough Armadillos of various shapes and sizes to start a fez.

Thank you to everyone who went out of their way to obtain one of these special honors or gifts to present to me. They will all hold a special place in my heart.

### **HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

I wish to thank all the Chapters for the honorary memberships presented to me. These are special because your Chapter must vote to confer them. They will always have a special place in my heart.

### **GRAND LODGE**

The third week of January I attended the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of Texas. While there I attended the opening ceremonies as well as a banquet to honor the Most Worshipful Grand Master. I also accompanied the Worthy Grand Matron to the East as she brought greeting to those present.

## **CALIFORNIA CRUISE**

On April 29<sup>th</sup> we departed San Francisco on a seven-day cruise of Southern California (Long Beach, Santa Barbara and San Diego) as well as Ensenada, Mexico. We sailed with approximately 80 of our Sisters and Brothers onboard. A good time was had by all as we partook in various shore excursion, had two formal nights, ate great food, and just plain old fellowship.

While in San Francisco we had the opportunity to ride a cable car, after walking several blocks straight uphill, eat at Fisherman's Wharf and shop in China Town. We also paid a visit to Alcatraz. The amount of walking we completed equaled what we usually would have walked in a year.

## **OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

During the year we had the pleasure of attending the Grand Chapters of Arkansas (December 2017), Oklahoma (October 2017) and Louisiana (March 2018). We also attended the Four State Exchange in Oklahoma (September 2017).

## **CHAPTER DISCIPLINE**

During the year I had the occasion to visit two Chapters to discuss problems or remove their charter.

On September 9, 2017 I accompanied the Worthy Grand Matron to a Chapter that was voting to demise.. The Membership voted that night to surrender their charter and we were there to collect it.

On March 13, 2018 I made a visit to a Chapter. The purpose of this visit was to discuss with the Membership the fact that they had not had a Deputy Grand Matron visit in several years and that they were not holding their meeting in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Texas and the interpretations of the Worthy Grand Matron. They were given 90 days to decide if they wanted to demise, consolidate or conform.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

Thank you to the Sisters and Brothers who accepted positions on the Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron. Without your dedication to these committees the Grand Chapter would not be able to accomplish its benevolent work. Because of you the Worthy Grand Matron was able to fund all her special projects this year.

## **TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER**

During the year several visits were made to TMRC. Four of them were to attend Eastern Star sponsored programs (Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter), two of them were to attend stated meetings and one was to attend a tea to honor the Worthy Grand Matron.

### **FUNERALS**

During this year I have attended one funeral. That was for Frankie Heinzman form Schertz Chapter #911.

### **MUSIC**

I wish to thank Jerry Neuenschwander for putting together my music. I know the songs I gave you to work with did not flow together like they should, but you did an outstanding job with what you had to work with. Besides, it was never meant to be about the music, it was always meant to be about the cover.

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

I wish to give a special thanks to two ladies who provided support to make this year possible. First is Past Grand Matron Effie Mae Davis. Her words of advice and encouragement gave me the drive to get more involved in Eastern Star and thereby looked at as a viable candidate for the office of Worthy Grand Patron.

Next is Gay Carnes. Her special ability as an amateur photographic designer help on several occasions to create pictures that were nothing less than professional. This is especially evident in the creation of the cover of my march, a masterpiece that will go down in the annals of Texas Eastern Star history.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS JACKET**

Prior to the beginning of the year, sister Melissa asked me to create a way to inform the Membership of our special projects. A jacket, with a pin representing each of our projects, was developed to achieve this. After the second school the jacket became a means of collecting money for our Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. By the end of the year the jacket had collected \$9,250.00. Thanks to all of you who made contributions to this project. Special thanks goes out to Past Grand Patron Richard Ochs who was the first to wear the jacket and started the collection process in motion.



## **PRINCE HALL ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

At the request of the Worthy Grand Matron, an outline was submitted listing the steps necessary to achieve fraternal relations with the Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star. As explained to the Worthy Grand Matron, it took several years for the two Grand Lodges to reach the point where they currently are, and it could take the two Grand Chapters just as long.

### **CONCLUSION**

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas, and more especially the Membership, for 2017 – 2018. I look forward to many more years of service and working to make the Grand Chapter a stronger organization than it is today.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY  
ELLEN PICKRELL  
2017-2018**

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**

It has been a wonderful and productive year working with our Worthy Grand Matron, Melissa Hudman. She has taught us all many lessons in kindness and has been a true friend and mentor to me. I love and appreciate all she has done for our Order.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thank you to Carlotta Fairchild, 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 continues to strive to balance and organize 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. Konnie Harrell takes 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. This year our beloved member, Tava Smith, retired from our office. She is greatly missed and we wish her all the best. I love and appreciate the Grand Chapter office staff.

**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 2017 and will be filed in the same manner this year.

## HURRICANE HARVEY

What a wonderful outpouring of love we saw this year as donations came in for the Hurricane Disaster Fund. We collected over \$86,000. In round numbers, the income was as follows:

Other Grand Jurisdictions & Members	\$32,000
General Grand Chapter	\$25,000
Humanitarian Donations	\$16,300
WGP Jacket	\$ 9,250
T-Shirt Sales	\$ 3,600

We paid out over \$103,750 to individuals and chapters needing assistance. Thanks to our Board of Directors, we were able to use money from other sources to take care of our membership.

## MY PAGES

A special thank you to Mary Ann Davis and Jane Pyle. They have both been so faithful in helping in any way I ask. This year, I lost my very good friend and Page, Debora Boldin. She was such a blessing to our Grand Chapter office. She and Jerry faithfully came to the office every week to volunteer. We loved her and will miss her.

## TMRC

At present, we have four ladies at TMRC. 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. We have lost five of our sweet ladies this year. Wanda Brown, Laura Cummings, Nell Russell, Florence Lowry and Mary Finley will be missed.

## 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, many Schools of Instruction and Fraternal Visits, 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 Chairman of the Board of our Richardson Rainbow Assembly #291 and attended Grand Assembly in Waco.

## CHAPTERS REPORT

Below are the figures reported to Grand Chapter on the Annual Reports for 2017-2018 from the Subordinate Chapters:

**Chapter Consolidations from June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018**

<u>District</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Consolidating Chapter</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Receiving Chapter</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
4	2	Sour Lake #75	4	2	Kountze #724	11/16/17
4	3	Corrigan #631	4	3	Groveton #1035	12/5/17
1	7	Eustace #1062	1	7	Gun Barrel City #1114	12/7/17
2	6	Rule #989	2	6	Abilene #30	1/9/18

**Total Consolidated: 4**

**Chapters Demised from JUNE 1, 2017 to MAY 31, 2018**

<u>District</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Chapter Demised</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	4	Cisco #461	9/9/17
2	3	Hereford #312	2/18/18
2	8	Seminole #855	3/20/18

**Total Demised: 3**

**Total Chapters as of Grand Chapter:**

**294**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Total Membership Ending Grand Chapter 2017

23,371

MEMBERSHIP INCREASES:

Initiated \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliated

Transfers \_\_\_\_\_

Plurals \_\_\_\_\_

Demits \_\_\_\_\_

Reinstated \_\_\_\_\_

Total Increase \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP DECREASES:

Demitted \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Demits \_\_\_\_\_

Plural Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

Expelled \_\_\_\_\_

Transferred Out \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_

Lost in Consolidation \_\_\_\_\_

Total Decrease \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF GRAND CHAPTER 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

PLURAL MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

ACTUAL MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND DEMITS**  
**2017-2018**

**CISCO #461**

Ray Agnew  
Christy Bonnet  
Roland Bonnet  
Billie Ann Booth

Sandra Carr  
Carla Cozart  
Brenda Harrison  
Jamie Harrison

Larry E. Jensen  
Cyna D. Menzik  
Becky Robertson  
Charles Worsham

**HEREFORD #312**

Dallas Alford  
Sandra Alford  
Claudine Aven  
Truitt Bradly  
Carmela Brock  
Sarah R. Brown  
Janet A. Carter  
Mickey J. Carter  
Randy Cassetty  
Teresa Cassetty  
Betty Cavitt  
Wilma Clark  
Judy Cooper  
Linda Cumpton  
Clarissa Dallas  
Phyllis Daugherty  
Connie DeJesus  
John Elliff  
Nelda Elliff  
David Euler  
Jayne Euler  
Dan Eytcheson  
Sharon Eytcheson  
Phyllis Ferguson  
Judy Mae Fillpot  
Virginia Forbes  
Kanetha Foster  
Richard Foster  
Gary Freedman  
Jeanne Freedman  
Marge Garner  
Nila Beth Garner  
Gladys Gipson

Ruby Green  
Vickie Groneman  
Kelly Gustafson  
Joanne Hairgrove  
Ruby Hammonds  
Mary Harris  
Ed Hartley  
Charles Henderson  
Frankie Henson  
Linda Jackson  
Ann Kelley  
Emma Jean King  
Jessie Kinsey  
Marion Kinsey  
Bertha Kinsinger  
Larry Knowles  
Linda Knowles  
Janiece Kuhran  
Dawn Larson  
Michael Larson  
Shawn Larson  
Rubie Lee  
Arrelene Lorenzo  
Ruby Love  
Sherry Lovett  
Barbara Lust  
Glenn Lust  
Beverly Martiniano  
Olive Massie  
Sarah Miller  
Alice Moore  
Betty O'Connor  
Margie Owens

Coralie Partridge  
Sharolyn Perry  
Eulaine Phillips  
Annell Piekieniak  
Carolyn Pilgrim  
Connie Powell  
Lucille Preston  
Seva Quinlan  
Tiffany Reid  
Ellen Rodgers  
Mary Ellen Ross  
Richard Ross  
Ella Mae Sandefer  
Suzan Schriber  
Linda Smart  
Wannie Stevens  
Brenda Stewart  
Joanne Stewart  
Cynthia Struen  
Virginia Sumner  
Norma Thompson  
Becky Thron  
Truman Thurston  
Beverly Tibbets  
Frances Waldrip  
Thelma Watkins  
H. Wayne White  
Karen White  
Sharon Winfrey  
Rudene Wise  
W.W. Wise  
Loretta Woodard

**GRAND DEMITS**

**2017-2018**

**(CONTINUED)**

**SEMINOLE #855**

Sue Anderson  
Sharon Apple  
Wayne Apple  
Nell Brian  
JoAnn Bridges  
Keith Clements  
Kay Dawson  
Bonnie Ericson

Regina Garrett  
Elizabeth Hatfield  
Sandra Holt  
David Lozano  
Linda Norris  
Carolyn Novak  
C.F. Payne  
Marilyn Reinert

Kathy Smiley  
Darrell Smith  
Mary Jo St. Romain  
Faye Starkey  
Shirley Strickland  
Lynn Switzer

**BELLE MOON #90**

Jimmy Anderson  
Nita Anderson  
Verna Beasley  
Kay Bishop  
Betty Boone  
Kent Clement  
Sarah Clure  
Frances Covington  
Evea Rae Craddock  
Dorotha David  
Mildred Davis

Vernon Davis  
Dorothea Doyle  
Eva Followill  
James Grisham  
Sandra Grisham  
Yvonne Harpole  
Diane Henry  
Eula Mae Johnson  
Marie Jones  
Louise Miles  
Helen Muller

Jimmie Muller  
Thelma Porter  
Patricia Robertson  
Flora Mae Smith  
Bill Sullivan  
Woody Thomas  
Arlene Trammell  
Larry Trammell  
Ruth Tuggle  
Jennifer Wood

**BELLAIRE #1021**

Irene Allen  
Andres Alvarez  
Irma Alvarez  
Kimberly Barker  
Raymond Beyer  
Burnette Boyett  
Utah Brady  
Cecil Caldwell  
Myrna Calhoun  
Billie Davison  
Sheila Dennis  
Karen Douglass  
Beverly Jo Dowd  
Judith Ann Ewing  
Frances Foger  
DeEtta Folse  
Donna Fuller  
Barbara Groves  
Marilyn Hampton

Erin Hanley  
Loretta Hawkins  
Marti Herring  
Richard Herring  
Jennie Horton  
Rebecca Inthirath  
Betty Jenson  
Leland Jenson  
Brannon Jones  
Mary Keeling  
June Keller  
Phyllis Kirkland  
Margaret Knigge  
Anita Kudle  
Patricia MacInerney  
George McMahan  
Gayle Miller  
Lenore Miller  
Patricia Miner

Thad Miner  
Donald Moore  
Joan Moore  
Joseph Morgan  
Theo Peebles  
Irma Pennington  
Gaye Platt  
Yvonne Ray  
Hunter Schappaugh  
Anne Scruggs  
Melinda Sims  
Betty Smith  
Olga Sonich  
Ann Stone  
Maureen Tucker  
Jennifer Voss  
Ruth Widerstrom  
Sally Yingling  
David Szahr

**SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS 2017-2018**

**LATE INSTALLATION**

Seabrook #1096  
Normangee #87  
Newbern #1135  
Pleasanton #133  
Garrison #192  
Brookshire #652  
Pilot Point #1025  
Bellmead #980  
Richland Hills #1040  
Gun Barrel City #1114  
Seguin #555  
Arlington #249  
Whitewright #939

**LATE ELECTION ALL**

Eastland #280  
Woodville #462

**LATE ELECTION WORTHY  
PATRON**

Amarillo #787  
Blum #931  
Alamo Heights #734  
Rockport #479  
Montgomery #228

**LATE ELECTION ASSOCIATE  
MATRON**

Lean Elliott #1119

**LATE ELECTION ASSOCIATE  
PATRON**

Pearland #1065  
Castleberry #1028  
Montgomery #229

**LATE ELECTION SECRETARY**

Pearland #1065  
Daingerfield #906  
Prospect Hills #817  
Big Spring #67  
Blum #931  
Center #348

**LATE ELECTION TREASURER**

Prospect Hill #817  
Gun Barrel City #1114  
Pittsburg #381  
Big Spring #67  
Alice #61  
Center #348

**LATE ELECTION  
CONDUCTRESS**

Gainesville #1123  
Henderson #597  
Kerrville #24  
Shepherd #1003

**LATE ELECTION ASSOCIATE  
CONDUCTRESS**

Gun Barrel City 31114  
Sugar Land #1107  
Center #348  
Adah #49  
N. Fort Worth #684  
Loyal #648  
Trinity #186  
Andral Vann #741  
Castleberry #1028  
Aldine #1088  
Winnsboro #967  
Amistad #1115

**WAIVE DISABILITY**

Crescent #820  
Blanco #934  
Buna #968  
Granbury #530  
McLennan #639  
Throckmorton #500

**CHANGE DATE**

Houston/Ransford #135

**WAIVE VISITATION**

Loyal #648  
Timpson #1144



**SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS 2017-2018 (Continued)**

**MOVE MEETING PLACE**

Andral Vann #741  
Cisco #461  
Santo #270  
West Columbia #705  
Aransas Pass #162  
Huffman #1112  
Goose Creek #798  
Nacogdoches #428  
N. Fort Worth #684  
Woodbine #738  
Springtown #498  
Wallace Hughston #1100  
Cleveland #465  
Beckville #273  
Evadale #1111  
Schertz #911  
Travis #472  
Huffman #1112  
Saint Jo #17  
Winnie #160  
Huffman #1112  
Johnson City #376

Bluebell #856  
Graham #668  
TMRC Daylight #1145  
Mabank #821  
Cypress #1102  
Adah #49  
Alamo Heights #734  
Austin #304  
Canyon Lake #1103  
Handley #617  
Gatesville #1005  
Killeen #490  
Belton #589  
Del Rio #204  
Rockport #479  
Hadassah #188  
Aldine #1088  
Poteet #913  
Burke #1098

**TRAVELING CHARTER**

Jasper #291

**LOST SECRET WORK**

Burnet #425  
Lexington #996  
Austin #304  
Border #211  
Bastrop #64  
Jacksboro #390  
Normangee #87  
New Caney #1093  
Bastrop #64  
Edwin J. Kiest #959  
Klein #1141  
Cedar Bayou #11  
Weatherford #21  
Amarillo #787  
Royse City #642  
Woodbine #738  
Pilot Point #1025  
LaMarque #979  
Canton #667

## 50 YEAR MEMBERS

### PARIS #5

Mary Ramsey 10/26/17

### SAN ANGELO #10

Ouida Jackson 6/21/18

### KERRVILLE #24

Ruth Steele 6/23/18

### ABILENE #30

James A. Smith 4/16/18

Christine Barnes 4/16/18

### VASHTI #32

Rexora Towne 2/28/18

### KENEDY #36

Myra Patton 5/1/18

### SMITHVILLE #39

Priscilla Parons 6/29/18

### ADAH #49

Trudie Alsbury 8/30/17

Mary Davis Brogan 5/22/18

### ALICE #61

Deanna Stewart 12/22/17

### BASTROP #64

Jeanne May 4/14/18

### LUBBOCK #76

Judith Robnett 1/8/18

Joyce Branham 1/8/18

Finus Branham 1/8/18

Bo Ledinski 1/8/18

### GARLAND #156

Ada Weaver 1/10/18

Dorothy Alford 1/10/18

Marlin Alford 1/10/18

### VIOLET #158

Mary Bales 12/19/17

Carolyn Sue Lattier 5/30/18

Sherry Vick 5/30/18

### ATHENS #177

Carra Trammell 4/1/18

Doyle Trammell 4/1/18

### CARPENTERS #183

Linda Nash 3/1/18

### MADISONVILLE #193

Jo Ann Jones 7/1/18

Peggy Osborne 7/1/18

### LOCKHART #210

Eugene Rhemann 2/1/18

Charlotte Hodnett 2/1/18

### GRAND PRAIRIE #219

Anita Wheeler 1/29/18

Edna Sue Minyard 1/29/18

Angela Glessner 1/29/18

LaJuan Duncan 1/29/18

Jane Braswell 1/29/18

### VELASCO #220

Annette Cook 2/21/18

### NEWTON #224

Billie June Dees 12/28/17

Erma Jo Alvis 12/28/17

Kaye Stanton 12/28/17

### SULPHUR BLUFF #246

Vivian Monzingo 11/15/17

### ARLINGTON #249

Marjorie Rosebrook 5/14/18

Freda Porter 5/14/18

Lisa Nystedt 5/14/18

### MIDLAND #253

Henry Freund 5/22/18

Mary Sandberg 5/22/18

### HOUSTON HEIGHTS #258

Shirley Collins 4/7/18

Marjorie Jaridly 4/8/18

Linda Sue Martin 4/8/18

### SANTO #270

Retha Prichard 9/7/17

### BECKVILLE #273

Wanda Hollingsworth 1/2/18

Judy Ann Carpenter 4/5/18

### BROCK #274

Martha Pritchard 10/18/17

Thomas Pritchard 10/18/17

### SILSBEE #298

D.L. Haley 10/2/17

### FRANKLIN #311

Elizabeth Wallace 12/1/17

### NASH #320

Jerry Kirby 6/1/18

### GRAPEVINE #326

Donnis Whitmire 2/22/18

### CENTER #348

Pamela Frazier 3/3/18

### TEMPLAR #374

Virginia Norman 3/21/18

## 50 YEAR MEMBERS, CONTINUED

### **JACKSONVILLE #377**

Belinda Still 4/2/18

### **LUFKIN #382**

Peggy Beddingfield 5/3/18

### **PALESTINE #395**

Shirley Wedgworth 8/30/17

Billie Ann Coleman 8/30/17

### **GONZALES #403**

Christina Menking 6/7/18

Nila Poe Ehrig 6/7/18

Barbara Brandon 6/7/18

### **HONDO #404**

Dianne Brown 6/4/18

JoBeth Warren 6/4/18

### **ODESSA #447**

Faye Pool 2/26/18

### **EDINBURG #473**

Jack Trammell 11/25/17

Dorthea Cope 2/1/18

### **CROCKETT #509**

Franklin Ashley 8/30/17

### **DECATUR #543**

Delora Gilbreath 8/30/17

### **SEGUIN #555**

Brita Northcutt 8/30/17

### **HENDERSON #597**

Quida Jho Bristow 4/24/18

### **JEFFERSON #627**

Junell Nichols 9/6/17

### **MCLENNAN #639**

Wanda Kay Buckles 4/2/18

Joyce Hopkins 4/2/18

Beatrice Smith 4/2/18

### **HARLINGEN #641**

June Long 9/28/18

### **BANDERA #643**

Martha Jane Rose 1/31/18

### **LOYAL #648**

Elizabeth Grayson 9/26/17

Alice Ann Parsons 9/26/17

### **LAPORTE #683**

Mary Barnes 8/30/17

### **NORTH FORT WORTH #684**

Joyce Williams 10/11/17

Albert DeLeon 4/19/18

Karen Dansbee 4/19/18

Hidred Hayes 4/19/18

Jean Lindsay 4/30/18

### **FARMERS BRANCH #687**

Judy McMullen 4/5/18

Doris Jean Farr 4/5/18

Sandra Elliott 6/7/18

Karen Ostrom 6/7/18

### **NEW BOSTON #700**

Pauline Rumbo 7/30/18

### **PASADENA #711**

Irby White 12/1/17

### **FAITH #713**

Pearl Pate 8/30/17

Marlene Campbell 4/16/18

Shirley Cox 4/16/18

Audre Hucks 4/16/18

### **KOUNTZE #724**

Dorothy Hodnett 1/29/18

### **PARK PLACE #731**

Barbara Harkrider 5/14/17

Marcus Gay 1/16/18

Mary Ruth Boone 9/6/16

### **ALAMO HEIGHTS #734**

Margaret Hubbard 11/2/17

### **WOODBINE #738**

Curtis Webb 5/23/18

Olivia Snow 5/23/18

Patricia Alden 5/23/18

### **HARLANDALE #750**

Glenda Morris 3/1/18

Patricia Reynolds 5/11/18

Sandra Creech 3/1/18

Elizabeth McLeod 3/1/18

Sheryl Wylie 3/1/18

Sylvia Garcia 3/1/18

Lynda Frith 3/1/18

Annette Uzzell 3/1/18

Elorine Myers 3/1/18

Corinne Pope 3/1/18

## 50 YEAR MEMBERS, CONTINUED

### **NEW BRAUNFELS #771**

Doris Jean Hester 3/28/18  
Jacqueline Cannon 3/28/18  
Barbara Jean Long 3/28/18  
Kathryn Welch 3/28/18  
Doris Davis 3/28/18

### **AMARILLO #787**

Anna Martin Wright 3/29/18

### **CRESCENT #820**

Lisa Nystedt 5/10/18

### **DRIPPING SPRINGS #860**

Sherry Haydon 12/28/17  
Mary Cody 2/15/18

### **MESQUITE #887**

Harold Ray Jones 10/10/17  
Billie Mokszycki 10/10/17

### **SCHERTZ #911**

Phyllis Jameson 9/13/17  
Harry Jameson, Sr. 11/6/17  
Lois Duncan 12/13/17

### **POTEET #913**

Barbara Franklin 4/12/18

### **ROSEWYN #927**

Mary Campbell 9/27/17  
Linda Sullivan 9/27/17

### **LANCASTER #943**

Cheryl McGee 12/12/17

### **MIKE THOMAS/OAK CLIFF #951**

Leroy Moffeit 3/7/18  
Glenda Moffeit 3/7/18  
David Tindle 3/7/18

### **GROVES PORT ARTHUR #953**

Carrie McCullough 9/26/16

### **WINNSBORO #967**

Anita Thompson 6/16/18

### **BUNA #968**

Betty Huff 10/13/17

### **CALDWELL #976**

Frances Price 3/27/18  
Carol Barr 3/27/18

### **MARY MARTHA #981**

Vera Acrey 1/25/18  
Jeanette Oliver 1/25/18  
Judy Hapes 1/25/18

### **RIDGLEA #999**

Odessa Smith 10/5/17

### **GATESVILLE #1005**

Boots Watson 1/6/18  
Glenda Williams 1/6/18  
Dorothy Barrington 1/6/18  
Sherry Hopson 1/6/18

### **BELLAIRE #1021**

Lenora Miller 8/30/17

### **WAELDER #1023**

JoAnn Keck 1/5/18

### **SANGER #1027**

Wanda DeBorde 3/22/18

### **CASTLEBERRY #1028**

Judy Shahan 5/24/18  
Sandra Gough 5/31/18

### **GROVETON #1035**

Elizabeth Holcombe 6/6/18

### **WALLER #1047**

Joyce Jolly 9/29/17  
Marietta Phillips 9/29/17

### **PEARLAND #1065**

Sonja Trotter 4/12/18

### **ROY STANLEY #1086**

Georgia Wood 2/22/18

### **PINE TREE #1090**

Janet Orms 3/22/18  
Martha Baker 3/22/18

### **NEW CANEY #1093**

Charlie Ipes 9/13/17  
Dorothy Boucher 9/13/17  
Janice Taylor 6/27/18

### **ARCHIVES #1095**

Frederick Johnson 12/1/17  
Katrina Foster 2/26/18

### **LAKE WORTH #1109**

Mary Shelton 6/14/18

### **LEAH ELLIOTT #1119**

June Whitaker 4/30/18  
Glenn Whitaker 4/30/18

### **PRINCETON #1126**

Bonnie Combest 3/2/18

This year has been a fantastic experience for me serving the Grand Chapter of Texas, meeting the membership across the state, and each event I attended was a reunion with longtime Star friends. Here is a compilation of my activities: Attended 78 chapter meetings, Fraternal Visits, banquets, schools of instruction, and fundraisers. Worked scheduled office hours in the Grand Secretary's Office in Arlington on Wednesdays of each week. Attended monthly BOD meetings and scheduled Corporate Board meetings. Participated in Masonic Family Day, Sunshine Assembly Rainbow Girls where I am now a Past Mother Advisor, and represented Grand Chapter at Grand Lodge in Waco. Also visited the International Headquarters in Washington, DC, on three occasions; providing technical assistance to the General Grand Chapter Office whenever needed. From August 23, 2017 to March 28, 2018, I have traveled 10,000 miles inside of Texas alone. A special thank you to my Personal Pages and Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1 who shared these Road Trips with me. We had SO MUCH FUN!

For your information and consideration, I have prepared a summary of Grand Chapter's Financial status for September 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. Detailed Accounting of all Funds are on file in the Grand Secretary's Office for use in the annual audit of the books and records of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report of the Grand Treasurer, as printed in the Advance Report and presented at this Grand Chapter, be referred to the proper Committee.

Greta Bane Spradling  
Grand Treasurer

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
136<sup>TH</sup> GRAND CHAPTER SESSION  
AUGUST 2018  
IRVING, TEXAS**

It has been my honor this year to serve with an extraordinary group of Eastern Star members, YOUR Board of Directors. Each Board member brings a special trait to the table and when these traits are all put together much is accomplished.

Special thanks are given to our Appointed Secretary of the Board of Directors, Sister Janet Travers. Sister Janet does an excellent job of taking notes at our monthly meetings and translating them into the Minutes. The Board greatly appreciates your diligence and time spent in performing this task.

The Board also appreciates the attendance of our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer at all of our monthly meetings. Thank you for researching and answering any and all questions that may arise.

The first order of business came after the elections at our Grand Chapter Session in The Woodlands. A new Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary were elected. Welcomed onto the Board were Cindy Echols-District Two and Darrell Albrecht-District Three. Throughout the Grand Chapter year our regular meetings were held at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington with the exception of the September meeting which was held at the School of Instruction in Fort Worth.

Detailed reports of the financial affairs of Grand Chapter will be presented by the other Board members.

The month of August ended with Hurricane Harvey wreaking havoc on the coastal areas of our great state, mainly the Rockport and Houston areas, resulting in many requests for Benevolent Aid. With the assistance of General Grand Chapter, other states and our own Chapters many requests were approved.

Contracts for service for the upcoming 2020 and 2021 Grand Chapter Sessions were reviewed and approved. The Board

also assisted the Associate Grand Matron with her budget and supported the Education Committee with their Scholarship Program.

JP Morgan Chase presents quarterly reports to the Board and works diligently to keep our financial affairs working to the highest capability.

Ratliff & Associates reported on the Grand Chapter year of 2016-2017.

This year the Grand Secretary's Office was able to print dues cards for all of the Chapters for the 2018-2019 year, thus alleviating the Chapter Secretaries of that duty. Information was pulled from the Chapter Secretary Interface which is being used by many Chapter Secretaries.

Revenue from the Amazon Smile Program has increased as the membership becomes more and more aware of this rewarding program.

The membership has also begun subscribing to the online version of the Official Bulletin more frequently and Chapter Secretaries are making use of the Bulletin being found on the Chapter Secretary Interface.

Currently, there are five ladies under our responsibility at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. They are receiving excellent care.

To the membership of Texas, this Board has worked hard this year to fulfill our duties of being responsible for the financial affairs of this great state. We hope that we have not disappointed you.

To the General Grand Chapter Family, our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members and all who attended our Board meetings thank you for your interest in the financial affairs of Grand Chapter.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Melissa Hudman and our Worthy Grand Patron, Rick Skidd thank you for your assistance and guidance and for your attendance at our Board meetings when your schedule permitted.

To the other nine Board members, thank you for your confidence and support in allowing me to serve as Chairman this year. Trust me, this is not a job to be done without much assistance from all!

Carlotta Fairchild  
Board of Directors-Chairman

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 136th Session  
to be held in Irving, Texas  
August 17-19, 2018

Constitutional Amendments require a favorable vote at two consecutive Grand Chapter Sessions prior to becoming law.

Code of Laws Amendments receiving a favorable vote at a Grand Chapter Session become law at the close of that Grand Chapter Session.



**AMENDMENT #1  
TO THE CONSTITUTION**

**PAGE 47: CONSTITUTION; ARTICLE XIII, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 6.  
SERVING OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES PROHIBITED.**

**WHEREAS** the costs to attend Grand Chapter continues to rise making it very difficult for members to attend and,

**WHEREAS** the food costs at Grand Chapter, round-ups, multi-state exchanges, etc. continues to rise resulting in increased costs to attend those functions and,

**WHEREAS** entertainment and social events should be appropriate to preserve the dignity of the Order and,

**WHEREAS** the serving of alcoholic beverages at said functions could generate revenues to help offset the costs of Grand Chapter banquets and other social functions,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

**SECTION 6. SERVING OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS PROHIBITED.**

Intoxicating liquors shall never be served at a meeting, banquet or other Entertainment or affair held or given by the Grand Chapter, or a Subordinate Chapter, or in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

**SECTION 6. SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**Alcoholic beverages may be served, by the holder of an appropriate alcoholic beverage license or permit, at Grand Chapter banquets, round-ups, multi-state exchanges, etc. in order to generate revenues and offset food and beverage expenses.**

**Alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed at any other entertainment or activity sponsored by a Subordinate Chapter or in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star.**

**Alcoholic beverages shall not be served or consumed at any meeting or activity in a Lodge or on Lodge property.**

**NOTE: If the Grand Chapter adopts this amendment, the corresponding ARTICLE 273; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 273, SERVING OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES PROHIBITED on page 185 shall also be amended.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carlotta Fairchild  
Darrell Albrecht  
James Parker  
Land  
Phyllis Wilson

Cindy Echols  
Barbara Martin  
Robert Royall, Jr.

Ray Hargis  
Debi Fincher  
Deborah

**AMENDMENT #2  
TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

**PAGE 67: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 4, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS; E. GRAND SECRETARY; ARTICLE 60. CORRESPONDENCE**

**WHEREAS** the Office of the Grand Secretary provides a monthly free copy of the Official Bulletin to each Subordinate Chapter under the Grand Chapter of Texas and, **WHEREAS** the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas does not require such a distribution and, **WHEREAS** the costs of printing, postage, and handling associated with mailing a printed copy of the Official Bulletin to each Subordinate Chapter each month is an added expense to the General Fund and, **WHEREAS** the Grand Secretary has at her/his disposal the ability to distribute to each Subordinate Chapter Secretary, via the Secretary Database Interface, items that need to be Read In Open Chapter,  
We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:  
ARTICLE 60. CORRESPONDENCE

a. She shall, under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, or the Grand Chapter, conduct all correspondence of the Grand Chapter. She shall issue, under such direction, all circulars, memorials, invitations programs and notices of special meetings intended for distribution, and shall mail a copy of such to each Chapter, Grand Officer, Board Member, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction.

BE AMENDED TO READ:  
ARTICLE 60. CORRESPONDENCE

a. She shall, under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, or the Grand Chapter, conduct all correspondence of the Grand Chapter. With the exception of printed copies of the Official Bulletin, she shall issue, under such direction, all circulars, memorials, invitations, programs and notices of special meetings intended for distribution and shall mail a copy of such to each Subordinate Chapter, Grand Officer, Board Member, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction.

b. NO CHANGE

c. She shall make available to each Subordinate Chapter Secretary, via the Chapter Secretary Interface, an electronic copy of the Official Bulletin along with the items that need to be Read In Open Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlotta Fairchild  
Darrell Albrecht  
James Parker  
Phyllis Wilson

Cindy Echols  
Barbara Martin  
Robert Royall, Jr.

Ray Hargis  
Debi Fincher  
Deborah Land

**AMENDMENT #3  
TO THE CONSTITUTION**

**Amendment to Constitution, Article XIII, Section 7**

WHEREAS, at the 135th Session of Grand Chapter in the Woodlands, Texas, a directive was given to the Subordinate Chapters that the "Official Bulletin" of Grand Chapter would no longer be provided to the chapters in printed form but electronically only; and

WHEREAS, the membership of Grand Chapter was given the opportunity to vote on this matter; and voted overwhelmingly to continue to be provided a printed form rather than electronic; and

WHEREAS, "items to be read in open chapter" are required by Grand Chapter that the chapter read; and

WHEREAS, this is the only official communication that the WGM has with the membership; and

WHEREAS, the Ritual on Page 33 states the duties of each chapter secretary are to conduct the correspondence and yet many of our subordinate chapter secretaries do not have a computer in addition to the added expense of printing out the electronic copy; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Laws states the items to be placed in the bulletin such as resumes for candidates and invitations to special events; and

WHEREAS, each subordinate chapter does not receive any benefits from Grand Chapter for their required per capita; the undersigned submits the following Amendment to the Constitution, Article XIII, Section 7 on page 47 which now reads:

PUBLICATION. The Official publication of the Grand Chapter shall be designated: "OFFICIAL BULLETIN, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star," and shall be published through the office of the Grand Secretary.

Be amended to read:

PUBLICATION. The Official publication of the Grand Chapter shall be designated: "OFFICIAL BULLETIN, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star," shall be published through the office of the Grand Secretary, **and a printed copy be provided for each subordinate chapter in Texas.**

Respectfully submitted:

Rosemary Berry  
Robert Brownfield  
Yvonne Brownfield

Nelson Campbell  
Karen Morgenthaller

Ed Warner  
Jerre Lucas

**AMENDMENT #4  
TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

**PAGE 56: CODE OF LAWS, DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 17, Appoint Committees**

WHEREAS, at the 2015 General Grand Chapter 48<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly, an Amendment was passed to establish Service Dogs as the primary and permanent identifying charity of the Order of the Eastern Star;

WHEREAS, with the creation of a Service Dogs Committee the general public can readily understand, appreciate, and support;

WHEREAS, with the public associating the Order of the Eastern Star with Service Dogs is much like the Shriners being associated with the Shrine Hospitals;

WHEREAS, by being able to better answer the question, "What does Eastern Star do?" could increase media coverage, outside contributions, and membership.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, present the following legislation for consideration.

**Add new Subsection as follows:**

Article 17, w. Service Dogs Committee. It shall be composed of six or more members, one from each District as a District Chairman and a General Chairman, with as many members as necessary for a term of one (1) year. Members may be reappointed.

(Note: by adding this subsection it would then be necessary to renumber subsections w to x and x to y.)

Respectfully submitted,

Henry S. Martin  
Rick Skidd  
Ed Warner  
Ann Wyatt  
Phyllis Macon  
Cindy Brisko  
Kathy Paschal  
Jane Pyle  
Max Perry  
Gail Cartwright  
Beverly Plante  
Linda Turner  
Floyd Green  
Donna Kelley  
Carla Stringer  
Alys Newsom  
Darlene Klonaris  
Kay Gilmore

Melissa Hudman  
Carolyn Martin  
Bill Wyatt  
Opal Martin  
Jane Clabaugh  
Tom Brisko  
Judith Mathison  
Lewis Mathison  
Leah Sisk  
Mary Choate  
Gerald Peck  
Emily Biddler  
Ellen Pickrell  
James Turner  
Susan Dormady  
Linda Puckett  
James Beasley  
Joe Gilmore

Jimmie Lee McMahon  
William Clabaugh  
Cheryl Albrecht  
Jerre Lucas  
Liz Cherry  
Patty Russell  
Carolyn Bitner-Collins  
Jane Perry  
James Cartwright  
Pat Garcia  
Mike Biddler  
Sandra Perdue  
Elizabeth Grayson  
Richard Hudman  
Mary Harvey  
John Puckett  
Jean Vestal

**Amendment #5  
TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

**Page 107, Code of Laws, Division IV, Chapter 10, Article 152-G, Educational Fund Committee**

**Whereas** the Ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star states that eligibility for membership includes family relationships up to and including second cousins, and

**Whereas** many of Texas members are aging and have nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, great nieces and great nephews who are now in need of financial assistance, and

**Whereas** the State of Texas considers the successful completion of a home school education to be equivalent to graduation from a public high school, therefore an institution of higher education in Texas must treat a home school graduate to the same general standards, including specific standardized testing score requirements, as other applicants for undergraduate admission who have graduated from a public high school, and Private Schools are held to the same standards, and

**Whereas** many families have chosen to have those children needing financial assistance educated in the home or in schools not associated with the Texas Public School System for safety and religious purposes,  
We propose the following amendments to:

Article 152-G: The Educational Fund Committee shall perform the following, to wit:  
(no changes)

(which now reads) This fund shall be for the purpose of awarding funds for education to members of the Order in good standing in a Texas Chapter in the form of scholarships to spouses, children, grandchildren and orphans of Eastern Star members who are/were in good standing in a Texas Chapter, so that said members or their spouses, children, grandchildren and orphans may acquire additional education after graduation from a public high school in Texas. Only one scholarship will be given to any one person for any one year.

**(be amended to read)**

This fund shall be good for the purpose of awarding funds for education to members of the Order in good standing in a Texas Chapter in the form of scholarships and to spouses, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, great-nieces, great-nephews or orphans who are/were in good standing in a Texas Chapter, so that said members or their spouses, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and orphans may acquire additional education after receiving a High School Diploma as accredited by the State of Texas. Only one scholarship will be given to any one person for any one year.

(no change)

(no change)

(no change)

(no change)

(no change)

## AMENDMENT #5 (CONTINUED)

**(which now reads)** The scholarship shall be given (unless designated otherwise by a trust fund or last will and testament) only to members, spouses, children, grandchildren, and orphans of members whose legal residence is/was in Texas

**(be amended to read) 3.**

The scholarship shall be given (unless designated otherwise by a trust fund or last will and testament) only to members, spouses, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, great-nieces, great-nephews and orphans of members whose legal residence is/was in Texas.

(no change)

(no change)

(no change)

(no change)

(no change)

(no change)

(no change)

Respectfully Submitted:

Darlene Klonaris  
Jean Vestal  
Alys Newsom

Kimberly Webb  
Wanda Crouch

Dallas Ayres  
Ruth Clifton

**AMENDMENT #6  
TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

**PAGE 115: CODE OF LAWS, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 152, Standing Committees of Grand Chapter**

Therefore, we, the undersigned, present the following legislation for consideration.

**Add new Subsection as follows:**

Article 152, w. Service Dogs Committee. It shall be composed of six or more members, one from each District as a District Chairman and a General Chairman, with as many members as necessary for a term of one (1) year. Members may be reappointed. Members to be knowledgeable, informative, and well-spoken regarding service dogs.

The Service Dogs Committee, under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, shall promote and encourage support of the widespread recognition of our primary and permanent identifying charity. The General Chairman of this committee shall give an annual report at the Grand Chapter Session.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rick Skidd  
Ed Warner  
Ann Wyatt  
Phyllis Macon  
Cindy Brisko  
Kathy Paschal  
Jane Pyle  
Max Perry  
Gail Cartwright  
Beverly Plante  
Linda Turner  
Floyd Green  
Donna Kelley  
Carla Stringer  
Alys Newsom  
Darlene Klonaris  
Kay Gilmore

Melissa Hudman  
Carolyn Martin  
Bill Wyatt  
Opal Martin  
Jane Clabaugh  
Tom Brisko  
Judith Mathison  
Lewis Mathison  
Leah Sisk  
Mary Choate  
Gerald Peck  
Emily Biddler  
Ellen Pickrell  
James Turner  
Susan Dormady  
Linda Puckett  
James Beasley  
Joe Gilmore

Jimmie Lee McMahon  
William Clabaugh  
Cheryl Albrecht  
Jerre Lucas  
Liz Cherry  
Patty Russell  
Carolyn Bitner-Collins  
Jane Perry  
James Cartwright  
Pat Garcia  
Mike Biddler  
Sandra Perdue  
Elizabeth Grayson  
Richard Hudman  
Mary Harvey  
John Puckett  
Jean Vestal

**AMENDMENT #7  
TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

**PAGE 120: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION V; CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 159,  
REVENUES**

**WHEREAS** the Code of Laws (page 37, SECTION 4. DUTIES) states that the Board of Directors shall supervise all the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter and,

**WHEREAS** the Grand Chapter shall make appropriations as needs may demand and the condition of the Benevolent Fund will permit and,

**WHEREAS** the demands for Benevolent Aid by members continues to increase and,

**WHEREAS** the 2018-2019 anticipated demands for Benevolent Aid will exceed the estimated income and,

**WHEREAS** additional funding is needed to provide limited care for deserving and needy members of Subordinate Chapters and,

**WHEREAS** an increase in the Per Capita tax is needed to support Benevolent Aid activities,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

**ARTICLE 159. REVENUES**

An annual Per Capita will be assessed against each Subordinate Chapter for each member on its rolls at the end of the Fiscal Year. The amount of per Capita will be determined and distributed as follows:

\$3.00 (three dollars) to the General Fund

An amount equivalent to the General Grand Chapter Per Capita Assessment fee calculated per total membership on the rolls of the Texas Grand Chapter at the end of the Fiscal Year.

\$5.00 (five dollars) to the Eastern Star Home of Texas (501c3 Trust Fund)

\$2.00 (two dollars) to the Benevolent Aid Fund

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## AMENDMENT #7 (CONTINUED)

BE AMENDED TO READ:

An annual Per Capita will be assessed against each Subordinate Chapter for each member on its rolls at the end of the Fiscal Year. The amount of per Capita will be determined and distributed as follows:

\$3.00 (three dollars) to the General Fund

An amount equivalent to the General Grand Chapter Per Capita Assessment fee calculated per total membership on the rolls of the Texas Grand Chapter at the end of the Fiscal Year.

\$5.00 (five dollars) to the Eastern Star Home of Texas (501c3 Trust Fund)

**\$7.00 (seven dollars) to the Benevolent Aid Fund**

**NOTE: If the Grand Chapter adopts this amendment, the corresponding amounts in ARTICLE 166. the O.E.S. BENEVOLENT FUND on page 125 shall also be amended.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrell Albrecht  
James Parker  
Phyllis Wilson

Cindy Echols  
Barbara Martin  
Robert Royall, Jr.

Ray Hargis  
Debi Fincher  
Deborah Land

**AMENDMENT #8  
TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

**PAGE 122: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION V; CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 163,  
THE GENERAL FUND (6)**

**WHEREAS** the Code of Laws states that twenty-five percent of all money raised by this Grand Chapter from the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds must go to the General Fund for administrative expenses and,  
**WHEREAS** the twenty-five percent shall not apply to the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund – 501(c)(8), Endowed Membership Trust Fund, ESTARL Fund, Educational Funds, Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund Sub-Account, and the Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund – 501(c)(3) and,  
**WHEREAS** the Worthy Grand Matron may use various means of raising funds to offset some of the costs for members attending the Grand Chapter session and,  
**WHEREAS** those funds are not considered part of the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:  
ARTICLE 163 (6).

(6) Twenty-five percent of all money raised by this Grand Chapter from the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds to the General Fund for administrative expense. This twenty-five percent shall not apply to the following funds: the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund – 501 (c)(8), Endowed Membership Trust Fund, ESTARL Fund, Educational Funds, Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund Sub-Account, and The Eastern Star Home of Texas Trust Fund – 501(c)(3).

BE AMENDED TO READ:  
ARTICLE 163 (6).

(6) Twenty-five percent of all money raised by this Grand Chapter from the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds to the General Fund for administrative expense. This twenty-five percent shall not apply to the following funds: the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund – 501 (c)(8), Endowed Membership Trust Fund, ESTARL Fund, Educational Funds, Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund Sub-Account, and The Eastern Star Home of Texas Trust Fund – 501(c)(3), **or to a fund raising program used by the Worthy Grand Matron for the express purpose of reducing costs for members to attend the Grand Chapter session.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrell Albrecht  
James Parker  
Phyllis Wilson

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Ray Hargis  
Debi Fincher  
Deborah Land

**AMENDMENT #9  
TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

**PAGE 124-125: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION V; CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 165-A  
GRAND CHAPTER ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND SUB-ACCOUNT c.**

**WHEREAS** the Code of Laws states that the investment income received from investments of the principal of the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund Sub-Account shall be placed in the General Fund to supplement Benevolent Aid projects and,

**WHEREAS** the financial requirements of the General Fund far exceed the amount of interest earned on the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund Sub-Account and,

**WHEREAS** the dividends earned from the investments of the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund Sub-Account continue to be added to the principal of that fund each year increasing the amount of restricted funds and,

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors would also like to use some of the dividends earned on the Grand Chapter Trust Fund Sub-Account to help support the financial requirements of the General Fund,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 165 c.

c. The interest income received from investments of said principal shall be placed in the General Fund to supplement Benevolent projects, including but not limited to, our own members, Chapters in financial need, local benevolence, worthwhile community needs and educational purposes, office expenses, and archiving existing records and automating current records.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

c. The interest and dividends earned from investments of said principal shall be placed in the General Fund to supplement Benevolent projects, including but not limited to, our own members, Chapters in financial need, local benevolence, worthwhile community needs and educational purposes, office expenses, and archiving existing records and automating current records.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlotta Fairchild  
Darrell Albrecht  
James Parker  
Phyllis Wilson

Cindy Echols  
Barbara Martin  
Robert Royall, Jr.

Ray Hargis  
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Deborah Land

**AMENDMENT #10  
TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

**PAGE 124: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION V; CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 165 c. GRAND CHAPTER ENDOWMENT FUND - INTEREST**

**WHEREAS** the Code of Laws states that the investment income received from investments of the principal of the Grand Chapter Endowment Fund shall be used to fulfill the financial requirements of the Eastern Star Home of Texas and,  
**WHEREAS** the financial requirements of the Eastern Star Home of Texas continue to exceed the amount of interest earned on the Grand Chapter Endowment Fund and,  
**WHEREAS** the dividends earned from the investments of the Grand Chapter Endowment Funds continue to be added to the principal of that fund each year increasing the amount of restricted funds and,  
**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors would also like to use some of the dividends earned on the Grand Chapter Endowment Fund to help support the financial requirements of the Eastern Star Home of Texas,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 165 c.

c. O.E.S. Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund – Interest. The interest income received from investments of said principal shall be used to fulfill the financial requirements of The Eastern Star Home of Texas. Any funds not required by the Eastern Star Home of Texas may be used, if approved by the Board of Directors, to augment the General Fund, the Benevolent Fund and the Educational Fund. If not needed for that purpose, if appropriated and not used in the year for which it was appropriated, such interest, or the unused portion, shall be added to the O.E.S. Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund – 501 (c)(8) and cannot thereafter be divested there from.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

c. O.E.S. Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund – **Interest and Dividends.** The **interest and dividends earned** from investments of said principal shall be used to fulfill the financial requirements of The Eastern Star Home of Texas. Any funds not required by the Eastern Star Home of Texas may be used, if approved by the Board of Directors, to augment the General Fund, the Benevolent Fund and the Educational Fund. If not needed for that purpose, if appropriated and not used in the year for which it was appropriated, such **interest and dividends**, or the unused portion, shall be added to the O.E.S. Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund – 501 (c)(8) and cannot thereafter be divested there from.

Respectfully submitted,

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James Parker  
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**AMENDMENT #11  
TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

**PAGE 127-128: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION IV; CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 172, a. & b. OTHER FORMS OF ENTERTAINMENT PROHIBITED**

**WHEREAS** entertainment and other matters in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star should be appropriate to preserve the dignity of the Order and,

**WHEREAS** Article 271 governs Subordinate Chapters concerning other forms of entertainment and other matters that are prohibited in the name of the Eastern Star and,

**WHEREAS** a Decision was made in 1947 to specifically direct that "Wrestling and boxing matches cannot be held in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star" and,

**WHEREAS** Article 172 a. is no longer relevant to modern Eastern Star activities and entertainment,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 176, a. & b.

a. Wrestling or boxing matches cannot be held in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star, as the dignity of the Order cannot be maintained thereby. (Decision 1947)

b. For other forms of entertainment and other matters prohibited in the name of the Eastern Star, see Article 271 Governing Subordinate Chapters.

DELETE ARTICLE 176 IN ITS ENTIRETY,

**a. Wrestling or boxing matches cannot be held in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star, as the dignity of the Order cannot be maintained thereby.**  
**(Decision 1947)**

**b. For other forms of entertainment and other matters prohibited in the name of the Eastern Star, see Article 271 Governing Subordinate Chapters.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrell Albrecht  
Robert Royall, Jr.

Ray Hargis  
Debi Fincher  
Deborah Land

**AMENDMENT #12  
TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

**PAGE 136-137: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION V; CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 187.  
ARREST OF CHARTER**

**WHEREAS** every Subordinate Chapter should hold regular meetings and,

**WHEREAS** Article 187 requires Subordinate Chapters to only meet at least every six months and,

**WHEREAS** a Subordinate Chapter needs to meet more often to conduct its business and be a viable beneficent organization and,

**WHEREAS** the Grand Chapter of Texas continues to lose Subordinate Chapters due to inactivity,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 187,

A Charter may be arrested by the Worthy Grand Matron with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron, for willful violation of the laws of Grand Chapter, for failure to meet for six months, or for failure to pay Grand Chapter Dues for two years. In order for the arrest to be final, there must first, be the approval by Grand Chapter of her action.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 187,

A Charter may be arrested by the Worthy Grand Matron with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron, for willful violation of the laws of Grand Chapter, for failure to hold a Stated Meeting at least once every three (3) months or for failure to pay Grand Chapter Dues for two years. In order for the arrest to be final, there must first, be the approval by Grand Chapter of her action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debi Fincher

Ray Hargis  
Robert Royall, Jr.

Darrell Albrecht  
Deborah Land

**AMENDMENT #13  
TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

**PAGE 148: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION V; CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 204, AFFILIATION, (d) PLURAL MEMBERSHIP (8) PROCEDURE FOR MAKING PLURAL CHAPTER THE PARENT CHAPTER**

**WHEREAS** the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas continues to decline, and

**WHEREAS** subordinate chapters do not want to lose members by Demit or other means, and

**WHEREAS** a Plural member may not wish to Demit from their Parent Chapter, but to merely change their Parent designation, and

**WHEREAS** the Grand Chapter of Texas could make use of the fees generated, We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

**WHICH NOW READS:**

(d) (8) The member must request a Demit from the Parent Chapter. When granted, the Demit must be given to the Plural Chapter chosen as Parent Chapter's Secretary and attached to the member's records, thus making the chosen Plural Chapter the Parent Chapter.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

(d) (8) Plural members may designate their Parent Chapter by completing and submitting the Designation of Parent Chapter form along with a \$10 fee to the Grand Chapter of Texas. The Grand Chapter will change the Parent Chapter designation in the Membership Database and send notifications to all Chapters involved.

Respectfully submitted

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Linda Grigsby  
Darlene Klonaris

Jerry Kirby  
Lynda Chuculate  
Jane Acker

Peggy Dickey  
Ruby Hays  
Alys Newsom

**AMENDMENT #14  
TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

**PAGE 155: CODE OF LAWS; DIVISION V; CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 211, b.  
(1) REINSTATEMENT OR RESTORATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

**WHEREAS** Robert's Rules of Order does not recognize a "two-thirds-majority" as a vote and,

**WHEREAS** a vote is either a "two-thirds" or a "majority" and,

**WHEREAS** the Code of Laws states that a "favorable vote of two-thirds majority of members" is require to grant reinstatement for non-payment of dues and,

**WHEREAS** the wording needs to be cleaned up to be consistent with Robert's Rules of Order,

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 211, b. (1)

b. (1) The petition must be signed by the applicant and recommended by two members of the Chapter, presented at a Stated Meeting, referred for investigation to a Committee of three, one of whom shall be a Brother, lie over 4 weeks and then granted a favorable vote of two-thirds majority of members present will grant reinstatement for non-payment of dues.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

b. (1) **The petition must be signed by the applicant and recommended by two members of the Chapter, presented at a Stated Meeting, referred for investigation to a Committee of three, one of whom shall be a Brother, lie over 4 weeks and then receive a favorable vote of at least two-thirds of the members present in order to be granted reinstatement for non-payment of dues.**

**NOTE: If the Grand Chapter adopts this amendment, the same TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY reference in ARTICLE 223. DECLARATION OF BALLOT on page 163; a. REINSTATEMENT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES shall also be amended.**

Respectfully submitted,

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**BUDGETS  
2018-2019**

EASTERN STAR LADIES BUDGET 2018-2019			HUDMAN	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	MARTIN
	CODE	RECEIPTS	BUDGET 2017-2018	9/1/17 to 4/30/18	9/1/17 to 8/31/18	BUDGET 2018-2019
1	4000.10	Interest Eastern Star Ladies Checking	\$5.00	\$545.00	\$935.00	\$935.00
2	4000.24	Endowment Interest 501c(8)	\$290,925.00	\$0.00	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00
3	4000.30	Interest Eastern Star Ladies Investment 501c(3)	\$6,000.00	\$3,928.46	\$6,734.00	\$6,735.00
4	4040.30	Gain/Loss Eastern Star Home Investment	\$200.00	\$6,279.22	\$10,765.00	\$10,765.00
5	4111.01	Per Capita Income @ \$5.00/Member	\$117,500.00	\$0.00	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00
6	4200.00	Oil & Gas Royalty	\$24,000.00	\$16,265.62	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
7	4225.00	Ladies Pensions	\$83,000.00	\$42,680.26	\$61,799.00	\$36,350.00
8	4250.00	Gifts & Donations	\$400.00	\$277.02	\$475.00	\$500.00
9	4260.00	Bequests, Wills & Grants	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$104,000.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			<b>\$522,030.00</b>	<b>\$169,975.58</b>	<b>\$562,708.00</b>	<b>\$433,285.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
10	5212.10	Audit	\$5,000.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00	\$5,000.00
11	5213.10	CPA-990 Taxes	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
12	5236.00	Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	\$1,100.00	\$449.70	\$450.00	\$450.00
13	5320.00	Annual TMRC Billing	\$56,000.00	\$13,030.00	\$13,030.00	\$20,000.00
14	5324.00	Legal	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
15	5504.00	Allowance to Ladies @ \$70/month	\$7,560.00	\$2,473.63	\$3,875.00	\$4,200.00
16	5520.00	Funeral Expenses	\$0.00	\$8,460.00	\$8,460.00	\$8,000.00
17	5710.00	Independent Resident Expense	\$79,480.00	\$84,847.00	\$113,118.00	\$67,500.00
18	5810.00	Clinic Resident Expense	\$545,560.00	\$255,204.00	\$364,448.00	\$215,533.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$698,200.00</b>	<b>\$375,264.33</b>	<b>\$515,181.00</b>	<b>\$324,183.00</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>			<b>(\$176,170.00)</b>	<b>(\$205,288.75)</b>	<b>\$47,527.00</b>	<b>\$109,102.00</b>

**NOTE:** The Board of Directors respectfully requests that the \$223,697.00 budget surplus from the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter Year be carried forward into the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Year. The amount carried forward will be held in reserve and used for the care of our ladies residing at Texas Masonic Retirement Center should advanced clinic care become necessary.

BENEVOLENT AID BUDGET 2018-2019			HUDMAN	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	MARTIN
			BUDGET 2017-2018	9/1/17 to 4/30/18	9/1/17 to 8/31/18	BUDGET 2018-2019
<b>Income</b>						
1	4112	Benevolent Aid Per Capita	\$47,000.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00
2	4280.03	Humanitarian	\$13,200.00	\$9,856.55	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
		Total Income	\$60,200.00	\$9,856.55	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
		Total Funds Available for Benevolent Aid	\$60,200.00	\$9,856.55	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
<b>Expense</b>						
3	5330	Long Term Benevolent Aid	\$28,715.00	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
4	5331	Temporary Benevolent Aid	\$12,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
5	5332	Emergency Benevolent Aid	\$11,660.00	\$7,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
		Total Expenses	\$52,375.00	\$41,500.00	\$83,000.00	\$83,000.00
		Net Funds Available for Benevolent Aid	\$7,825.00	\$31,643.45	\$28,000.00	(\$28,000.00)

\*NOTE: Possibly all reserve Benevolent Aid Funds carried forward from previous years will be exhausted by August 31, 2018.

The Board of Directors expects Benevolent Aid requests to continue to increase as our membership becomes older. As such, there is a \$28,000.00 deficit projected in the Benevolent Aid Fund for 2018-2019. The Board respectfully requests that a \$5.00/member increase in Per Capita be approved by this Grand Chapter for Benevolent purposes.

		General Fund Budget 2018-2019	Budget 2017-2018	9/1/17 to 4/30/18	9/1/17 to 8/31/18	Budget 2018-2019
<b>INTEREST</b>						
1	4000.01	Interest Checking (General Fund Checking)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	4000.15	Interest Gen Fund Holding Investment	\$5,775.00	\$5,000.00	\$8,575.00	\$8,575.00
3	4000.25	Endowment Interest	\$290,925.00	\$139,888.00	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00
4	4000.26	Endowment Interest Sub-Acct	\$98,000.00	\$57,759.00	\$99,015.00	\$99,000.00
5	4000.31	Interest Endowed Memberships	\$1,800.00	\$34,084.13	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
		<b>TOTAL INTEREST</b>	<b>\$396,505.00</b>	<b>\$236,731.13</b>	<b>\$349,390.00</b>	<b>\$349,375.00</b>
<b>DESIGNATED REVENUE</b>						
6	4090	Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Funds	\$128,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$150,000.00
		<b>TOTAL DESIGNATED REVENUE</b>	<b>\$128,000.00</b>	<b>\$150,701.81</b>	<b>\$170,000.00</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>						
7	4110	General Fund Per Capita @ \$3.00 per member	\$70,500.00	\$2,000.52	\$66,000.00	\$66,000.00
8	4113	General Grand Chapter Per Capita	\$47,000.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00
9	4120	Refunds/Adjustments/Returned Checks	\$27.00	\$38,956.00	\$38,956.00	\$0.00
10	4130	Registration Fees - Grand Chapter	\$30,000.00	\$650.00	\$30,000.00	\$27,000.00
11	4135	Session Income/Returned Funds	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
12	4140	Grand Chapter Sales Items	\$58,000.00	\$18,631.29	\$31,000.00	\$30,000.00
13	4145	Postage/Shipping	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14	4150	25% of WGM Special Projects	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$25,000.00
15	4152	GGC Supplies Sales Items	\$31,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00
16	4155	Administrative Revenue - Endowed Memberships	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00
17	4160	Credit Card Convenience	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
18	4170	Misc.Fees - Spec. Disp, Transfer of Endow. Mem.	\$400.00	\$640.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
19	4185	Founder's Day	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
20	4280.01	General Fund	\$8,000.00	\$1,323.50	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
		<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>	<b>\$304,571.00</b>	<b>\$78,201.31</b>	<b>\$247,556.00</b>	<b>\$244,600.00</b>
<b>GIFTS AND DONATIONS/MEMORIAL</b>						
21	4250	Donatons Grand Chapter	\$1,000.00	\$120.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
22	4257	Donatons to Museum	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
		<b>TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS/MEMORIAL</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,120.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>BULLETIN</b>						
23	4141	Bulletin Subscriptions	\$27,000.00	\$13,757.00	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00
24	4142	Bulletin Articles - from Members	\$18,000.00	\$14,876.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
25	4143	Bulletin Ads from Outside Vendors	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
		<b>TOTAL BULLETIN</b>	<b>\$45,000.00</b>	<b>\$28,993.00</b>	<b>\$36,500.00</b>	<b>\$39,000.00</b>
<b>GRAND CHAPTER DONATIONS</b>						
26	4180	Intemational Headquarters @ \$5.00 per new member	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
27	4990	Other Misc. Receipts (Example-demised chapters)	\$6,000.00	\$2,370.97	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
		<b>TOTAL GRAND CHAPTER DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,370.97</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 884,076.00</b>	<b>\$499,118.22</b>	<b>\$ 814,446.00</b>	<b>\$ 794,975.00</b>

General Fund Budget 2018-2019			Budget 2017-2018	9/1/17 to 4/30/18	9/1/17 to 8/31/18	Budget 2018-2019
Expense Account Codes						
<b>PAYROLL</b>						
28	5001	Office Staff	\$86,000.00	\$34,980.78	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
29	5010	Grand Secretary	\$29,000.00	\$18,961.46	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00
30	5012	Grand Treasurer	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
31	6560	Payroll Expense (Employer Liability Taxes)	\$9,500.00	\$6,929.37	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>			<b>\$130,500.00</b>	<b>\$64,871.61</b>	<b>\$106,000.00</b>	<b>\$106,000.00</b>
<b>GRAND OFFICER EXPENSE</b>						
32	5102	Worthy Grand Matron	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
33	5103	Worthy Grand Patron	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
34	5105	Associate Grand Matron	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
35	5155	Past Grand Matron Jewel	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
36	5160	Past Grand Patron Jewel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL GRAND OFFICER EXPENSE</b>			<b>\$8,500.00</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>
<b>GRAND CHAPTER EXPENSE</b>						
37	5166	GGC Officers Hotel Expense at GC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
38	5167	GGC Officers Love Gifts at GC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
39	5181	Official Reporter - GC	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
40	5210	Advance Reports	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
41	5213	WGM Interpretations	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
42	5214	Ballots and Voting Cards	\$2,100.00	\$135.93	\$300.00	\$1,000.00
43	5222	Grand Master Expense Session	\$500.00	\$201.75	\$202.00	\$150.00
44	5240	Registration Forms/Postage/ Badges	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00
45	5227	GC Support Staff Housing	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
46	5228	Installation Programs	\$1,000.00	\$334.97	\$334.00	\$1,000.00
47	5242	Session & Memorial Programs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
48	5379	136th Grand Chapter Session	\$20,000.00	\$0	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
<b>TOTAL GRAND CHAPTER EXPENSE</b>			<b>\$33,200.00</b>	<b>\$4,472.65</b>	<b>\$29,936.00</b>	<b>\$32,300.00</b>
<b>GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER</b>						
49	5180	International Headquarters Expense	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
50	5323	Per Capita	\$47,000.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00
51	5600	Supplies Purchased from GGC	\$31,000	\$16,823.80	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00
52	5650	Shipping Charges for Supplies Received from GGC	\$200	\$100.20	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER EXPENSE</b>			<b>\$81,200.00</b>	<b>\$16,924.00</b>	<b>\$65,200.00</b>	<b>\$69,200.00</b>

General Fund Budget 2018-2019			Budget 2017-2018	9/1/17 to 4/30/18	9/1/17 to 8/31/18	Budget 2018-2019
<b>PRINTING EXPENSE</b>						
53	5410	Annual Proceedings-Printing	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
54	5415	Chapter Packets	\$1,500.00	\$192.25	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
55	5416	Note Cards for WGM, WGP, G Chaplain, Humanitarians	\$0.00	\$185.28	\$300.00	\$300.00
56	5511	Copy Machine - Office Printing	\$9,000.00	\$4,398.30	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
57	5644	Directories Printed to Sell	\$1,500.00	\$886.62	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
58	5646	Chapter Directories (Furnished to Chapters)	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
59	5647	Chapter Bulletins (Furnished to Chapter)	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PRINTING EXPENSE</b>			<b>\$26,600.00</b>	<b>\$5,662.45</b>	<b>\$15,900.00</b>	<b>\$15,900.00</b>
<b>BULLETIN</b>						
60	5216	Outside Vendors, Paper	\$8,500.00	\$7,480.00	\$12,800.00	\$12,800.00
61	5511.01	Bulletin Printing	\$40,000.00	\$21,665.70	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00
62	5465	Postage	\$6,700.00	\$2,590.02	\$4,450.00	\$4,450.00
<b>TOTAL BULLETIN EXPENSE</b>			<b>\$55,200.00</b>	<b>\$31,735.72</b>	<b>\$54,250.00</b>	<b>\$54,250.00</b>
<b>AUTO EXPENSE - WGM VAN AND TRAILERS</b>						
63	5248	Vehicle-Fuel	\$8,000.00	\$4,757.45	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00
64	5250	Vehicle-License (van & 2 cargo trailers)Toll-Tags	\$300.00	\$458.03	\$525.00	\$400.00
65	5252	Vehicle-All Maintenance/Repairs	\$1,200.00	\$1,412.81	\$2,200.00	\$2,500.00
66	5253	Auto Acquisition	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
<b>TOTAL AUTO EXPENSE - WGM VAN &amp; TRAILERS</b>			<b>\$21,500.00</b>	<b>\$6,628.29</b>	<b>\$22,725.00</b>	<b>\$21,900.00</b>
<b>POSTAGE</b>						
67	5460	Postage - Certified Mail/Postage Shortages/Petty Cash	\$200.00	\$18.10	\$35.00	\$50.00
68	5466	Postage - Chapter Packet Mailing	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
69	5470	Postage- Bulk Mail Permit	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
70	5475	Postage Machine Meter Lease	\$2,300.00	\$1,829.34	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
71	5486	Postage For Meter	\$4,700.00	\$3,796.99	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
<b>TOTAL POSTAGE</b>			<b>\$7,455.00</b>	<b>\$5,644.43</b>	<b>\$9,290.00</b>	<b>\$9,305.00</b>
<b>INVESTMENT/LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>						
72	5212	Audit	\$30,000.00	\$20,944.35	\$30,000.00	\$25,000.00
73	5215	CPA-990 Tax Filing	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
74	5234	Legal Services	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
75	5375.25	Trust Fees - OES GC Endowment 501c8	\$40,000.00	\$21,729.36	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
76	5375.26	Trust Fees - OES GC Endowment Sub 501c8	\$17,000.00	\$7,728.77	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT/LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>			<b>\$91,500.00</b>	<b>\$50,402.48</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>	<b>\$77,000.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>						
77	5302	Insurance - Auto	\$3,925.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,308.00	\$3,400.00
78	5304	Insurance - Director's Liability	\$7,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,435.00	\$1,500.00
79	5314	Insurance - Furnishings, Personal Property	\$40,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$37,784.00	\$39,000.00
80	5316	Insurance - Workman's Comp	\$750.00	\$500.00	\$658.00	\$700.00
<b>TOTAL INSURANCE</b>			<b>\$51,675.00</b>	<b>\$40,700.00</b>	<b>\$43,185.00</b>	<b>\$44,600.00</b>

		General Fund Budget 2018-2019	Budget 2017-2018	9/1/17 to 4/30/18	9/1/17 to 8/31/18	Budget 2018-2019
<b>OFFICE OPERATION AND UTILITIES</b>						
81	5237	Humanitarian Ribbons	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
82	5320	Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
83	5322	Bank Fees	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
84	5324	Credit Card Fees	\$1,000.00	\$167.47	\$300.00	\$300.00
85	5355	NSF Returned Checks	\$2,000.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$200.00
86	5381	Endowed Interest (GC to TMRC)	\$290,925.00	\$0.00	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00
87	5382	Contingency Fund	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
88	5480	Computer Contract Services Enable Labs	\$7,100.00	\$4,712.19	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00
89	5482	Building Maintenance/Repair/Replacement	\$1,200.00	\$178.00	\$178.00	\$500.00
90	5485	HVAC Service Maintenance Contract	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
91	5526	Janitorial Service	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
92	5645	Office Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$4,825.53	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
93	5546	Security Services	\$540.00	\$410.25	\$700.00	\$700.00
94	5672	Utilities - Electric	\$7,400.00	\$3,731.33	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
95	5676	Utilities -Telephone	\$2,200.00	\$1,580.53	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
96	5681	Website	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
97	5682	Internet Service	\$1,500.00	\$561.80	\$960.00	\$960.00
98	5683	Computer Maintenance	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
99	5686	Rent Office	\$36,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
100	5688.01	PropertyTaxes/OfficeMaintenance/Landscaping Fees	\$4,500.00	\$5,158.96	\$5,158.00	\$5,000.00
101	5910	Sale of Property Exp (Items for move preparation)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL GRAND CHAPTER OPERATION</b>			\$373,465.00	\$46,356.06	\$321,246.00	\$321,760.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>			\$ 880,795.00	\$ 280,397.69	\$ 756,232.00	\$ 760,715.00
<b>Net Income</b>			\$ 3,281.00	\$ 218,720.53	\$ 58,214.00	\$ 34,260.00

\*NOTE: The "Actual" amounts listed are from September 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. The projected budget amounts are based

on the actual income and expenditures from the first eight months of the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year. Line item amounts will not be adjusted or exceeded without approval of the Board of Directors.

# **CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION**



# PHYLLIS MACON

Past Matron & Endowed Member  
Mesquite Chapter No. 887

To be nominated for the office of  
ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS  
At the 2018 Grand Chapter Session in Irving



## SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE

Initiated September 1972

1973-75 Organist  
1975-76 Associate Conductress  
1976-77 Conductress  
1977-78 Associate Matron  
1978-79 Worthy Matron  
1981-83 Organist  
1985-86 Martha  
1986-87 Organist  
1994-95 Organist  
2001-02 Marshal  
2002-14 Treasurer  
2014-18 Secretary

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Assembly Page 1991 - St Louis  
Registration Committee 1994 - Memphis  
International Grand Representatives Assn.  
2003-2006 Second Vice President  
2006-2009 First Vice President  
2009-2012 President  
Special Appt of MWGM, Chair, Hummingbird's 2015-2018

## FRATERNAL FAMILY SERVICE

District One Past Matrons & Past Patrons Assn  
District One, Section 5 Past Matrons & Past Patrons Assn  
2003-2004 President  
Line Officers Club, District One, Section 5  
Texas Grand Representatives Assn - President, 2007-2008  
Texas PAGO Club  
Texas Cardinals, Inc. - Sustaining Member Texas  
Top Hats, Inc. - Sustaining Member Marianne's  
Circle of Friends - Sustaining Member  
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls -  
Rio Hondo Assembly #290, Majority, Grand Cross of Colors

## EMPLOYMENT

1964-65 First National Bank of Harlingen, Trust Dept  
1966-67 Fisher McLaughlin Harrison, Paris - Legal Secretary  
1967-69 U.S. Civil Service Commission, Dallas - Secretary  
1969-79 U.S. Attorney's Office, Dallas - Legal Secretary  
1979-2007 U.S. District Court - Chambers of U.S. District  
Judge Barefoot Sanders, Court Secretary/Administrator  
2007-12 Self-Employed Secretarial Services

## GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE

1979-80 Let's Get Together  
1981-82 Century Coin  
1982-83 Home Development  
1983-84 Jewels of Opportunity  
1984-85 Home Anniversary  
1985-86 ESTARL, District One  
1986-87 Star Visitation  
1987-88 Music  
1988-89 Staff of Time  
1989-90 Follow the Light Visitation  
1990-91 Secretary to Grand Conductress  
1991-92 Secretary to Associate Grand Matron  
1992-93 Grand Marshal  
1993-95 Grand Representative—Washington in TX  
1995-96 Chairman, Endowed Membership  
1996-97 Arrangements, Chair, Distinguished Guests  
1997-98 Resolutions  
1998-99 Acts of Kindness  
1999-2000 Grand Page to Grand Marshal  
2000-01 Tri-State Meet  
2001-02 Cardinals on Parade  
2003-04 General Ch., Huntington's Disease Comm.  
2004-05 Treasures of the Sea  
2005-06 General Grand Chapter Comm.  
2006-07 Secretary to Associate Grand Matron  
2007-08 Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 1, Sec. 5  
2008-10 Grand Representative—Mississippi in TX  
2013-14 Arrangements, Social  
2014-15 District Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 1  
2015-18 Board of Grand Examiners, Dist. 1

## EDUCATION

Rio Hondo High School  
Paris Junior College  
Eastfield & Richland Community Colleges, Dallas



For to have faith is  
to have wings.

# SUSAN DORMADY

Past Matron & Endowed Member  
Norman Read Chapter #1010  
Plural Member Big Spring Chapter #67



## To be nominated for the office of **Associate Grand Conductress**

At the 2018 Grand Chapter Session in Irving

### Subordinate Chapter Service

#### Norman Read Chapter #1010

Initiated November 1992  
1993-94 Electa  
1994-95 Associate Conductress  
1995-96 Conductress  
1996-97 Associate Matron  
1997-98 Worthy Matron  
1999-00 Associate Conductress  
2000-01 Conductress  
2001-02 Associate Matron  
2002-03 Worthy Matron  
2003-04 Esther  
2004-05 Martha  
2005-06 Marshal  
2006-07 Secretary  
2007-08 Secretary  
2008-09 Ruth  
2009-10 Esther  
2010-11 Secretary  
2011-12 Treasurer  
2012-13 Esther  
2013-14 Conductress  
2014-15 Associate Matron  
2015-16 Worthy Matron  
2016-17 Worthy Matron  
2017-18 Associate Matron

#### Dual with Stanton Chapter #409 April 2000

2001-02 Associate Conductress  
2002-03 Conductress  
2003-04 Associate Matron  
2004-05 Worthy Matron  
2005-06 Conductress  
2006-07 Worthy Matron  
2007-08 Conductress  
2008-09 Associate Matron  
2009-10 Worthy Matron  
2010-11 Electa  
2011-12 Sentinel  
2012-13 Conductress  
**Consolidated with Big Spring #67 June 2013**  
2015-16 Electa  
2016-17 Electa  
2017-18 Electa

### Grand Chapter Service

1997-98 Gleaners  
2001-02 DGM Dist. 2 Sec. 8  
2002-03 Hope for Tomorrow  
2003-04 Credentials, Dist. 2  
2004-05 Proficiency  
2005-06 Youth Committee, Dist. 2 Chairman  
2008-09 Forever Young Team  
2009-10 Youth Organization, Dist. 2 Chairman  
2010-11 District Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 2  
2013-14 ESTARL, Dist. 2  
2014-15 Board of Grand Examiners, District 2  
2015-16 Board of Grand Examiners, District 2  
2016-17 Board of Grand Examiners, District 2  
2017-18 Board of Grand Examiners, District 2

### Fraternal

Member, West Texas Past Matrons and Past Patrons  
Member, Texas Cardinals  
Member, Texas Top Hats, Inc.  
Member, Marianne's Circle of Friends

### Education

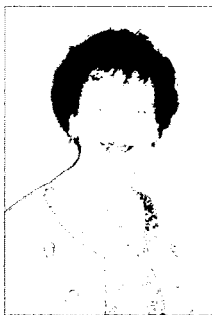
Graduate, Midland High School  
Midland College- Accounting  
Industry Seminars

### Employment

1989-Present Self-employed – Accounting  
and office manager  
1982-1985 Pinkies, Inc. Bookkeeper  
1979-1982 Price Waterhouse & Co.

Responsibilities- Preparation of payroll and payroll tax reports; preparation and posting of daily activities of the business; Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable





*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 2018 Grand Chapter in Irving**

**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 Yearbook  
2017-18 Multi State

**Education:**

Sam Houston High School, Houston  
Houston Community College

**Employment:**

Houston Community College System  
Head Cashier for the System



**DONNA NOE**  
**Past Matron & Endowed Member**  
**South Fort Worth Chapter #835**

To be nominated for the office of  
**Associate Grand Conductress**  
 At the 2018 Grand Chapter Session in Irving, Texas



**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
- 2014-15 Conductress
- 2015-16 Associate Matron
- 2016-17 Worthy Matron
- 2017-18 Secretary

**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
- 2017-18 Estarl D3 Chairman

**FRATERNAL SERVICE**

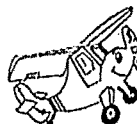
- 2004 Past Matrons-Past Patrons Assn. of D 3, S1
- 2006-07 Treasurer
- 2007-08 Secretary
- 2008-09 Second Vice President
- 2009-10 First Vice President
- 2010-11 President
- 2011-Current Member

**EMPLOYMENT-CALIFORNIA**

- RAINSCAPE LANDSCAPING  
Office Manager
- ESCALON AMBULANCE, INC  
Office Manager
- DIAMOND K AVIATION, INC  
Office Manager

**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"*

# Kathy Paschal

Past Matron and Endowed Member  
Corsicana Chapter #118

Plural – Groesbeck Chapter #810



To be nominated for  
**Board of Grand Examiners District 1**

At the 2018 Grand Chapter Session in Irving, Texas

### Subordinate Chapter Service

May 1998	Initiated Corsicana Chapter #118
1998-1999	Organist
1999-2000	Associate Conductress
2000-2001	Conductress
2001-2002	Worthy Matron
2002-2003	Conductress
2003-2004	Associate Matron
2004-2005	Worthy Matron
2005-2006	Organist
2006-2007	Organist
2007-2008	Worthy Matron
2008-2009	Conductress
2009-2010	Associate Conductress
2010-2011	Worthy Matron
2011-2012	Adah
2012-2013	Secretary
2013-2014	Secretary
2014-2015	Secretary
2015-2016	Secretary
2016-2017	Secretary
2017-2018	Secretary
2017 Plural with Groesbeck Chapter #810	

### Grand Chapter Service

2001-2002	Calendars of Time
2002-2003	Loving Hearts
2003-2004	Proficiency
2004-2005	Deputy Grand Matron, District 1 Sec 6
2005-2006	Arthritis-Diabetes Research
2006-2007	Grand Page to Associate Grand Matron
2007-2008	Arrangements - Decorations
2008-2009	Endowed Membership Stamps
2009-2010	District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1
2010-2011	Endowed Membership Stamps
2011-2012	Humanitarian Chairman, District 1
2012-2013	Educational Fund Chairman, District 1
2013-2014	Happy Holidays, TMRC
2014-2015	Educational Fund Chairman, District 1
2016-2017	Grand Adah
2017-2018	Grand Representative of Illinois in Texas

### Education

Corsicana High School, Corsicana, Tx  
 Navarro College, Corsicana, Tx  
 University of Texas at Tyler, Business/Human Resource  
 Bachelor of Applied Arts & Science

### Fraternal Service

Past Matron/Past Patron Assn District 1	
2014	Vice President
2015	President
2012	Texas Top Hats, Member
2012	Secretaries & Treasurers Assn
2017	Past Appointed Grand Officer Assn
2017	Grand Representative Assn of Texas
2017	International Grand Representative General Grand Chapter

### Employment

1978-1980	Dawson, Sodd, Davis, Moe Attorneys Administrative Assistant
1980-1983	Cooper, Eady, Judson & Polk Ins. Agency, Insurance Clerk Specialist
1983-1985	Self-Employed, Retail
1985-2010	Mexia State School, HHSC Human Resource Specialist, Retired
2010-2016	Navarro College Administrative Assistant to Dean
2017	Retired and Loving It



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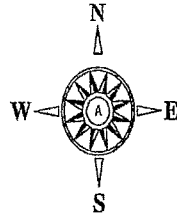




**REBECCA (BECKY) K. AUSTIN**  
 Past Matron & Endowed Member  
 Of  
 Beckville Chapter No. 273

To be nominated for the office of  
**BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS**  
**DISTRICT ONE**

At the 2018 Grand Chapter Session in Irving



Every journey begins by putting your  
 best foot forward and taking it one  
 step at a time.

**SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE**

- August 1998 Initiated in Beckville No. 273
- 1999-2000 Associate Conductress
- 2000-2001 Conductress
- 2001-2002 Associate Matron
- 2002-2003 Worthy Matron
- 2003-2004 Worthy Matron
- 2004-2005 Adah
- 2005-2006 Associate Conductress
- 2006-2007 Conductress
- 2007-2008 Associate Matron
- 2008-2009 Worthy Matron
- 2009-2010 Chaplain
- 2010-2011 Associate Conductress
- 2011-2012 Conductress
- 2012-2013 Esther
- 2013-2014 Ruth
- 2014-2015 Associate Conductress
- 2015-2016 Conductress
- 2016-2017 Associate Matron
- 2017-2018 Worthy Matron

**FRATERNAL SERVICE**

- 2005-2007 Treasurer, District 1 Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association
- 2005-2006 2nd VP, District 1, Section 8 Past Matrons & Past Patrons Assn.
- 2006-2007 1st, VP, District 1, Section 8 Past Matrons & Past Patrons Assn.
- 2007-2008 President, District 1, Section 8 Past Matrons & Past Patrons Assn.
- 2010-2011 Treasurer, District 1, Section 8 Past Matrons & Past Patrons Assn.

**GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE**

- 2002-2003 Heartbeat Committee
- 2003-2004 Membership Visitation
- 2004-2005 Yearbook
- 2005-2006 Publicity
- 2006-2007 Yearbook
- 2007-2008 Deputy Grand Matron, District 1, Section 8
- 2008-2009 Arrangements - Security
- 2009-2010 Grand Page to Grand Marshal
- 2010-2011 Credentials
- 2011-2014 Board of Directors, Member
- 2014-2016 Board of Directors, Vice-Chairman
- 2016-2017 By-laws Committee
- 2017-2018 District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1

**EDUCATION**

- 1980 Graduated w/ Honors Beckville H. S.
- 1982 Panola College - Assoc. Science Degree
- 1984 Stephen F. Austin Univ. Bachelor of Science - Education
- 1986 Stephen F. Austin Univ. - Masters Degree Program
- 1988-1990 Panola College Continuing Education.
- 2002 Surveyor-In-Training Certificate
- 2002-2011 Surveyor Internship

**EMPLOYMENT**

- 1984-1986 Gary I.S.D., Teacher, Business & English
- 1989-Present Austin Surveying & Mapping Owner/General Manager

# Tom Brisko

Past Patron and Member of  
Lewisville Chapter #935

To be nominated for  
**Board of Directors, District 1**

At the 2018 Grand Chapter Session in Irving, Texas



## Subordinate Chapter Service

May 1999	Initiated Denton Chapter #259
1999-2000	Warder
2000-2001	Associate Patron
2001-2002	Worthy Patron
2002-2003	Chaplain
2003-2004	Warder
Feb. 2005	Plural Lewisville Chapter #935
2005-2006	Chaplain
2006-2007	Chaplain
2007-2008	Chaplain
2008-2009	Associate Patron
2009-2010	Chaplain
2010-2011	Chaplain
2011-2012	Chaplain
2012-2013	Associate Patron
2013-2014	Worthy Patron
2014-2015	Chaplain
2015-2016	Chaplain
2016-2017	Chaplain
2017-2018	Chaplain

## Fraternal Service

2014	Grand Representative Assn of Texas
2014	International Grand Representative General Grand Chapter
2017	Vice President, Grand Representative Assn of Texas
2017	Texas Top Hat, Member

## Grand Chapter Service

2001-2002	Proficiency
2002-2003	Time and Talent
2003-2004	Proficiency
2004-2005	Masonic Relations
2005-2006	Endowed Membership Stamps
2006-2007	Proud to be an American
2007-2008	Musical Journey
2008-2009	Yearbook, District 1 Chairman
2010-2011	Yearbook, General Chairman
2012-2013	Rob Morris, District 1 Chairman
2013-2014	Yearbook, District 1 Chairman
2014-2015	Grand Representative of Oregon in Texas
2015-2016	Time and Talent
2016-2017	Grand Page to the Grand Warder
2017-2018	Arrangements, Ushers Chairman

## Education

Lewisville High School, Lewisville, Texas  
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Other Courses:

Midwestern State University /Real Estate- Contracts,  
Law, Finance, Risk Management  
Cornell University – Retail Management  
Federal Emergency Management Agency Federal  
Contractor - Disaster Assistance and Mitigation

## Employment

1984-2006	Tom Thumb/Simon David- Drug Mgr. Tom Thumb-Randalls (Safeway) – Assistant Store Director
2006-2009	Office Equity Solutions Commercial Developer- Tenant Development
2009-2011	Retail Merchandising - Contractor
2011-2013	FEMA -Federal Contractor
2013-2014	Reomaven Realty – Realtor
2014-2015	Chandler Crouch Realtors - Realtor
2015-Present	Keller Williams Dallas/Metro North - Realtor

# Tamela Henington

Past Matron of Queen Esther #833 (Abilene)

To be nominated for the

## Board of Directors, District 2

At the 2018 Grand Chapter Session in Irving, Texas



### Subordinate Chapter Service

Initiated: May 20, 1983

1983-1984	Electa
1984-1985	Ruth
1985-1986	Esther
1986-1988	Member
1988-1989	Chaplain
1989-2008	Member
2008-2009	Associate Conductress
2009-2010	Conductress
2010-2011	Associate Matron
2011-2012	Worthy Matron
2012-2013	Chaplain
2013-2014	Chaplain
2014-2015	Adah
2015-2016	Secretary
2016-2017	Secretary
2017-2018	Secretary

### Fraternal Service

1979	Majority Rainbow Girl Abilene Assembly #86
2016-2017	President Gavel Club-Queen Esther #833
2016-2017	Chaplain West Texas Past Matron/Past Patron Association
2017-2018	Secretary/Treasurer West Texas Past Matron/Past Patron Association



*The Future Will Be So Bright,  
We'll Have to Wear Shades*

### Grand Chapter Service

2012-2013	Music
2013-2014	Deputy Grand Matron D2 S7
2014-2015	Credentials D2
2015-2016	Improving the Herd
2016-2017	Humanitarian D2
2017-2018	Let's Go Fly A Kite D2 Chair

### Education

1976	Wylie High School-Abilene
1980	Baylor University Bachelor of Science in Education

### Employment

1980-1993	Elementary Teacher Abilene I.S.D.
1993-Present	Office Manager/Owner Wayne Henington Photography (Specializing in School Photography in West Texas for 42 years)

### Community Service

1986-1987	Abilene Panhellenic- President
2000-2001	Junior League of Abilene- President
2001-2002	Wylie I.S.D. P.T.O. - President
2000-2008	Abilene Ballet Theatre- Board
2007-2010	Hendrick Home for Children- Fundraising Committee
2013-2015	Abilene Woman's Club-1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
2014-2016	P.E.O.- President
2014-2017	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church- Budget Committee





# Audri Rowell

*Past Matron and Endowed Member of  
Abilene Chapter No. 30, District 2, Section 7  
and*

*Plural Member of Eastland Chapter No. 280, District 3, Section 4*

To be nominated for the Office of

## Grand Examiner District Two

At the 2018 Grand Chapter Session in Irving

### *Subordinate Chapter*

1985	Initiated October 10 <sup>th</sup>
1986-1987	Associate Conductress
1987-1988	Conductress
1988-1989	Associate Matron
1989-1990	Worthy Matron
1990-1991	Warder
1991-1992	Secretary
1992-1993	Secretary
1993-1994	Secretary
1995-1996	Conductress
1996-1997	Associate Matron
1997-1998	Worthy Matron
1998-1999	Warder
1999-2000	Warder
2000-2001	Marshal
2001-2002	Chaplain
2002-2003	Chaplain
2004-2005	Marshal
2005-2006	Chaplain
2006-2007	Associate Conductress
2007-2008	Conductress
2008-2009	Associate Conductress
2009-2010	Associate Conductress
2010-2011	Conductress
2011-2012	Conductress
2012-2013	Associate Matron
2013-2014	Worthy Matron
2014-2015	Chaplain
2015-2016	Chaplain
2016-2017	Marshal (30 & 280)
2017-2018	Marshal (30 & 280)

### *Fraternal Service*

Past Matron & Past Patrons Club of  
Abilene Chapter No. 30  
West Texas Past Matrons &  
Past Patrons Association (Past President)  
Grand Cross of Color  
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

### *Grand Chapter Service*

1992-1993	Joyful Roads
1995-1996	Rob Morris/Founder's Day
1999-2000	Starlight Gala
2000-2001	Deputy Grand Matron District 2, Section 7
2001-2002	Bulletin
2002-2003	Grand Historian
2004-2005	Melodies of the Sea
2006-2007	Secretary to Associate Grand Conductress
2007-2008	Secretary to Grand Conductress
2008-2009	District Deputy Grand Matron District 2
2009-2010	Grand Adah
2010-2011	Young Americans
2011-2012	Humanitarian – District 2
2012-2013	Board of Directors - Member
2013-2014	Board of Directors - Member
2014-2015	Board of Directors - Secretary
2015-2016	Board of Directors - Chairman
2016-2017	Board of Directors - Chairman
2017-2018	Grand Page to Grand Adah

### *Education*

Cooper High School – Abilene  
American Commercial College – Abilene  
University of Phoenix  
Associates of Arts (2011)  
Bachelors of Science - Business (2013)

### *Employment*

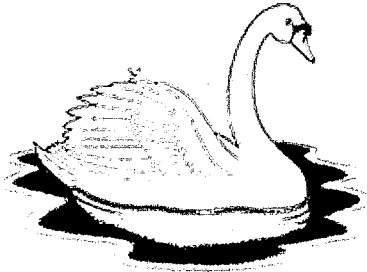
1985-1991	Elliott-Hamil Funeral Homes Administrative Assistant
1991-1997	Merchants Fast Motor Lines Payroll
1997-2005	Sisneros Pontiac Buick GMC Administrative Assistant/Payroll
2005-2011	Texas Department Criminal Justice John Middleton Unit Payroll / Human Resources
2011-present	McGavock Nissan of Abilene Comptroller/Office Manager
2018-present	VIPKID International ESL Teacher



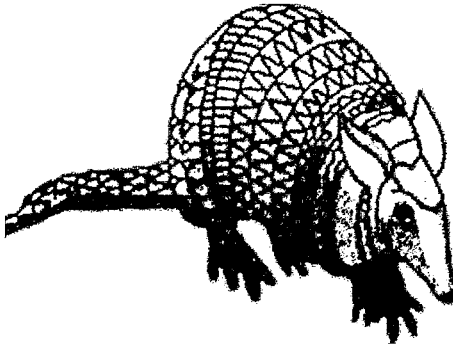
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Extends Fraternal Greetings and  
Welcomes You to  
The One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Session

## “Faith, Hope, and Love”



August 16 - 18, 2018  
Irving Convention Center  
500 Las Colinas Blvd. W  
Irving, Texas



# DEDICATION AND APPRECIATION

TO THE MEMBERS OF TEXAS:

This past year of service and this Session is dedicated to those OES members, who by their actions, showed us what Eastern Star and the love of the Order is all about. Without their leadership and encouragement, we would not be where we are today. We also thank those who truly have lived by the Golden Rule - "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

It is with humility, gratitude, and great respect, that we offer our dedication to this Grand Chapter Session. We are humbled by the trust and faith all of you placed in us and grateful for the friendships that have given us the strength and confidence to undertake this journey. We have so much respect for all of those that have been down this road and willingly answered all our questions.

To the Wonderful Membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. We know that our success is dependent on having devoted and capable members such as you, and we want to personally recognize the contributions each of you have made in helping us achieve our goals. Thank you for continuously giving of your time, your talents, your energy, and your finances. You have supported our projects and have given us precious memories that will forever be remembered. We want to thank each person who told us it will NOT be possible to succeed... you were right. It was impossible, but WE DID IT! We will love you always.

Melissa Hudman  
Worthy Grand Matron

Richard "Rick" Skidd  
Worthy Grand Patron



**Mrs. Melissa Hudman**  
Worthy Grand Matron  
Grand Chapter of Texas  
Order of the Eastern Star



**Mr. Richard “Rick” Skidd**  
Worthy Grand Patron  
Grand Chapter of Texas  
Order of the Eastern Star

# **Distinguished Guests**

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

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

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

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

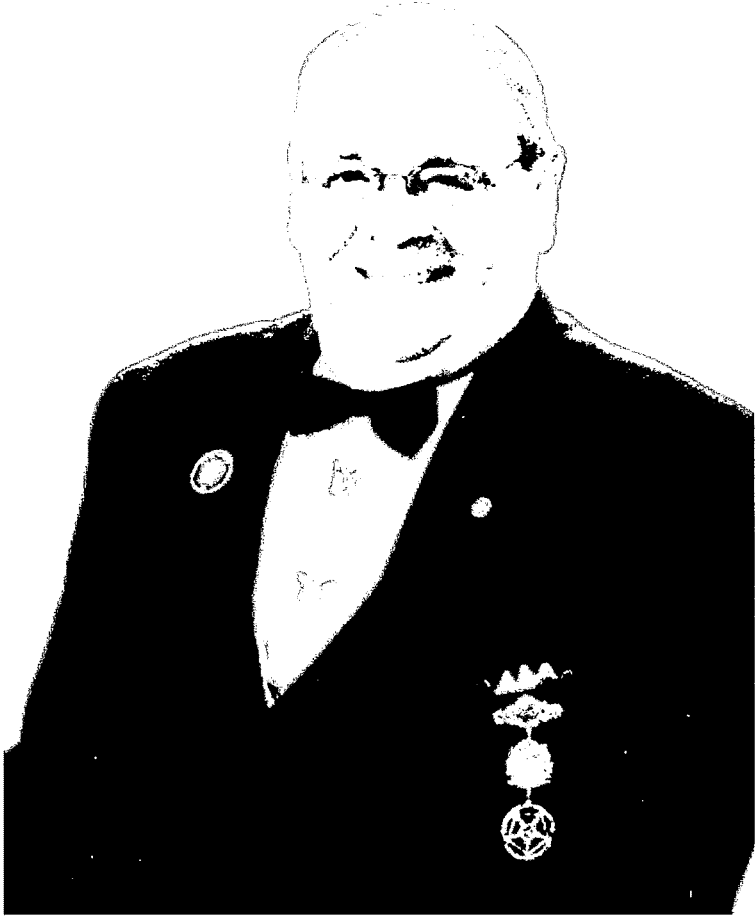
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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

Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members  
of All Appendant Bodies



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



**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  
And  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

## HONORED GUEST



**Mrs. Barbara “Bobbi” White**  
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron  
General Grand Chapter  
and  
Past Grand Matron of West Virginia

## HONORED GUEST



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

## HONORED GUEST



**Mr. William E. "Bill" Owen**  
Past Most Worthy Grand Patron  
General Grand Chapter  
and  
Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma

## HONORED GUEST



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

**TEXAS MEMBER AND  
HONORED GUEST**



**Mr. Henry S. Martin**  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron  
General Grand Chapter  
and  
Past Grand Patron of Texas

# General Grand Chapter Committee Appointments



Mrs. Jayne Yenger  
Ambassador to Germany



Mr. Jerry Trees  
Ambassador to Mexico



Dr. Bill Bane  
Ambassador to Romania  
PGP, DC



Ms. Bonnie Varnell  
Credentials  
PGM, NM



Mrs. Bess Caldwell  
Eastern Star Journal

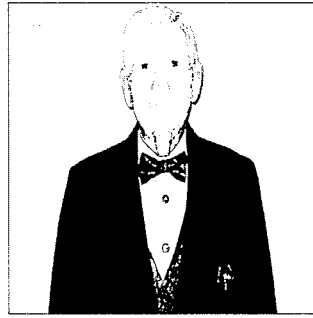


Mr. Trey Smith  
ESTARL

# General Grand Chapter Committee Appointments



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



Mr. H. Lee Stallings  
Jurisprudence, Chairman



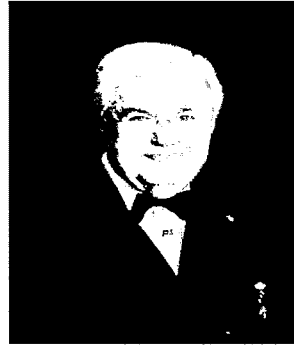
Mrs. Joyce Gilbert  
Necrology, Chairman



Mrs. Mary Ruth White  
Regenerative Medicine



Mr. Jack Guy  
Service Dogs



Mr. David B. Dibrell\*\*  
YOUTH  
\*\*Deceased

## Special Appointments

Mrs. Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the MWGM in Mexico,  
Mrs. Phyllis Macon, Hummingbirds, Chairman,  
Mr. Bob Royall, Eagle



David Benton Dibrell, a man who walked in quiet dignity; a man of faith, devoted to his family, and a friend to all; a most Distinguished Gentleman.

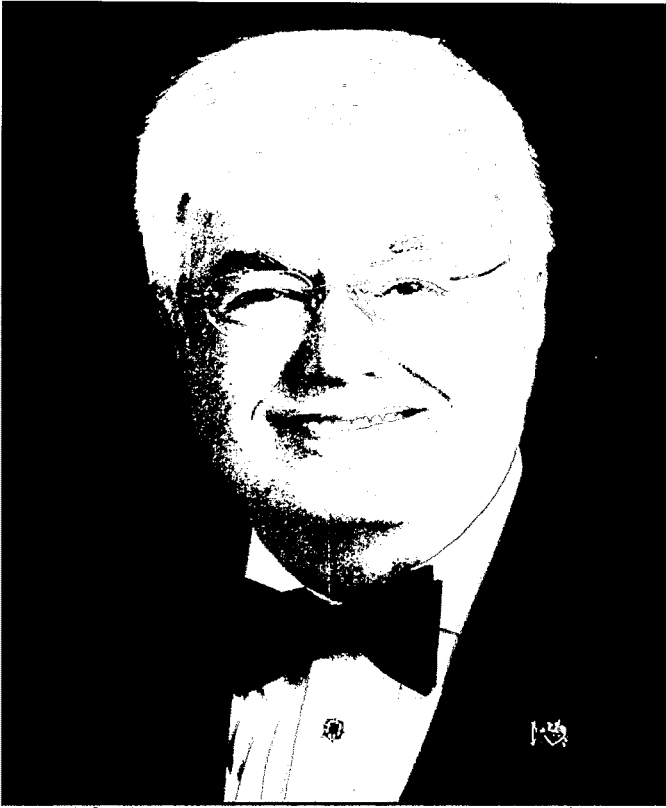
Acknowledged as an altruistic leader, not only in the Order of the Eastern Star, but in his church, his career, and many other fraternal and social organizations; he retained a servant's heart. He served Dal-Cliff Chapter #574 and Richardson Chapter #921 as Worthy Patron and on numerous Committees and Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron in Grand Chapter. He was currently serving on the Youth Committee of General Grand Chapter. He served as Grand Sentinel in 1990-1991. He was the Best Worthy Grand Patron in 2011-2012, the year of Faith, Family, and Friends. Lovingly, he dedicated that year of service to "my wife, Marlene, for remaining my favorite Rainbow girl ...and our daughters, Jo D. and Jill, who have brought much joy to our lives...."

He served as Grand Master of Masons in Texas in the "good year", 2001. Through his service, we recognize the qualities of commitment and dedication to all he attempted.

Always the optimist, he could find good in any situation and looked for the best in others and always the encourager, he made us all want to do better. He always showed interest in others and was genuinely happy at another's successes and triumphs. Always congenial, with a smile and cheerful greeting for all with whom he came in contact. Always thoughtful and kind; whether an act as simple as holding a door open or remembering a birthday or anniversary by sending a card. A happy person with a dry sense of humor. Often the twinkle in his eye would be the only clue you had that he was making a joke. A man of action, he did not look around and see things that needed attention, he saw opportunities to serve, tasks to complete, and problems to solve. He accomplished any undertaking to completion with accuracy and timeliness.

We will recall his years of service as those of honor, kindness, and outstanding leadership. We have learned from his example that we are writing a gospel, a chapter each day by the deeds that we do and the words that we say. Men will read what we have written, whether faulty or true. We must ask ourselves every day, "what is the Eastern Star gospel according to you?"

Written by Vi Griffin, PGM 2011-2012



*In Loving Memory*

**Mr. David B. Dibrell**

Worthy Grand Patron

2011-2012

“Faith, Family, and Friends”

130th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas

Murray Watson, Jr. was born in 1932 and spent his life as a Proud Central Texan being a resident of Mart, Texas. He grew up working in his Father's Feed store in Mart where he learned the value of hard work. However, his good works reached far beyond the Waco Area as he believed that it was an obligation to give back as he lived by the scripture "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required". Murray truly gave much in his life.

Murray graduated from Baylor in 1952 with a degree in Business Administration and graduated from Baylor Law School in 1954. At the age of 24 he was elected to serve from the 13<sup>th</sup> Texas District in the Texas House of Representatives where he served until 1963, then being elected to serve in the Texas Senate until 1973. It was during this time he authored the legislation to establish what has become Texas State Technical College (TSTC). After 1973, he returned to private law practice in Waco. He served TSTC as general counsel for over 25 years. Along with his wife, Greta, he endowed six Presidential scholarships. Murray was honored by TSTC for his service by the naming of the student recreation center after him and the culinary arts center after his wife, Greta.

He believed education was one thing no one can take away from a person and wanted to create ways to make higher education more accessible to young people. He served as trustee for the McLennan Community College Foundation and established the Brazos Higher Education Service Corp. which has funded over 2 million in student loans.

His civic involvement included being a Trustee for the McLennan County Child Protective Board, the CORD Foundation, the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, Historic Waco Foundation, Mart Community Center, Mart Lions Club, the Rotary Club of Waco, the Baylor Founders and the Baylor President's Clubs along with being an active member of the Austin Avenue Methodist Church.

Murray's Father was a Mason and his Mother was Eastern Star. He joined the Masons at 21 and served in many positions in Masonry always willing to share his knowledge and legal expertise. He was elected as a trustee of the Waco Valley in 2007 and continued to serve on the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital Board. He believed that part of Masonry's mission was caring for the less fortunate. His reward of service was the joy of knowing he had made someone else's life better.

Murray was elected to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas as Worthy Grand Patron in 1977-1978 with Mary M. Brown as Worthy Grand Matron. In his message as Worthy Grand Patron he quoted Robert Browning "...Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp.....or what is heaven for?". Murray always reached for a better life for others through his life of service.

Murray leaves behind his wife, Greta; two children, Missy Watson Larson and Marcus Warren Watson; and two grandchildren, Annika and Niklas Larson.



*In Loving Memory*

**Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.**

Worthy Grand Patron

1977-1978

“For Love’s Sake”

96th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas

With reverence and sorrow, we pause at this time to pay a loving tribute to Mrs. Karen Kidd, who answered God's call on July 2, 2018. While we mourn in her passing, we rejoice that it was our privilege to be a part of her life.

Sister Karen, who was the oldest of two children, was born June 26, 1949 in Georgia. She leaves behind her husband of almost 39 years, Horton; Allyson, her grand-daughter who was the light of her life; Monnie Prater (Jennifer) her son; Kimi (Gary) McGee, her step-daughter; along with her nephews, other extended family members, and multitudes of friends across this great state.

It was an adventure in 1979 that led Horton and Karen traveling down many yellow brick roads in their RV, dancing, golfing, and just enjoying life together. Sister Karen had a long career in education working in various school districts all over the state. She was working as a consultant assisting several Big Country school districts at the time of her death.

It was then in 1982 that Sister Karen was initiated into the Eastern Star and became an active member in Odessa at Friendship Chapter No. 1008, her parent chapter. Since that time, she had become an Endowed member. Sister Karen was serving as an officer in both of her plural chapters, Abilene Chapter No. 30 where she was also an Endowed member, and Eastland Chapter No. 280.

Over the years, Sister Karen has served many positions for Grand Chapter: Grand Ruth (1987-1988), Deputy Grand Matron (1999-2000) & (2005-2006), District Deputy Grand Matron (2007-2008), Board of Directors (2008-2012), Grand Representative to Idaho (2013-2015), and she served on many Committees of Grand Chapter and Special Committees of the WGM under the leadership several Past Grand Matrons.

In all that she did, Sister Karen served with dignity, wisdom, and honor.

Written by Mrs. Bess Caldwell, PGM 2009-2010



*In Loving Memory*

**Mrs. Karen Kidd**  
Grand Adah  
2017-2018  
“Faith, Hope, and Love”

**Patty (Patricia) Russell**  
**July 28, 1950—June 25, 2018**

Patty was a strong lady with a loving nature. She was helpful, kind, and loyal. The way she lived her life set an example for her family, friends, sisters, and brothers to follow.

Patty was initiated into our beautiful order on March 18, 1971, and was currently serving as Deputy Grand Matron of District 1, Section 5. In addition to being an active member of Grand Prairie #219, Duncanville #1014, and Lonnie L. Blake #1116, she was active in the Past Matrons and Past Patron Club of District 1, Section 5. She will be remembered as a dedicated member of the Order of the Eastern Star and greatly missed by her family and her Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers.

Written by Jimmie Lee McMahan, PGM  
2001-2002



**Mrs. Patty Russell**  
Deputy Grand Matron  
District 1, Section 5  
2017-2018  
**“Faith, Hope, and Love”**  
**136th Session of the Grand Chapter**  
**of Texas**

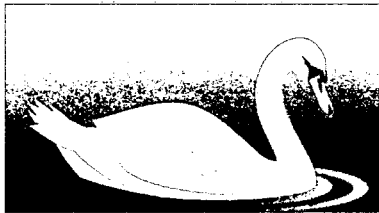


# **SPECIAL GUESTS**

## **PAST GRAND MATRONS OF TEXAS**

Mrs. Elise B. Hammock  
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham  
Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry  
Mrs. Betty Y. Friend  
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon  
Mrs. Karen T. Morgenthaler  
Mrs. Geraldine Dusek  
Mrs. Vi Griffin  
Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht  
Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer

Mrs. Beulah Speer  
Dr. Effie Mae Davis  
Mrs. Yvonne S. Brownfield  
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe  
Mrs. Doris Jean Hester  
Mrs. Nancy E. Brown  
Mrs. Joyce R. Nicklas  
Mrs. Annette Curry  
Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas



## **PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS**

Mr. Glenn Whitaker  
Mr. Richard Lee Ochs  
Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker  
Mr. Ed G. Warner  
Mr. Nelson R. Campbell  
Mr. Ray C. Hertenberger  
Mr. William A. "Bill" Crews  
Mr. William "Billy" Clabaugh

Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory  
Mr. Harold Trammell  
Mr. Jerry L. Martin  
Mr. John Creel  
Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt  
Mr. George A. Gwaltney  
Mr. Thomas R. Murphy

## HONORED GUEST

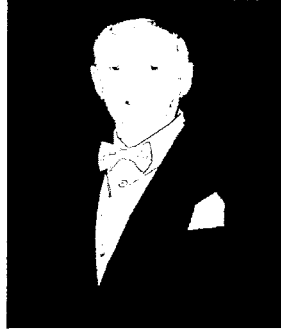


**Mr. Tommy Chapman**  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
of the Most Worshipful  
Grand Lodge of Texas,  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

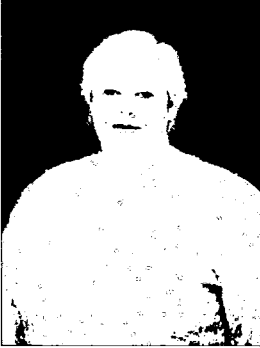
# INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



Mrs. Carolyn Martin  
Associate Grand Matron



Mr. Burley Jones  
Associate Grand Patron



Dr. Ellen Pickrell  
Grand Secretary



Mrs. Greta Spradling  
Grand Treasurer

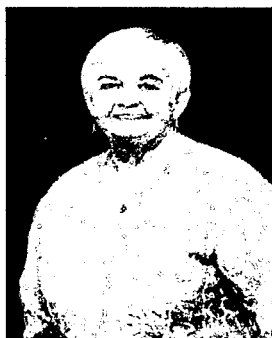


Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson  
Grand Conductress



Ms. Terri Rozell  
Associate Grand Conductress

# INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



Mrs. Vicki Smith  
Grand Chaplain



Mrs. Pamela Dean  
Grand Marshal



Dr. Daniel Caldwell  
Grand Organist



Mrs. Karen Kidd  
Grand Adah\*\*  
\*\*Deceased

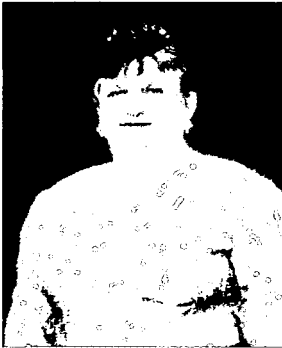


Mrs. Cheryl Royal  
Grand Ruth



Mrs. Lou Skidd  
Grand Esther

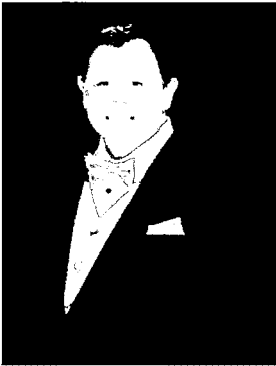
## INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



Mrs. Betty Hancock  
Grand Martha



Mrs. Sharon Prague  
Grand Electa



Mr. John Wilson  
Grand Warder

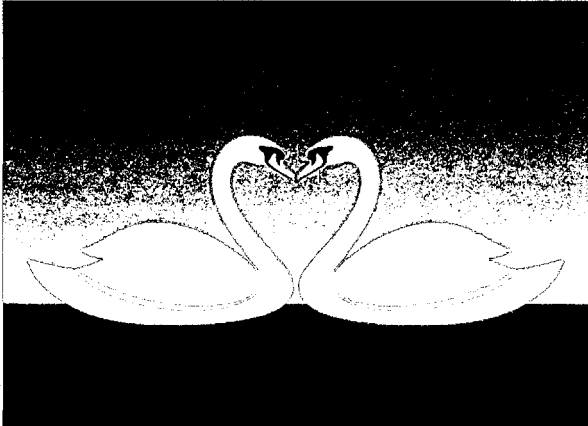


Mr. Mike Biddler  
Grand Sentinel

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENT



Mrs. Cathi Cannon  
Fraternal Correspondent



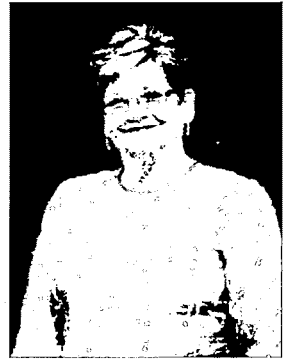
# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild  
Chairman



Mr. Ray Hargis  
Vice Chairman



Mrs. Barbara Martin  
Secretary



Mr. James Parker  
District 1



Mrs. Cindy Echols  
District 2



Mrs. Deborah Land  
District 2



Mr. Darrell Albrecht  
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. Lesa Smith  
District 3



Mrs. Glenda Klemm  
District 4  
Faith, Hope, and Love



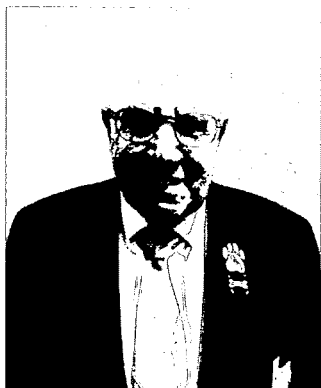
Mrs. Joan Miller  
District 5



Mrs. Shelley Walker  
At Large



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Mr. Bill Prague  
Chairman



Mrs. Barbara Tramel  
Secretary



Mrs. Marlene Scholari  
Treasurer



Mr. Rick Hardy  
Auditor

## ARRANGEMENTS — CHAIRMEN



Mr. James Walker  
General Chairman



Mrs. Patsy Jones  
Co-Chairman



Mrs. Jana Lubbers  
Secretary

# ARRANGEMENTS — CHAIRMEN



Mrs. Betty Scott  
Distinguished Guests



Ms. Cindy Rogers  
Ditty Bags



Mark Dieckmann  
Elections



Mrs. Tina Stevens  
First Aid



Mrs. Sandi Gubrud  
Housing



Ms. Brook Bennett  
Housing Co-Chair



Mrs. Carol Osborne  
Information, Lost & Found  
Faith, Hope, and Love



Jerry Boldin  
Labryinth



Mrs. LizBeth Lachnitt  
Paraphernalia

# ARRANGEMENTS — CHAIRMEN



Mrs. Wendy LaGrone  
Photographer  
Grand Chapter Session



Mr. Jim Turner  
D-1: Photographer



Mr. Roy Parsons  
D-2: Photographer



Mr. Charles Kitchens  
D-3: Photographer



Mr. Charles Broussard  
D-4: Photographer



Mr. Bill Markins  
D-5: Photographer



Mrs. Debra Tarpley  
Recorder



Mr. Verl Tramel  
Security



Mrs. Mary Harvey  
Signs

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Mrs. Linda Puckett  
Social Co-Chair



Mrs. Linda Turner  
Social Co-Chair



Mr. Ben Wilson  
Sound



Mrs. Charlotte Beall  
Steno



Mrs. Debara Perry  
Special Needs



Mr. Jeff Perry  
Special Needs, Co-Chair



Ms. Rebecca Cole  
Tickets



Mr. Max Perry



Mrs. Carol Jackson  
Vendors

# Ceremonial Opening

Thursday, August 16, 2018  
11:00 A.M.

10:45 a.m. Musical Prelude and Informal Opening	<b>Mrs. Beverly Plante</b> District Deputy, District 3
Master of Ceremonies	<b>Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham</b> Past Grand Matron
Assisting Grand Marshal	<b>Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht</b> Past Grand Matron

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

### **Board of Grand Examiners**

<b>Mrs. Phyllis Macon</b>	District One Escorted by Mr. Carrol Macon
<b>Mrs. Susan Dormady</b>	District Two Escorted by Mr. Bill Dormady
<b>Mrs. Lesa Smith</b>	District Three Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith, ESTRAL, GGC, & Past Grand Patron
<b>Mrs. Glenda Klemm</b>	District Four Escorted by Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron
<b>Mrs. Joan Miller</b>	District Five Escorted by Mr. Terry Miller
<b>Mrs. Shelley Walker</b>	At Large Escorted by Mr. James Walker

## Board of Directors

- Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild, Chairman** District Five  
Escorted by Mr. William “Bill” Crews, Past Grand Patron
- Mr. Ray Hargis, Vice Chairman** District One  
Escorted by Mrs. Linda Hargis
- Mrs. Barbara Martin, Secretary** District Three  
Escorted by Mr. Doyle Martin
- Mr. James Parker** District One  
Escorted by Mrs. Xanthe Parker
- Mrs. Deborah Land** District Two  
Escorted by Mr. Bobby Stringer
- Mrs. Cindy Echols** District Two  
Escorted by Mr. Bruce Wilson
- Mr. Darrel Albrecht** District Three  
Escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Past Grand Matron
- Mrs. Debi Fincher** District Four  
Escorted by Mr. Mike Fincher
- Mr. Robert Royall, Jr.** District Four  
Escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Royall, Grand Ruth
- Mrs. Phyllis Wilson** District Five  
Escorted by Mr. Garvid Wilson

## Special Appointment

- Mrs. Cathi Cannon** Fraternal Correspondent  
Escorted by Mr. Gene Cannon

## 2017-2018 Installed Grand Officers

**Mr. Mike Biddler**

Grand Sentinel  
Escorted by Mrs. Emily Biddler

**Mr. John Wilson**

Grand Warder  
Escorted by Mrs. Patricia Edwards

**Mrs. Sharon Prague**

Grand Electa  
Escorted by Mr. Jimmie Boone

**Mrs. Betty Hancock**

Grand Martha  
Escorted by Mr. Tom Hancock

**Mrs. Lou Skidd**

Grand Esther  
Escorted by Mr. Dale Eldridge

**Mrs. Cheryl Royall**

Grand Ruth  
Escorted by Mr. Travis Knowlton

**Mrs. Karen Kidd \*\***

Grand Adah

**Dr. Daniel Caldwell**

Grand Organist  
Escorted by Mrs. Kristi Bridgewater

**Mrs. Pamela Dean**

Grand Marshal  
Escorted by Mr. Bill Vaughan

**Mrs. Vicki Smith**

Grand Chaplain  
Escorted by Mr. Vaughan Smith

\*\*Deceased

**Ms. Terri Rozell** Associate Grand Conductress  
Escorted by Mr. Alan Duncan

**Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson** Grand Conductress  
Escorted by Mr. Victor Christenson

**Mrs. Greta Spradling** Grand Treasurer  
Escorted by Dr. Bill Bane, Ambassador to Romania, GGC, PGP-DC

**Dr. Ellen Pickrell** Grand Secretary  
Escorted by Mr. Henry S. Martin, RWAGP, GGC, & PGP

**Mr. Burley Jones** Associate Grand Patron  
Escorted by Mrs. Doris Jones

**Mrs. Carolyn Ann Martin** Associate Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Harold Wert

**Mr. Richard “Rick” Skidd** Worthy Grand Patron  
Escorted by Mrs. Doris “Dee” Davis

**Mrs. Melissa S. Hudman** Worthy Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman  
Grand Representative of British Columbia & Yukon

## **PRESENTATIONS**

The Holy Bible **Mrs. Kathy Creel**  
Bible Marker Secretary to the WGM

Square and Compasses **Mr. Richard Hudman**  
Grand Representative of British Columbia & Yukon



## *Flag Presentations*

**Narrator: Mr. Ray Hertenberger**  
**Past Grand Patron**

**United States Flag**

**Mr. John Creel**  
Past Grand Patron

**Canadian Flag**

**Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.**  
First Responders, Chairman, GGC, and Past Grand Patron

**Texas Flag**

**Mr. Richard Hudman**  
Grand Representative of British Columbia & Yukon

**Christian Flag**

**Mr. William “Bill” Crews**  
Past Grand Patron

**Eastern Star Flag**

**Mr. William “Bill” Wyatt**  
Past Grand Patron

**Masonic Flag**

**Mr. Tommy Griffin**  
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

**Invocation**

**Mr. Thomas Murphy**  
Past Grand Patron

**Session Dedication**

**Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer**  
Past Grand Matron



## ***Greetings and Presentations***

**Welcome**

**Mr. Bill Prague**  
Executive Committee Chairman, 2017-2018

**Ms. Belinda Daniel**, Director of Sales  
Dallas Marriott Los Colinas

**Ms. Katherine Dipietro**, CHSE, Sales Manager  
Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau

**Mr. Rick Stopher**  
Mayor, City of Irving

**Disabled American Veterans  
Transportation Fund**

**Mr. Dennis Nixon**  
National Commander of the DAV

**Scottish Rite Hospital for Children**

**Mr. Burrell Poston**  
Development Officer

**Shriners Transportation Fund**

**Illustrious Sir Chuck Hudson**  
Potentate, Hella Shrine Temple, Garland

**Noble Jerry King**  
Alzafar Shrine Temple, San Antonio, and Worthy Patron Adah #49

**Patriot Paws**

**Ms. Sharon Satterwhite**  
Director of Development

**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 Claire Peebler**  
Grand Worthy Advisor

**Texas DeMolay**

**Mr. Michael Sampson**  
State Executive Officer

**Mr. Cole Spicer**  
State Master Counselor

**Grand Lodge of Texas**

**Honorable Tommy Chapman**  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A. M.

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



# **Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening**

Thursday, August 16, 2018

1:00 P.M.

## **“LOVE FOR TEXAS”**

Session

Organist Formal Opening

**Dr. Daniel Caldwell**  
Grand Organist

Call to Order

**Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon**  
PGM  
**Mr. John Creel**  
PGP

### **The “Melody of Love” Drill**

Installed Grand Officers and Pages

Directed by **Mrs. Pamela Dean**, Grand Marshal

### **Precision Drill**

Directed by **Mr. William “Bill” Wyatt**, PGP

### **Entrance of Grand Officers**

Scripture Reading

**Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler**  
PGM

Partial Report of Credentials Committee

**Mrs. Kathy McColly**  
Credentials Chairman

Ritualistic Opening

**Installed Grand Officers**

Opening Ode  
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**“God Bless America”**  
Grand Choir and Assembly

Flag Presentation

**Mrs. Pamela Dean**  
Grand Marshal

Pledge of Allegiance

**Mr. Rick Skidd**  
Worthy Grand Patron

National Anthem

Grand Choir and Assembly

Directed by **Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander**, Grand Choir Director

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Grand Choir and Assembly

Directed by **Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander**, Grand Choir Director

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Filing of Vacancies

Appointment of Telegram/Telephone Committee

## **Formal Introductions**

Most Worthy Grand Matron/Patron

Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons/Patrons

Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter

Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter

General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons  
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons  
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Most Worshipful Grand Master  
of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand  
Patron and Special Appointments of MWGM & MWGP

Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in  
Other Grand Jurisdictions

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas

Grand 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,  
and Past Grand Matron of Wyoming

Benediction

**Mr. Tommy Griffin**  
Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas  
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Closing of the Bible

**Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson**  
Grand Conductress

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

Thursday, August 16, 2018  
7:30 P.M.

**“Faith in God”**  
Session

7:15 P.M. Musical Prelude

**Dr. Daniel Caldwell**  
Grand Organist

7:30 P.M. Call to Order

**Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane**  
Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary, GGC, and Past Grand Matron

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

**Entrance of the Grand Officers**

ESTARL Program

**Mrs. Susan Bigham**  
General Chairman



## **“Faith in God”**



**Mrs. Melissa Hudman**  
**Worthy Grand Matron**

**Mr. Rick Skidd**  
**Worthy Grand Patron**

### **ESTARL Program**

**Mrs. Susan Bigham**  
ESTARL General Chairman



# ESTARL Service and Awards

Musical Prelude

**Dr. Daniel Caldwell**  
Grand Organist

Welcome

**Mrs. Susan Bigham**  
ESTARL, General Chairman

## ESTARL Committee

**Mrs. Kathyjo Kuenzle**  
**Mrs. Carol Knutson**  
**Mrs. Donna Noe**  
**Mrs. Janice Langford**  
**Mrs. Brenda Miller**

District 1  
District 2  
District 3  
District 4  
District 5

Invocation

**Mrs. Kristin Warthen**  
Recipient, District 3

Musical Selection

**Mr. Jake Turner**  
Recipient, District 3

Scripture Reading

**Mr. Noah Batts**  
Recipient, District 4

**1st John 5:4-5**

Message

**Miss Boston White**  
Recipient, District 5

Offertory Prayer

**Mr. Robert Shepherd**  
Recipient, District 1

~~~~~ **ESTARL Love Offering** ~~~~~

Offertory Music

**Mr. Jake Turner**  
Recipient, District 3

# Presentation of Awards

**Mrs. Melissa Hudman**  
Worthy Grand Matron

**Mr. Rick Skidd**  
Worthy Grand Patron

Assisted by ESTARL Committee

Response from the Recipients

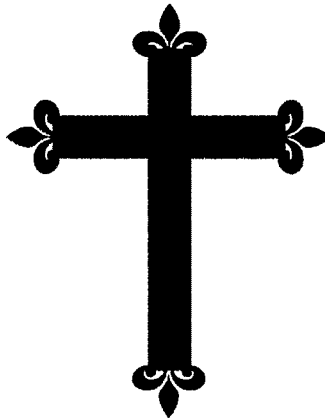
**Mr. Christian Messemer**  
Recipient, District 3

Remarks

**Mrs. Melissa Hudman**  
Worthy Grand Matron  
**Mr. Rick Skidd**  
Worthy Grand Patron

Benediction

**Mr. Jason Valendy**  
Recipient, District 3



POEM BY MRS. VIRGINIA WHITWORTH, POET LAUREATE

**SUNRISE AND SUNSET STARS**

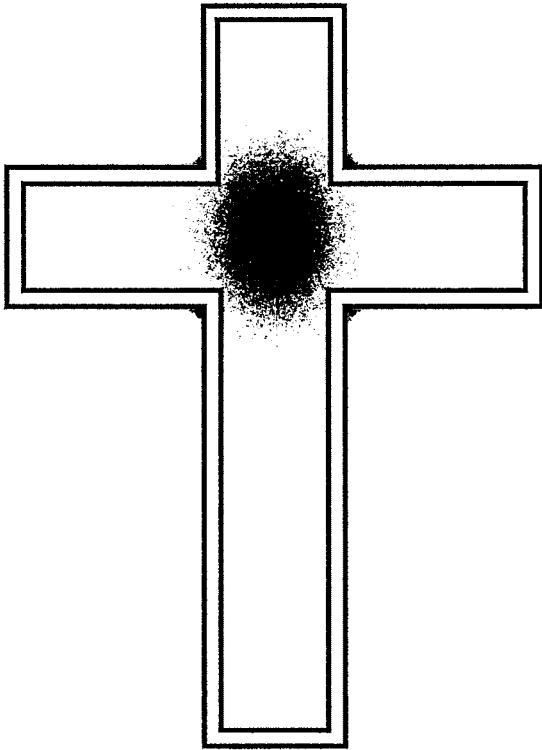
Sunrise Stars can't be seen  
Because of the light of his heavenly sunbeams.  
But, when the sun goes down for a nightly rest,  
That's when the Sunset Stars come out and shine in the West.  
Whether stars are in the sunrise or sunset,  
They will always and forever glow bright.  
Day after day, night after night.  
Eternally shining, filled with Faith, Hope, and Love,  
Given to them from the Almighty High above.  
Sunrise Stars and Sunset Stars work hand in hand,  
Glowing around the world to make an OES stand.  
When the Shooting Stars go out in their lustrous glow,  
Just know, new ones pop up in their place  
And are Rising to carry on with His Amazing Grace!

Virginia Ann Whitworth

Poet Laureate

Grand Chapter of Texas, OES

# Faith's Promise



## MEMORIAL PROGRAM

**Mrs. Vicki Smith**  
**Grand Chaplain**

**Mrs. Melissa Hudman**  
**Worthy Grand Matron**

**Mr. Rick Skidd**  
**Worthy Grand Patron**

# “Faith’s Promise”

|                                                 |                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Musical Prelude                                 | <b>Dr. Daniel Caldwell</b><br>Grand Organist                                                     |
| <b>Entrance of the 2017-2018 Grand Officers</b> |                                                                                                  |
| Invocation                                      | <b>Mr. John Creel</b><br>Past Grand Patron                                                       |
| Solo “How Can I Keep from Singing”              | <b>Mrs. Niccola Bilski</b><br>Grand Soloist, District 4                                          |
| Report of the Grand Chaplain                    | <b>Mrs. Vicki Smith</b><br>Grand Chaplain                                                        |
| Tribute to the General Grand Chapter            | <b>Mrs. Vicki Smith</b><br>Grand Chaplain                                                        |
| Floral Presentation                             | <b>Mrs. Janice Kelley</b><br>Grand Page to Grand Adah<br><b>Mrs. Pamela Dean</b> , Grand Marshal |
| Solo “How Great Thou Art”                       | <b>Mrs. Tiffany Fischer</b><br>Conductress, Webb Chapter #114                                    |
| Tribute to the Grand Chapter of Texas           | <b>Mrs. Vicki Smith</b><br>Grand Chaplain                                                        |
| Floral Presentation                             | <b>Mrs. Cheryl Royall</b> , Grand Ruth<br><b>Mrs. Pamela Dean</b> , Grand Marshal                |
| Tribute to other Grand Jurisdictions            | <b>Mrs. Vicki Smith</b><br>Grand Chaplain                                                        |
| Floral Presentation                             | <b>Mrs. Lou Skidd</b> , Grand Esther<br><b>Mrs. Pamela Dean</b> , Grand Marshal                  |
| Tribute to Subordinate Chapters of Texas        | <b>Mrs. Vicki Smith</b><br>Grand Chaplain                                                        |

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|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Floral Presentation                             | <b>Mrs. Betty Hancock</b> , Grand Martha<br><b>Mrs. Pamela Dean</b> , Grand Marshal                                                                            |
| Tribute to Our Military and<br>First Responders | <b>Mrs. Vicki Smith</b><br>Grand Chaplain                                                                                                                      |
| Floral Presentation                             | <b>Mrs. Sharon Prague</b> , Grand Electa<br><b>Mrs. Pamela Dean</b> , Grand Marshal                                                                            |
| Solo "You'll Never Walk Alone"                  | <b>Ms. Konnie Harrell</b><br>Grand Soloist, District 3                                                                                                         |
| Opening of the Holy Bible                       | <b>Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson</b><br>Grand Conductress                                                                                                        |
| Draping of the Altar                            | <b>Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson</b><br>Grand Conductress<br><b>Ms. Terri Rozell</b><br>Associate Grand Conductress<br><b>Mrs. Vicki Smith</b><br>Grand Chaplain |
| Solo "I Believe"                                | <b>Mrs. Diane Beckley</b><br>Grand Soloist, District 5                                                                                                         |
| Closing of the Holy Bible                       | <b>Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson</b><br>Grand Conductress                                                                                                        |
| Benediction                                     | <b>Mr. Rick Skidd</b><br>Worthy Grand Patron                                                                                                                   |

**Please Retire Reverently**

**SESSION CALLED FROM LABOR TO REST  
UNTIL 8:00 A.M. FRIDAY MORNING**

# **Friday Morning Session**

Friday, August 17, 2018  
8:00 A.M.

## **“DAY OF HOPE”**

Session

7:45 a.m. Musical Prelude

**Mrs. Sandra Perdue**  
Grand Page to Grand Organist

8:00 a.m. Organist Opening

**Dr. Daniel Caldwell**  
Grand Organist

Call to Order

**Mrs. Vi Griffin**  
PGM

**Mr. H. Lee Stallings**  
Jurisprudence, Chairman, GGC, & PGP

### **The “Melody of Love” Drill**

Installed Grand Officers and Pages  
Directed by **Mrs. Pamela Dean**, Grand Marshal

### **Precision Drill**

Directed by **Mr. William “Bill” Wyatt**, PGP

### **Entrance of the Grand Officers**

Opening of the Holy Bible

**Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson**  
Grand Conductress

Invocation

**Mr. Jerry Trees**  
Ambassador to Mexico, GGC, & PGP

Scripture Reading

**Mrs. Nancy Brown**  
PGM

## **Business Session — Reports:**

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

### Reports:

|                                      |                                                         |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Parliamentary Procedures             | <b>Mrs. Janet Travers</b><br>Parliamentarian            |
| Chapters U.D.                        | <b>Mrs. Rosemary Berry</b> , PGM                        |
| Worthy Grand Matron                  | <b>Mrs. Melissa Hudman</b>                              |
| Worthy Grand Patron                  | <b>Mr. Rick Skidd</b>                                   |
| Grand Secretary                      | <b>Dr. Ellen Pickrell</b>                               |
| Board of Directors                   | <b>Carlotta Fairchild</b> , Chairman                    |
| Jurisprudence on Unfinished Business | <b>Mr. John Creel</b> , PGP                             |
| Jurisprudence                        | <b>Mr. John Creel</b> , PGP                             |
| Grievance and Appeals                | <b>Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon</b> , PGM                    |
| By-Laws                              | <b>Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw</b> , Chairman                  |
| Educational Fund                     | <b>Mrs. Cindy Brisko</b> , Chairman                     |
| Financial Investments                | <b>Mr. William “Bill” Wyatt</b> ,<br>Chairman, and PGP  |
| International Headquarters           | <b>Mrs. Nancy Estill</b>                                |
| Benediction                          | <b>Mr. Bill Crews</b><br>PGP                            |
| Closing of the Holy Bible            | <b>Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson</b><br>Grand Conductress |

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

**Called from Labor to Rest  
Until 1:30 P.M. Friday Afternoon**



# **Friday Afternoon Session**

Friday, August 17, 2018

2:00 P.M.

## **“THE FUTURE OF HOPE”**

Session

1:45 p.m. Musical Prelude

**Mrs. Treaca Huston**  
Humanitarian Chairman, District 1

2:00 p.m. Organist Opening

**Dr. Daniel Caldwell**  
Grand Organist

Call to Order

**Mrs. Mary Ruth White**  
Regenerative Medicine, GGC, & PGM

**Mr. Art Drescher, Jr.**  
First Responders, Chairman, GGC, & PGP

## **Entrance of the Grand Officers**

Opening of the Holy Bible

**Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson**  
Grand Conductress

Invocation

**Mr. George Gwaltney**  
Past Grand Patron

Scripture Reading

**Mrs. Betty Friend**  
Past Grand Matron

Reports Continued:

Museum

**Mrs. Sharon Hill Adams**, Chairman

OES Endowment Fund

**Mrs. Liz Cherry**, Chairman

Purposes and Policies

**Mrs. Joyce Gilbert**

Necrology, Chairman, GGC, and PGM

Titles, Deeds, & Properties

**Mr. Herbert Garon, Jr.**

Benediction

**Mr. Jerry Martin**  
Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Master

Closing of the Holy Bible

**Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson**  
Grand Conductress

Grand Representatives Presentation and Report

**Mrs. Cathi Cannon**  
Fraternal Correspondent

## **“A Fellowship of Love” Grand Representatives Drill**

Humanitarian Presentation and Report

**Mrs. Elinor Humphreys**  
Humanitarian, General Chairman

District One

**Mrs. Treaca Huston**

District Two

**Mrs. Chris Puckett**

District Three

**Mrs. Sherry Thompson**

District Four

**Mrs. Regina Garner**

District Five

**Mrs. Susan Neuenschwander**

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 7:00 P.M.**



# **Saturday Morning Session**

Saturday, August 18, 2018  
8:00 A.M.

## **“On the Wings of Faith, Hope, and Love” Session**

7:45 a.m. Musical Prelude

**Mrs. Joyce Gilbert**  
Necrology, Chairman, GGC, and PGM

8:00 a.m. Organist Opening

**Dr. Daniel Caldwell**  
Grand Organist

Call to Order

**Mrs. Jayne Yenger**  
Ambassador to Germany, GGC, and PGM

**Mr. Trey Smith**  
ESTARL, GGC, and PGP

### **The “Melody of Love” Drill**

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### **Precision Drill**

Directed by **Mr. William “Bill” Wyatt**, PGP

### **Entrance of the Grand Officers**

Opening of the Holy Bible

**Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson**  
Grand Conductress

Invocation

**Mr. Nelson Campbell**  
PGP

Scripture Reading

**Mrs. Joyce Nicklas**  
PGM

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Presentation of Executive and Arrangements Committees

Credentials Final Report

**Mrs. Kathy McColly**  
Credentials, General Chairman

Appointment of Election Judge,  
Table Judges, and Tellers

**Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan**  
PGM

**10:00 A.M. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Reports continued:

Registration                   **Mrs. Jackie Lemons**, General Chairman  
Fraternal Correspondent                   **Mrs. Cathi Cannon**  
Humanitarian   **Mrs. Elinor Humphreys**, General Chairman  
Deputies of Grand Chapter  
Grand Examiners

Presentation of Residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center

Presentation and Recognition of Fifty Year Members

Presentation of "Give a Hoot" Awards



Reports Continued (as time permits):

Bulletin

Calendar

Do You Really Care? Membership Visitation

Endowed Membership Stamp/Pin

Forever Young

Friendship 4-State Exchange

Give a Hoot

Helping Those Who Served

Historical Highlights

Kups for Kids—Youth

Let's Go Fly a Kite

Masonic Connections

Multi-State

Music Committee

Patriot Paws

Proficiency

Remember When? Yearbook Committee

Ritualistic Excellence

Rob Morris Celebration

Scottish Rite Hospital & Shriners Transportation Fund

Specialty License Plates

Texas Who's Who

TMRC Time and Talent

**Mrs. Patricia Hammond**

**Mrs. Kenlyn Lawrence**

**Mrs. Nola Choate**

**Mrs. Traci Maynard**

**Mrs. Mary Lou Liberto**

**Mrs. Kay Gilmore**

**Mrs. Karen Weser**

**Mr. Chuck Ross**

**Mrs. Sally Hutcheson**

**Mrs. Kimi Shaw**

**Mrs. Sharon Beauchamp**

**Mr. John Puckett**

**Ms. Jo D Dibrell**

**Mrs. Murial Rowell**

**Mrs. Debra Blake**

**Mrs. Debbie Hicks**

**Mrs. Stacey Ramer**

**Mrs. June Bell**

**Mr. Patrick Travers**

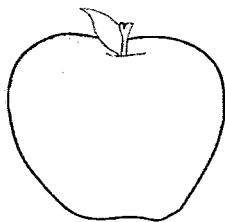
**Mrs. Laura Brooks**

**Mr. Dwight Phillips**

**Mrs. Judy Harris**

**Mrs. Sandy Trimble**

## **Invitation to 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Session**



**Presentation to AGM**

**Carlotta Fairchild**  
Chairman, Board of Directors

**Election Results**

Closing Ode  
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**“An Evening Prayer”**  
Grand Choir and Assembly

Benediction

**Mr. John Creel**  
PGP

Closing of the Holy Bible

**Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson**  
Grand Conductress

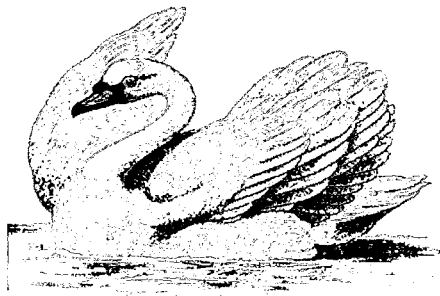
Closing Grand Officers Drill

**Mrs. Pamela Dean**  
Grand Marshal

**Called from Labor to Rest until 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening**

**Please join us  
For the Open Installation of the  
2018-2019 Grand Officers**

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



PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE  
FOR GRAND CHAPTER 2018

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 vote 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 ORANGE card; Chapter Representatives will hold up the PURPLE 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 making 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 Convention Center Monitors for Updates**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018**

**7 PM**        **“Time of Our Life”**  
**to**            **Installed Grand Officers Banquet**  
**10 PM**        **By Invitation Only**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018**

**9 AM**        Reception Honoring Mrs. Carolyn Martin, Associate  
**to**            Grand Matron and the 2018-2019 Grand Officers.  
**11 AM**        Hosted by Mr. Burley Jones, Associate Grand Patron  
**By Invitation Only**

**10 AM**        Hospitality Rooms for **Distinguished Guests**. Hosted  
**to**            by the Grand Chapter of Texas. Open to Grand  
**2 PM**        Chapter Family; Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons,  
Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Elected and  
Appointed Grand Officers only. **Convention Center**

**10 AM**        Hospitality Room for **Grand Representatives and**  
**to**            **PAGO**. Hosted by these groups. Open to these  
**2 PM**        groups only. **Convention Center**

**11:30 AM**    **“The Wisdom of Kindness” 2017-2018**  
**to**            Deputies of Grand Chapter luncheon honoring  
**1 PM**        Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron,  
and Mr. Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron.  
Hosted by the Deputies of Grand Chapter: Open  
to 2017-2018 Deputies of Grand Chapter, Board  
of Grand Examiners, Humanitarian Committee,  
Fraternal Correspondent, Secretaries of the WGM  
and WGP and spouses of all of these.  
**Convention Center**

- 1 PM**        **“Kindness Meets the Heart”** Past Grand Matrons and Past  
to           Grand Patrons luncheon. Chairman: Mrs. Joyce Gilbert.
- 2:30 PM**    Open to this group only.  
**Convention Center**
- 5 PM**        Reception for Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board  
to           Members. Hosted by Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand  
**6 PM**        Matron, and Mr. Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron.  
**Convention Center**
- 6 PM**        **“Savvy Swans on Golden Pond”** honoring the Installed  
to           Grand Officers and Elected Board Members for 2017-2018.  
**8 PM**        Chairman: Mrs. Kathy Creel. Open to All.  
**Convention Center**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018**

- 7:30 AM**    **“Smiles Around the World”** Grand Representatives  
to           Breakfast honoring Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Worthy  
**9:30 AM**    Grand Matron, and Mr. Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand  
Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Mary Ann Ivy. Open to  
Present and former Grand Representatives, Fraternal  
Correspondent, spouses, and traveling companions.  
**Convention Center**
- 10 AM**      **“Past Inspirations”** brunch honoring Jr. Past Grand  
to           Matron, Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, and Jr. Past Grand  
**11:30 AM**   Patron, Mr. Thomas Murphy. Hosted by the Deputies  
of 2016-2017. Open to 2016-2017 Grand Family,  
Spouses, and traveling companions.  
**Convention Center**
- 10 AM**      Hospitality Rooms for **Distinguished Guests**. Hosted  
to           by the Grand Chapter of Texas. Open to Grand  
**2 PM**        Chapter Family; Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons,  
Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Elected and  
Appointed Grand Officers only.  
**Convention Center**

- 10 AM** Hospitality Room for **Grand Representatives and**  
**to** **PAGO**. Hosted by these groups. Open to these  
**2 PM** groups only.  
**Convention Center**
- 4:30 PM** Reception for Distinguished Guests: General Grand  
**to** Chapter Officers and Committees, Worthy Grand Matrons,  
**5:30 PM** Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons, and Past Grand  
 Patrons. Hosted by Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand  
 Matron, and Mr. Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron.  
**Convention Center**
- 5:30 PM** “**Swan Lake**” General Banquet honoring General Grand  
**to** Chapter Officers, Committees, and Ambassadors of General  
**7 PM** Grand Chapter. Hosted by Mrs. Linda Puckett and  
 Mrs. Linda Turner. Open to All.  
**Convention Center**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018**

- 6:30 AM** “**Crossed Pens and Crossed Keys**” working breakfast.  
**to** Hosted by the Secretaries and Treasurers’ Association  
**7:30 AM** 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**
- 12 PM** “**A Golden Swan Song**” luncheon honoring  
**to** Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron,  
**1:30 PM** and Mr. Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron.  
 Open to: Membership  
**Convention Center**
- 12 PM** “**Picnic Under the Apple Tree**” luncheon honoring  
**to** Mrs. Carolyn Martin, Associate Grand Matron, and  
**1:30 PM** Mr. Burley Jones, Associate Grand Patron.  
 Open to: Membership  
**Convention Center**

**12 PM**      **“Believing in Angels”** luncheon honoring  
**to**           Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson, Grand Conductress.  
**1:30 PM**    Open to: Membership  
              **Convention Center**

**12 PM**      **“Wings of Hope and Faith Take Flight”** luncheon honoring  
**to**           Ms. Terri Rozell, Associate Grand Conductress.  
**1:30 PM**    Open to: Membership  
              **Convention Center**

**7 PM**        **“Schmoozing and Cruising”** Rob Morris party.  
**to**           Open to: Membership  
**11 PM**      50/60’s party and dance with live entertainment, photo  
              opportunities, live and silent auction, good food, and  
              much more! Come dressed for the party of the year!  
              Reduced priced tickets! You don’t want to miss it!  
              **Convention Center**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018**

**6:30 AM**    **“Apple Blossom Time”** breakfast honoring  
**to**           Mrs. Carolyn Martin, Associate Grand Matron and  
**8 AM**        Mr. Burley Jones, Associate Grand Patron.  
              Hosted by 2018-2019 Deputies of Grand Chapter.  
              Open to: Membership  
              **Convention Center**

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018**

**9 AM**        **“Dawn of a New Day”** breakfast honoring the  
**to**           newly elected Associate Grand Conductress.  
**10:30 AM**   Open to: Membership  
              **Convention Center**

Deputy Grand Matrons’ Conference will begin at  
10 A.M. Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patrons,  
Installed Grand Officers, and Elected Board Members  
are invited to attend.  
**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 West end of the Arena.

**ASSISTING GRAND WARDERS AND ASSISTING GRAND SENTINELS** will please be on duty thirty (30) minutes before each session. Please assist in proving Grand Chapter.

**GRAND CHOIR MEMBERS** will please be in place thirty (30) minutes before each session.

### **HOSPITALITY ROOM INFORMATION**

Please check the Convention Center monitors for location of Distinguished Guests, Grand Representatives, and 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 (3) minutes.

**CHAIRMEN:** Please be available until your report has been given. Please watch the progress of the reports, as you may be called upon to give your report earlier or later than scheduled. The General Chairman, or Co-Chairman in the absence of the General Chairman, will introduce the District Chairmen, ask the members of the Committee to stand during the report, and read the report.

After the report is read, the Chairman will move the adoption of the report. After approval of the report, a picture will be taken of the General Chairman, Co-Chairman, and District Chairmen with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron.

### **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS:**

Mrs. Wendy LaGrone: GC Session: 254-368-1364 cell

Mr. Jim Turner: District 1: 972-333-5045 cell

Mr. Roy Parsons: District 2: 325-672-2387 cell

Mr. Charles Kitchens: District 3: 940-328-3162 cell

Mr. Charles Broussard: District 4: 409-782-3833

Mr. Bill Markins: District 5: 830-214-4425 cell

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

### **REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS**

Wednesday - Convention Center 10:00 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 AM on Saturday, August 18, 2018

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 on the 1st floor for 2017-2018.

**HUMANITARIAN DRILL:** All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons, and Junior Past Patrons participating in the Humanitarian Drill for 2017-2018 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 16, 2018: 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.  
Friday, August 17, 2018: 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
Located in the Convention Center.

**VENDORS:**

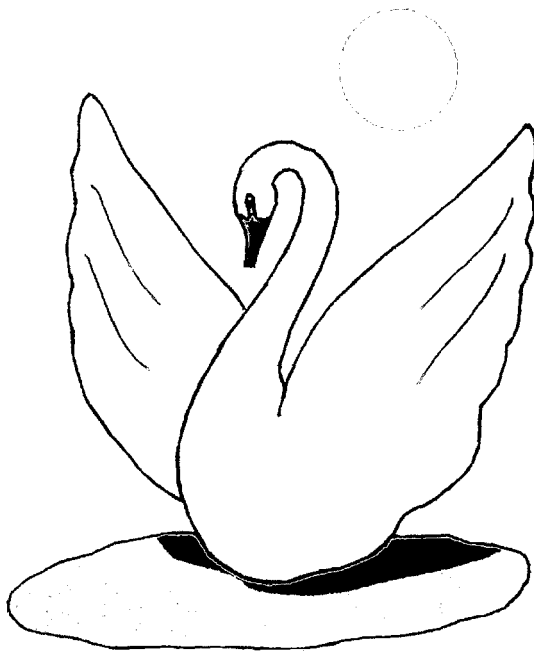
The vendors are located on the 1st floor of the Convention Center. Hours are 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Wednesday thru Friday (some may close earlier). Vendors will close at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday.

**HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:**

DALLAS MARRIOTT LAS COLINAS IRVING  
223 West Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, TX 75039

**OTHER HOTEL**

OMNI MANDALAY HOTEL AT LAS COLINAS IRVING  
221 East Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX, 75039



## **The Star Spangled Banner**

O 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 through 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 through 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.

## **God Bless America**

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

## An Evening Prayer

If I have wounded any soul today,  
If I have caused one foot to go astray,  
If I have walked in my own willful way,  
Dear Lord, Forgive!

## Do You Really Care?

### Chorus

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?

### 1<sup>ST</sup> Verse

I look around in the place that I live.  
I see people with so much to give.  
Yet there are those, who are dying to know.  
Just that somebody cares.

### Chorus

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?

### 2nd Verse

I see people just longing to know,  
What they can live for and where they can go.  
We have the hope and the purpose to share.  
But do we Really Care?



## Special Thanks

2017-2018 Executive Chairman      Mr. William Prague

Arrangements      Mr. James Walker, Chairman  
Mrs. Patsy Jones, Co-Chairman

Decorations      Mr. Trey Smith  
Mrs. Marlene Dibrell

### ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS TEAM

Gavels      Mr. Richard Hudman

Star Point Pedestals      Mrs. Catrina Christopher

Pedestal Covers      Ms. Ruby Lee

Pedestals for North, South, West  
Square and Compasses      Mr. Jim Leftwich

Emblems      Mrs. Sarah Coursey

Altar Cover & Kneeling Bench      Loyal Chapter #648  
Mrs. Cindy Rodgers

Altar Drape      Mrs. Joan Watkins

Bible Marker      Mrs. Rita Lytle

Signet      Mrs. Elizabeth Grayson  
Adah Chapter #49



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## *Savvy Swans on Golden Pond Banquet*

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| <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>                                           | <i>Mrs. Tonya Wilson, DDGM, D4</i>                                                |
| <i>Invocation</i>                                                     | <i>Mrs. Beverly Plante, DDGM, D3</i>                                              |
| <i>Welcome</i>                                                        | <i>Mrs. Becky Austin, DDGM, D1</i>                                                |
| <i>Response</i>                                                       | <i>Mrs. Mary Medford, DDGM, D2</i>                                                |
| <i>Dinner</i>                                                         |                                                                                   |
| <i>Introductions</i>                                                  | <i>Mrs. Gail Fuller, DDGM, D5</i>                                                 |
| <i>Tribute to the Grand Examiners</i>                                 | <i>Mrs. Joyce Gilbert,<br/>Necrology, Chairman, GGC<br/>and Past Grand Matron</i> |
| <i>Responses on behalf of the G.E.</i>                                | <i>Mrs. Shelley Walker<br/>Grand Examiner at Large</i>                            |
| <i>Tribute to the Board of Directors</i>                              | <i>Mrs. Jayne Yenger<br/>Ambassador to Germany, GGC<br/>and Past Grand Matron</i> |
| <i>Response on behalf of Board of Directors</i>                       | <i>Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild<br/>Chairman, Board of Directors</i>                   |
| <i>Tribute to the Grand Officers</i>                                  | <i>Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer<br/>Past Grand Matron</i>                                 |
| <i>Response on Behalf of Grand Officers</i>                           | <i>Ms. Terri Rozell<br/>Associate Grand Conductress</i>                           |
| <i>Tribute to the Worthy Grand<br/>Matron and Worthy Grand Patron</i> | <i>Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon<br/>Past Grand Matron</i>                              |
| <i>Response</i>                                                       | <i>Mr. Rick Skidd, WGP<br/>Mrs. Melissa Hudman, WGM</i>                           |
| <i>Benediction</i>                                                    | <i>Mr. Thomas Murphy<br/>Past Grand Patron</i>                                    |

*We thank you for attending our Savvy Swans on Golden Pond banquet. We wish you the best this Grand Chapter!*

**“Savvy Swans on Golden Pond”  
Banquet**

**Honoring Installed Grand Officers**

**and Elected Board Members**

**Convention Center Las Colinas**

**Irving, Texas**

**August 15, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

**136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter of Texas Session**  
**“Savvy Swans on Golden Pond” Banquet**  
**Honoring Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members**  
**Convention Center Las Colinas, Irving, Texas**  
**August 15, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

**Master of Ceremonies**

**Mrs. Tonya Wilson, DDGM, D4**

**MC Tonya Wilson:** Thank you all for attending the “Savvy Swans on Golden Pond” Banquet. Tonight, we are here to honor the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members. But before we do, we’re going to talk a little bit about these people. Now as you know, Sister Melissa emblem was the Swan. But she also had a set of pins that started out with this little bitty tiny bird called an ugly duckling. So, I’m thinking that maybe Sister Melissa took a look around and she looked all through the membership and said, some of these people may think they’re an ugly duckling but they are going to be one of my beautiful Swans. As Swans are wild, they’re in a herd. She didn’t want a herd of Swans, so she took her ugly ducklings, raised them into a beautiful tribe of Swans. So, tonight we’re going to honor her Swans that came from an ugly duckling beginning. I would like to invite Sister Beverly Plante to bring our Invocation.

**Sister Beverly Plante:** Will you please join hands with the people next to you and bow your heads. I would like to begin by personally praying for everyone in this room. I pray for everyone here that they may be forgiven and that they receive a blessing and a spirit of healing and protection of discernment, of encouragement, hope and peace, of joy and life itself, over them, in them and through them in all areas of their lives. May we be forgiven for our mistakes and always remember that a pound of gold may be easily repaid but a random act of kindness can never be repaid. Guide our hearts, our minds and our spirits for understanding, embracing and fulfilling the purpose of our existence. Amen.

**MC Tonya Wilson:** Thank you Sister Beverly. Now again, we are going to be talking about some of these newly become Swans at the beginning of the year but now they are going to be graceful as we rap up this Grand Chapter year. We’re going to be talking about “savvy”. This is how they had to become through this Grand Chapter year. Which means they came through with Grace. At this time, I invite Sister Becky Austin to bring the Welcome.

**Sister Becky Austin:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Elected Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members. Good evening. We would like to welcome you to this honor Banquet, honoring our Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members. And I’m going to keep it real short because I know we have a very long program this evening. The words are “Savvy Swans on Golden Pond”, silver and gold have we none, but such as we have we offer to thee, as our guests. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Tonya Wilson:** Now as the year has wrapped up, and we’re coming to an end, we have become very graceful Swans. And as our symbol as our Worthy

Grand Matron has, the white Swan, being the friendliest and most elegant of the Swans. I invite Sister Mary Medford to bring our response.

**Sister Mary Medford:** Thank you Sister Tonya. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Becky, thank you for that warm Greeting and Welcome. We appreciate that. I want to say thank you for all who worked to put this wonderful evening together. These decorations are beautiful. Even the armadillos that are there. They're kind of cute, too. We look forward to having a great Grand Chapter and I'm glad to be here with you and we are looking forward to making memories that we will have for a lifetime. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Tonya Wilson:** At this time, we will begin with our evening meal.

(Dinner)

**MC Tonya Wilson:** If you have not finished eating, please continue to finish. We are going to go ahead and start the rest of our program. At this time, I invite Sister Gail Fuller up to do Introductions.

**Sister Gail Fuller:** Thank you Sister Tonya. We are going to do our head table. And so, we are so happy to have with us our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Hudman and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Rick Skidd and his wife, Sister Lou Skidd, our Grand Esther. Let's give them a warm welcome. (Applause) And then we have Ambassadors of General Grand Chapter and Committee Member of General Grand Chapter, Sister Jayne Yenger who is our Grand Ambassador to Germany and Sister Joyce Gilbert who is our Committee Member, Necrology and they are both Past Grand Matrons of Texas. So, would you give them a warm welcome. (Applause) And we have our Past Grand Matrons of Texas, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahan, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer and her husband, Gary Mosmeyer who is Grand Representative of Texas in Maine, and a classmate of mine. And Brother Tom Murphy who is a Past Grand Patron and his wife, Glenda Murphy, Grand Representative of Quebec in Texas. Let's give them a very warm welcome. (Applause) Let me back step just a second or two because Sister Rennie Oton, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of Texas should be up here at the head table with us but because we have no ramp she wasn't able to be up here so, let's give her a warm welcome. And then we have Sister Carolyn Martin, our Associate Grand Matron, Brother Burley Jones, our Associate Grand Patron and his wife, Doris Jones, I guess Grand Escort to the Associate Grand Patron. Then we have Sister Linda Winn Christenson, Grand Conductress and her husband, Victor Christenson, Grand Escort to the Grand Conductress. Sister Terri Rozell, Associate Grand Conductress. Those are our Installed Grand Officers that are here at the head table. Give them a warm welcome. (Applause) Also at the head table we have Sister Carlotta Fairchild who is Chairman of our Board of Directors and next to her is Sister Shelly Walker who is Grand Examiner-at-Large. So, give these ladies a warm welcome. (Applause) Also up here at the head table we have our District Deputy Grand Matrons. We have Sister Becky Austin who is District 1, Mary Medford District 2, Beverly Plante District 3, Tonya Wilson District 4, who is

our MC also, and then I'm from District 5, Gail Fuller. (Applause) And down in front of me someplace, I have Brother Henry Martin, who is our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and his wife Opal Martin. Let's welcome them. (Applause) I believe Sister Alma Lynn Bane who is our Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary and her husband, Bill Bane. (Applause) And Brother John Grobler, who is our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and his wife, Barbara. (Applause) I'm sorry for the confusion up here but we do have Installed Grand Officers, but they are going to be introduced in the program. So, I won't do this twice so this will conclude, I think, except for all of the people...the Grand Officers. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Tonya Wilson:** Thank you Sister Gail. Now, for the part of our program where we are going to get into our Tributes. We are going to have a Tribute to our Grand Examiners. This will be brought by Sister Joyce Gilbert. She is General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Necrology and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**PGM Joyce Gilbert:** Thank you Master of Ceremony. Protocol having been established, we will just begin with Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you, Master of Ceremonies for the invitation to bring the Tribute to a group that I hold very highly in esteem. They are a hard-working group. I will be bringing the Tribute to the Board of Grand Examiners. This is one of the most hard-working group that you are going to find in Eastern Star. How very proud Texas is of you and we recognize that hard work that you do. Your Board is elected to serve by the vote of Grand Chapter. So, we recognize your qualifications to fulfill your obligation to serve this office. I went back just a little bit into history to find out just when this Board began in Texas. As far as my research took me, this Board began in 1908-1909. Quoting from the 27<sup>th</sup> Session held in El Paso from the Historical Highlights Book it says, "For the first time in history, Grand Chapter examinations were held by the Committee of Work". That was your name back in 1908-1909. "And 145 members were found and received Certificates of Proficiency." In 1919-1920, you became known as the Grand Examining Board. And today we refer to you as the Board of Grand Examiners. You represent and present a long history of our Grand Chapter. You continue to encourage us all to remain loyal in our study of our Constitution, our Code of Laws and what we stand for as members of the most important Organization in the world. Saying all of that, I would like for you to stand and I want to express to you the heartfelt love and appreciation for all you do for our membership and for your love of service to this beautiful Organization. I admire you for your work and your faithfulness to serve this membership. It's not always an easy job. You can't please everyone. And that doesn't go just for you. (Laughter) They serve with a smile and you get more than just than the proficiency exams. You stand up in front of a group of people and recite the Secret Work and

that's probably one of your hardest jobs to do. It's easy in the shower or it's easy going down the road or it's easy saying it maybe to your husband, your spouse. But it's not always easy to stand in front of 200-300 people and say it. So, I admire you for that. I was Grand Examiner once and I know how hard it was. One thing you do know and learn, you make one mistake, you don't ever make it again. (Laughter) So by the time you get through the Secret Work for several years, you've made them all. So, you are a great, great part of our Order. If we were not kept encouraged to study, we would forget. What you don't use, you forget. So, at least try when our schools are coming, and we are all on our tip-top to get the studying done, so that we may learn and again new things. We never stop learning. And you are there to help calm us down and tell us it's going to be okay. Thank you, thank you and may the dreams that you have in your heart this day, may it come true as you continue the work that has been set before you. Will you please show this Board of Grand Examiners how much we appreciate all that they do for the Order of the Eastern Star. (Applause) Thank you and keep up the good work.

**MC Tonya Wilson:** Thank you Sister Joyce. At this time, I invite Sister Shelley Walker, Grand Examiner-at-Large, to give the Response on behalf of the Board of Grand Examiners.

**Sister Shelley Walker:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Becky, thank you for establishing protocol. And Worthy Grand Matron, thank you very much for asking me to bring this Response to the Tribute to the Board of Grand Examiners. Sister Joyce, thank you so much for your kind words and I think all of us enjoyed that little history lesson. That was very good. I would ask the Board of Grand Examiners to stand with me at this time. Sisters and Brothers, your Board of Grand Examiners have but one objective and that is to make sure that all of our Sisters and Brothers acquire knowledge and learn and have a sense of accomplishment in obtaining their "A" Certificate. We thank each of you for all of the work you do in your Chapters, your enthusiasm that you show us at your schools and your eagerness to learn your Secret Work. We thank all of you for your faithfulness to our Order. To our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we thank each of you for your friendship, for your encouragement and remember that good leaders do not create followers, they create more leaders. Thank you so much for being all of that to all of us. And thank each of you for all that you do for us. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Tonya Wilson:** We will now have a Tribute to our Board of Directors. I invite Sister Jayne Yenger, Ambassador to Germany of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** Thank you so much. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Head-Table, my Sisters and Brothers. I was

honored to bring this Tribute tonight as I was honored to serve on the Board of Directors several years ago. I can look out and see some of those members that served with me and it was a very interesting, fun, Sister and Brotherly delight. As I look over to Brother Nelson, I can remember one time when he was Chairman of the Board of Directors, I had had knee surgery and Brother Nelson got a chair and had me sit right beside him, so I could prop my leg up and we had our Board meeting. And another one that I can look out, he took me to lunch very often. So, it was hard-working, but it was fond memories. And I would like the Board of Directors to stand at this time. Good people are found, not changed. Recently I read a headline that said, "We don't teach our people to be nice, we simply hire nice people". Wow, what a clever short cut that is in electing nice people to serve on our Board of Directors. Leadership is the challenge to something more than average. It is largely to the efforts of our Board of Directors that our Grand Chapter is able to function successfully, and we thank you. Let's show them how much we appreciate them. (Applause) Thank you.

**MC Tonya Wilson:** Thank you for that Tribute. At this time, I would like to invite Sister Carlotta Fairchild who is Chairman of the Board of Directors to give a Response.

**Sister Carlotta Fairchild:** Thank you, Sister Master of Ceremonies, Sister Tonya. And I thank you Sister Jayne for that wonderful Tribute. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for the honor of bringing Greetings on behalf of the Board of Directors. I ask them to please stand with me at this time. It is my honor this evening at the "Savvy Swans on Golden Pond" Banquet to bring Greetings on behalf of this illustrious group. We would like to thank you for the delicious food, all this fun and wonderful fellowship, enjoyed by all this evening and we look forward to our Grand Chapter Session beginning tomorrow. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Tonya Wilson:** We will now have a Tribute to our Grand Officers. I will now invite Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

**PGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Visitors and Members of our own Grand Chapter, my beloved Sisters and Brothers: I address 16 beautiful, devoted and beloved Floor Officers of our own Grand Chapter. The Swans, "Savvy Swans", right? As I bring the Tribute to our Grand Officers I would ask that as I call their name they stand and remain standing so that we may all see them during this short tribute:

**Carolyn Martin**, Associate Grand Matron  
**Burley Jones**, Associate Grand Patron  
**Ellen Pickrell**, Grand Secretary  
**Greta Spradling**, Grand Treasurer

**Linda Winn-Christenson**, Grand Conductress  
**Terri Rozell**, Associate Grand Conductress  
**Vicki Smith**, Grand Chaplain  
**Pam Dean**, Grand Marshal  
**Daniel Caldwell**, Grand Organist  
**Cheryl Royall**, Grand Ruth  
**Lou Skidd**, Grand Esther  
**Betty Hancock**, Grand Martha  
**Sharon Prague**, Grand Electa  
**John Wilson**, Grand Warder  
**Mike Biddler**, Grand Sentinel

No one is perfect. The perfection of a particular person varies on how the other person looks at him or her. We see our friends as a perfect person, but in practicality we learn to see an imperfect person perfectly. I am reminded of a pattern for the perfect person. A perfect person has 5 perfect virtues they practice, and each is essential: dignity, magnanimity (mag na nim ity), sincerity, earnestness and kindness. These are the virtues that we have recognized in your year of service.

**Dignity**: When we follow our ideals as symbolized in the Eastern Star we find respect for one another and pride in yourself these are ways you have dignified our Grand Chapter this year.

**Magnanimity** (mag na nim ity) is NOT self-seeking, but rather the love for one another. To display a noble generosity has been your performance which entitles you to this description.

**Sincerity** is the perfect virtue. Corresponding to truth, summoning that of great admiration, reminding us of that often quoted phrase, "To thine own self be true, then it must follow, thou cannot then be false to any man." This you have expressed to us.

**Earnestness** is sincere and intense conviction and while it is not necessarily urged upon us, how very necessary it is for acknowledging that which is with-in us. How abundantly it has been expressed by each of you who were called to service in your respective places during this year.

**Kindness**, the fifth essential of the perfect person, is associated with love. That which makes a person desired in a friend is their kindness. After all, we are told that life is not made up of the great sacrifices of duty, but of little things that are practiced habitually in your everyday life.

These 5 virtues we have seen in each of you as you have touched our lives in this year of service. Seeing our Grand Officers before all of us, those assembled here, those whom you have served, and those whose life you have touched throughout the year, we say, you are fairest among thousands, altogether lovely.

For such careful and devoted service, we say thank you. In our thanks is pride reaching to enfold each of you, thanks for your devotion, thanks for the dignity with which you have performed your duties, thanks for your loyalty to our leaders, our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. In our thanks and in our tribute is a prayer that God will continue to bless you, may you enjoy each moment of this Session and return home with memories that will span a life-time; and that you will continue to walk in the light of the Star, giving unselfishly of your service to this Order and to others.



We live in deeds, not years  
In thoughts, not breaths  
In feelings, not in figures.

Sisters and Brothers let us show our Grand Officers our appreciation for this year. (Applause)

**MC Tonya Wilson:** Thank you for that wonderful Tribute. At this time, I invite Sister Terri Rozell, our Associate Grand Conductress to give a Response.

**AGC Terri Rozell:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my privilege to bring the Response to the Tribute this evening. And thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for asking me to do this. Would the Installed Grand Officers please stand? Thank you, Sister Sharon, for that lovely Tribute. The 2017-2018 Installed Grand Officers have enjoyed a year filled with excitement and new experiences while serving this Grand Chapter. It has truly been our privilege to serve. And we want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honor of serving in this part of your Grand Chapter family. We will take with us cherished memories and lasting friendships. As we are ending this year, I want to share a quote with you that has to do with the journey and I am sure that many of you have heard it before and it goes like this, "Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body but rather to scoot in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out and loudly proclaiming, WOW, What a ride!" Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. (Applause)

**MC Tonya Wilson:** We will now have a Tribute to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. It will be offered by Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, protocol being established, my wonderful Sisters and Brothers, all. What a distinct honor and pleasure it is for me to bring the Tribute to our loving Worthy Grand Matron and our wonderful Worthy Grand Patron. Both of our tremendous leaders have worked faithfully, tirelessly and enthusiastically for the purposes of our Order to have a year of "Faith, Hope and Love." Faith makes all things possible. Hope makes all things work and Love makes all things beautiful with music along the way. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, my special friends. There's a poem in your Deputies books that talks about your hopes. It begins "It doesn't matter where you go or who you meet along the way. Carry kindness in your hearts." You have both practiced kindness and love. You stepped up when Harvey came ashore and helped your Sisters and Brothers with special projects. There was a black jacket that took on a life all of its own, raising money to help others. That's just the kind of leaders you both are. May the memories bring you both joy today, when you review the happiness you have known along the way. May the links that you have added to your friendships chain grow brighter each year and remain forever more. May the service that you have both given and the hours that you have spent reflect on your life and bring happiness and contentment. May the glory that comes from the sunset of your years, the peace which the stars have given you, the love you

have found with friendship be both with you as long as you may live. And may God's riches blessings be yours today, tomorrow and always. I love both of you. Thank you for what you have done for our Order but more than that, thank you for being my friends. Love you. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Tonya Wilson:** Before we hear from our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I have been asked to see that the Installed Grand Officers had a white bag in your chair. In that bag you should put, if you are one of the ladies, the swan that is in front of you as a gift from this banquet. If you are a gentleman, there should be an armadillo for you to put in your bag. Except up here at the head table. We have some of us going to have an armadillo to put in her white bag as respect for our Worthy Grand Patron. And at this time, if there is anyone that has a presentation for our Worthy Grand Matron or our Worthy Grand Patron, I would ask you at this time to please step forward. Okay, I invite our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Rick Skidd to bring a Response.

**WGP Rick Skidd:** Thank you Sister Tonya. Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Head Table, my Sisters and Brothers, all. Today at the Deputies luncheon the word leadership, leaders, was tossed around quite a bit. And what I said to our Deputies was that like a good husband, behind every leader is a group of people working to make that leader or those leaders in this case, look good and making their year successful. Sisters and Brothers, that hold true for the Grand Officers, for the Board of Directors and for each and every one of you out there. Yes, Sister Melissa and I held the title of Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron but it's only a title. That's all it is. We're still Sisters and Brothers just like all of you. We still belong to Chapters. We still want great things for this Grand Chapter just like you do. And so, our job was to find ways to motivate you so that you would help our Sisters and Brothers in Southeast Texas and you would help with the different programs that we had for our charities, contributions. So, Sisters and Brothers, yes, we may have had those titles and we may be considered leaders this year of the Grand Chapter of Texas, but it is you the membership that has made this a very successful year. It is you the membership that has gone out of your way to take that black jacket and turn it into a living thing, and made that jacket make \$9,250 for Hurricane Harvey Relief. It was all of you that did that. I didn't do anything special. I created a jacket because it's what Sister Melissa asked me to do. But you made that jacket into what it was. And again, you made this Grand Chapter into what it has been this year. And so, it is I who stand before you and say thank you very much for what you did this year. For all the support that you gave this year. For all of the help that you provided us to reach our goals and to make this Grand Chapter year as successful as it was. So, Sisters and Brothers, again, thank you for everything that you have done. Thank you. (Applause) Oh, I'm sorry, one more thing. Today the Deputies of District 1, Becky's Bombshells, decided to play a little hide and seek on the Worthy Grand Patron. So, what they have done is they have hidden a gift, my final gift for the year, and they are giving me clues which they will continue to give me throughout the weekend. Sister Melissa has said if I am unable to take these clues and to find that gift and determine exactly what it is and where it is, she, who knows what it is gets to keep it. So, it behooves me

to work diligently, probably burn a lot more brain cells than I had planned on burning this weekend. But I just want everyone to know that Clue #2 was found under my plate today or this evening I should say, and "it's not a drink or something to eat, but it is impressive and pretty neat." At the Deputies luncheon I said that it was a new car and after reading Clue #2, I'm still thinking that somewhere in that parking garage out there is a brand spanking new Lincoln Continental sitting there waiting for me to get behind the steering wheel and take my time and drive back to San Antonio in luxury, so, to all of the Bombshells, I'm working real hard and when Sister Melissa will let me leave tomorrow for a little while, I'm going to walk through the parking garage and look for that Lincoln Continental with a dealer tag on it. I know that that is what it's going to be so, I'll keep everybody posted as the week continues with what the clues are. Thank you again. (Applause)

**MC Tonya Wilson:** We will now have a Response by our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Hudman.

**WGM Melissa Hudman:** Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. I'm sure glad you got up and said something funny. You were being a little too serious to me. Like "who is that person?" (Laughter) Okay, I want to talk to each different group and first I want to thank Jimmie Lee for your wonderful Tribute to the two of us. I thank you. Jimmie Lee is my friend. She's been my friend for many years. We used to live really close together and then I moved away two years ago. But know how much I love you and appreciate you so much. Please help me thank her. (Applause) I asked Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, you may not know I did but I did tell them to call you, to honor our Officers because she has a lot of respect of them and she is a good friend and I want to thank you for your Tribute to my Grand Officers. Would you please help me thank her? (Applause) Sister Jayne, I knew this young lady, see she's young, we're young right? When she was on the Board of Directors. And I've known you for a long time and your smile is just contagious and I am so happy to see that. And I had asked them to ask you to do this Tribute, so help me thank her for doing that. (Applause) And Sister Joyce Gilbert, you probably don't remember this, but you gave me one of my very first exams. And she told me to say a prayer. I said I don't know any. She said, "Yes, you do. Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep." So, yes, I knew that one and I have known her for a long time and I asked for you to do the Tribute to the Grand Examiners. And thank you very much. Help me thank her. (Applause) Now, I know our Introductions were a little crazy tonight and that's not our Introducers fault. Sometimes our instructions just get a little screwed up. So, if you were introduced in the wrong place or we said to introduce that person, it's not her fault. She did a great job. Help me thank Sister Gail. (Applause) I don't want you to go home and be upset. To our Board of Directors, if you will stand. Sister Carlotta, thank you for bringing the Response. Sister Carlotta Fairchild is the Chairman of the Board of Directors. And let's see. Ray Hargis is from District 1, is the Vice-Chairman. And Barbara Martin from District 3 is the Secretary. And then James Parker is a member from District 1. Cindy is that you over there? Cindy Echols is a member from District 2. Deborah Land is a member from District 2. Darryl Albrecht is a member from District 3. And Bob Royall up

here is a member from District 4. And Phyllis Macon is a member from District 5...Phyllis Wilson, sorry Phyllis. I knew who she was I just said the wrong name. I'm telling you people, I've told some of these people what's wrong with me and I really think it has affected my brain. That's why you can not deviate from the Podium book, cause Lord knows what I might say. (Laughter) Know how much I love you and I wish you success next year as you work through another Eastern Star year. But, how much we have appreciated working with you. Help me thank them. (Applause) And to the Grand Examiners. This was the most exciting...if you'll please stand...the most exciting job I ever had. And I really did love it because you get to meet the membership. That's the great thing about it. And I would like to introduce them to you. Sister Phyllis Macon from District 1. Susan Dormady District 2, Lesa Smith District 3, Glenda Klemm District 4, Joan Miller District 5 and our Grand Examiner-at-Large, Sister Shelley Walker. Please help me thank them. (Applause) Sister Cathi Cannon, our Fraternal Correspondent, stand up here and just wave at everybody. I knew I wanted her to do this. I met Sister Cathi when Mary Ruth White was Worthy Grand Matron and she was her Secretary. And we became very good friends. And I love her and appreciate everything that she does for this Order and everything you have done for me since I've known you and her husband, Gene. And I love you too Gene, but you like your coffee too strong. (Laughter) I stayed with them a lot. Please help me thank my Fraternal Correspondent. (Applause) And Sister Rennie, I'm so glad you're here and thank you Sister Patty for helping her get here. Sister Patty has been a good friend to Sister Rennie for many, many years and her dog. Spirit gets to go home. But help me thank the two of them. (Applause) This has been a good year and we've had so much fun. Is there some good and some bad, yes, there is in everything, but the good far outweighs anything that would be considered bad. We had a wonderful time at the Schools of Instruction. They were each different and we loved every minute of it. We loved every Fraternal Visit that we had. And getting to meet the membership and getting to know each of you a little bit better. And so, all we can say to you is thank you supporting us. You did support our projects and we'll be able to make some really nice presentations tomorrow. But, I'm most amazed at not only supporting the projects but how much you supported Hurricane Harvey when we added that to the Humanitarian. And Sisters and Brothers, I don't know if you know or don't know but considering the donations we received and the General Grand Chapter for their \$25,000 but we received from other Grand Chapters too, but we wound up raising a total of \$89,000 plus. (Applause) That a lot. (Applause) And that's a lot for you to do when you were also supporting all of the other projects. So, know how much we love you, how much we love being with you and how much we'll love seeing you all tomorrow. I hope you will all be with us. Thank you so much. (Applause)

**MC Tonya Wilson:** At this time, as we wrap up our program, I invite Brother Tom Murphy, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas to bring our Benediction.

**PGP Tom Murphy:** Please remain seated and join hands with the person next to you. Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, with heads bowed we bring this Banquet to a close. Let us depart in peace, love and charity with our Sisters and Brothers. Bless our members with your love and peace. Bless those who are sick and hurting with your comfort and strength. Protect and watch over our Military and our First Responders. And may the strength of God sustain us. May the power of God preserve us. May the hands of God protect us. May the way of God direct us. And may the love of God go with us today and forever. Amen. (Amen)

**MC Tonya Wilson:** We thank you for attending our “Savvy Swans” Banquet. Please, God speed as you leave this Banquet.

**(End of “Savvy Swans on Golden Pond” Banquet)**

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**10:45 A.M. Musical Prelude**                      **Mrs. Beverly Plante**  
**District Deputy Grand Matron, D3**

**Master of Ceremonies**                      **Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham**  
**Past Grand Matron**

**Assisting Grand Marshal**                      **Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht**  
**Past Grand Matron**

**MC Betty Benham:** Good Morning, Sisters and Brothers, and guests of the Order of the Eastern Star. It is an honor and a privilege to welcome you on this beautiful morning to an exciting week of events of our Grand Chapter of Texas. Even the most beautiful days eventually have their beautiful sunsets. The colors of the sunset are like a blaze of color and is the reason that our Worthy Grand Matron selected the colors of the sunset as her colors of this year. At dusk the oranges, pearly pinks, and vibrant purples provide a grapy dusk with splashes of burgundy red, luminating a picture of Faith, Hope, and Love.

Speaking of a beautiful day, haven't you enjoyed the beautiful music? It was provided by Beverly Plante, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3. (Applause) The power of music makes all the difference to the Worthy Grand Matron and it motivates everyone throughout the day. Sister Beverly, yes, your music has certainly motivated us and we are prepared for the wonderful start of the 2018 Grand Chapter Session. Thank you again for sharing your talents. (Applause) We are thrilled to have those who have traveled from both close and faraway to join us today as we begin our 136<sup>th</sup> Session. A Year of “Faith Hope and Love” of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Again, we thank you for being with us as we begin this session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you, also, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, along with Melissa's Melodies and Rick's Jesters, for their dedicated service this past year. For those of you who know our Worthy Grand Matron, you know that music is a big part of her life. Have you ever heard a melody you just couldn't seem to forget? One that leaves to one that has always moved? Such is the definition of Melissa's Melodies. These ladies have been a constant source of strength to our Worthy Grand Matron and this year of service was one of outstanding accomplishments. Worthy Grand Matron, as you lead this Grand Chapter Session this week, may God be with you in all your endeavors.

I am delighted to introduce our Assisting Grand Marshal for today, our own Past Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl Albrecht. (Applause) We will now have the Processional of Distinguished Members and Guests. Would you give your attention as they are presented?

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

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

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

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

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East. \*\*\* (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)

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

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

Thank you, Assisting Grand Marshal, Sister Cheryl, for a beautiful job and I knew you would do a "Fan-tastic" job. Please join me in showing her our appreciation. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** 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, Ritualistic Work, and knowledge of our Constitution and Code of Laws.

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, ESTARL, GGC, and Past Grand Patron of TX (Applause)



Ms. Glenda Klemm, District 4  
Escorted by Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron  
of TX (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)

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

Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild – Chairman  
Escorted by Mr. William A. "Bill" Crews, PGP (Applause)

Mr. Ray Hargis – Vice Chairman  
Escorted by Mrs. Linda Hargis (Applause)

Mrs. Barbara Martin – Secretary  
Escorted by Mr. Doyle Martin (Applause)

Mr. James Parker – Member, District 1  
Escorted by Mrs. Xanthe Parker (Applause)

Mrs. Deborah Land – Member, District 2  
Escorted by Mr. Bobby Stringer (Applause)

Mrs. Cindy Echols – Member, District 2  
Escorted by Mr. Bruce Wilson (Applause)

Mr. Darrell Albrecht – Member, District 3  
Escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, PGM of TX  
(Applause)

Mr. Robert "Bob" Royall, Jr. – Member, District 4  
Escorted by Miss Sarah Rowland (Applause)

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

Sisters and Brothers, now it is my pleasure to present Texas' own Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent. A very special appointment of the Worthy Grand Matron is that of Fraternal Correspondent, who reports on the Grand Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Fraternal Correspondent – Mrs. Cathi Cannon  
Escorted by Mr. Gene Cannon

Our Grand Officers of 2017-2018. 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. Mike Biddler  
Escorted by: Mrs. Emily Biddler (Applause)

Grand Warder – Mr. John C. Wilson  
Escorted by Mrs. Tonya Wilson, DDGM, D4 (Applause) Pat Edwards is  
who he is escorted by.

Grand Electa – Mrs. Sharon Prague  
Escorted by Mr. Jimmie Boone (Applause)

Grand Martha – Mrs. Betty Hancock  
Escorted by Mr. Tom Hancock (Applause)

Grand Esther – Mrs. Lou Skidd  
Escorted by Mr. Dale Eldridge (Applause)

Grand Ruth – Mrs. Cheryl Royall  
Escorted by Mr. Travis Knowlton (Applause)

Grand Organist – Mr. Daniel Caldwell  
Escorted by Mrs. Kristi Bridgewater (Applause)

Grand Marshal – Mrs. Pam Dean  
Escorted by Mr. Bill Vaughan (Applause)

Grand Chaplain – Mrs. Vicki Smith  
Escorted by Mr. Vaughan Smith (Applause)

Associate Grand Conductress – Ms. Terri Rozell  
Escorted by Mr. Alan Duncan (Applause)

Grand Conductress – Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson  
Escorted by Mr. Victor Christenson (Applause)

Grand Treasurer – Mrs. Greta Spradling  
Escorted by Dr. Bill Bane, Ambassador to Romania, GGC, & PGP, DC  
(Applause)

Grand Secretary – Dr. Ellen Pickrell  
Escorted by none other than Mr. Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy AGP,  
GGC, & PGP of Texas (Applause)

Associate Grand Patron – Mr. Burley Jones  
Escorted by Mrs. Doris Jones (Applause)

Associate Grand Matron – Mrs. Carolyn Martin  
Escorted by Mr. Harold Wert (Applause)

And now Sisters and Brothers, please stand as we introduce and welcome our own  
Worthy Grand Patron – Mr. Rick Skidd  
Escorted by Mrs. Doris “Dee” Davis (Applause)

The Worthy Grand Matron teaching the membership kindness and the true meaning  
of the obligation and that Everyone is Someone Worth Accepting Now, which is  
SWAN, has been her job this year. Let us welcome our Worthy Grand Matron  
Mrs. Melissa Hudman  
Escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman (Applause) And I  
should have said Brother Richard is a Grand Repre-  
sentative to British Columbia and the Yukon.  
(Applause)

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

At the Altar is the center of our Chapter room and our Grand Chapter Room. Our  
Bible is being presented by Mrs. Kathy Creel, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Ma-  
tron. The Bible brings solemnity, reverence, and light to our lives. It is the place  
that we all took our solemn vows that united us as Sisters and Brothers in the Order  
of the Eastern Star and it gives us our wisdom and strength.

As Sister Kathy presents our Holy Bible, she is escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman,  
husband of the Worthy Grand Matron. Richard is presenting the Square and Com-  
passes, which was a gift to our Worthy Grand Matron from her lovely friend, Mrs.

Sarah Coursey. Placing the Square and Compasses on the Bible solidifies the relationship between the Order of the Eastern Star and our Masonic Brothers. As you look at the Altar this week, remember the Bible and the Obligation that we each took. We take our Obligation around a common Altar, all around the world, and we know that everyone who is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, has taken with us the same Obligation, at the same Altar, no matter how far distant that Altar may have been, and thus entered into full fellowship with us. The Obligation of the Order of the Eastern Star is one that calls moral strength into action, demands courage, and self-sacrifice. Our Obligation is a solemn pledge, not only to each other, but to God, and to our better and higher selves. It is a sacred promise made in the presence of many that we will be true to the Golden Rule given by the Master, who, when on earth once said: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would do that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets."

**Betty Benham, MC:** We are now honored to have our flags presented. This program was written and presented by Brother Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron and my good friend.

**PGP Ray Hertenberger:** \*\*\* Throughout history, flags have been used to show allegiance to a country or to a cause. Battles have been fought as people have passionately protected the standards of their nation. We will now have the presentation of our flags. Join me as we salute the flag of our country.

The flag of the United States of America, the Star-Spangled Banner, our flag, the symbol of freedom around the world, the flag 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 us the freedom to fly old glory. Proudly presenting the stars and strips 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. K Arthur Drescher, Jr. 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 and indivisible.*" Proudly presenting our state's flag is Mr. Richard Hudman, Grand Representative of British Columbia and the Yukon.

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 Patron 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. William "Bill" Wyatt, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The Masonic Flag honors our Masonic Brothers as the foundation of the entire fraternal family. The Masonic Flag will be presented by Mr. Tommy Griffin, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Sisters and Brothers, as our colors are posted, please remain standing and join with me as we Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

We will remain standing as we will have our National Anthem.  
**"The Star-Spangled Banner"**

My Brothers, you will now post the colors...

**MC Betty Benham:** Sisters and Brothers, please remain standing. As we begin, I ask that Brother Tom Murphy, Past Grand Patron of Texas, to bring our Invocation.

**PGP Tom Murphy:** Our Father in Heaven, we pause at the beginning of this great meeting to give Thee thanks and ask Thy guidance. We give Thee our thanks for the great and glorious work that this organization has accomplished over the years. We thank Thee for those who have directed the affairs of this organization this year for their Faith, Hope, and Love to the Order of the Eastern Star. We thank Thee for the Order of the Eastern Star and for its high ideals, vision, and service to many peoples of the land; not only in our own communities, but in our State, our Nation, and other lands. We are grateful for an organization that knows no State, National, or International lines; composed of women and men around the world of kindred minds, of noble hearts, and of devoted spirits who have seen His Star in the East and have determined in their hearts to worship Him.

For this 136<sup>th</sup> Session of Grand Chapter of Texas, we pray that these days of fellowship together be days of renewal of friendships and rededication to the goals of the Order of the Eastern Star. We thank Thee for the friendships that are our gifts to each other. They are the food for our souls that sustain our spirits. We give thanks for our guests from other Grand Jurisdictions. For their presence, we are grateful, and we pray for their travel mercies as they return home. Bless and watch over our First Responders and our military as they protect our freedoms. Bless our Order, our ideals, our benevolent work, and strengthen us in Thy service. Amen (Amen)

**MC Betty Benham:** \* Today marks the beginning of the 136<sup>th</sup> Session of Grand Chapter, and Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Past Grand Matron, will bring a special dedication of the Session from our Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Sharon.

**PGM Sharon Mosmeyer:** To the Members of Texas, this past year of service and this Session is dedicated to those OES members, who by their actions, showed us what Eastern Star and the love of the Order is all about.. Without

their leadership and encouragement, we would not be where we are today. We also thank those who truly have lived by the Golden Rule - "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets".

It is with humility, gratitude, and great respect, that we offer our dedication to this Grand Chapter Session. We are humbled by the trust and faith all of you placed in us and grateful for the friendships that have given us the strength and confidence to undertake this journey. We have so much respect for all of those that have been down this road and willingly answered all our questions.

To the Wonderful Membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. We know that our success is dependent on having devoted and capable members such as you, and we want to personally recognize the contributions each of you have made in helping us achieve our goals. Thank you for continuously giving of your time, your talents, your energy, and your finances. You have supported our projects and have given us precious memories that will forever be remembered. We want to thank each person who told us it will NOT be possible to succeed... You were right. It was impossible, but WE DID IT. We will love you always.

It starts with a dream.



Add faith,  
and it becomes a belief.  
Add action,  
and it becomes a part of life.  
Add perserverance,  
and it becomes a goal in sight.  
Add patience and time,  
and it ends  
with a dream come true.

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Thank you for making our dream come true! (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** There is one man here who is glad this week is finally here. He is looking forward to being able to sleep and not drive the Worthy Grand Matron's van all over Texas. He has worked hard this year and wants this week to be enjoyed by all of us. Brother Bill Prague, Executive Committee Chairman, I invite you to bring us a Welcome.

**Mr. Bill Prague:** I have an amazing little 2 letter word for my welcome this morning. A reminder that one word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb, or preposition. This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is "UP".

It is easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awake UP in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic

come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for Election, and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP leftovers, clean UP the kitchen, we lock UP the house, and fix UP the old car. At other times, this little word has a real Special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is Special. And this UP is confusing: A drain is opened UP because it is stopped UP. (Laughter) We open UP a store in the morning, but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP. To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word in a desk size dictionary, it takes UP almost a quarter of a page and can have UP to about 30 definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, the earth soaks it UP. When it does not rain for a while, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but for now I will wrap it UP, as my time is UP, and I welcome you all here today.

It is my pleasure to introduce our Executive Committee Members. If they will join me, the ones that are on stage please. Mrs. Barbara Tramel, our Secretary; Mrs. Marlene Scholari, our Treasurer; Mr. Rick Hardy, our Auditor; Mr. James Walker, Arrangements, General Chairman and boy didn't he do a fine job (Applause) and Patsy Jones, our Co-Chairman. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Don't leave! James! Bill, you either. Barbara come back up here. To Mr. Bill Prague, words fail me, but you didn't. Thank you for all you've done. I wish I had the words to express my appreciation for your kindness and your dedication. Thanks so much for everything. You are truly a wonderful friend and Executive Chairman. You and your wife, Sharon, have given me the strength to do what needed to be done and I will always thank you for so much for your kind assistance. Barbara Tramel, I want to sincerely express my gratitude and thanks to you. You have done an outstanding job as Secretary to the Executive Committee. She is not up here but to one of my good friends, Marlene Scholari, our Treasurer, thank you so much for your kind assistance. It came just when we needed it the most! The assistance you sent truly kept us afloat until we got things figured out. Finally, thanks to Rick Hardy, our Auditor. It is the wonderful actions of others that keep us going most days. So, thank you again and God bless you all. Now, to Mr. James Walker, in life, you can put a price tag on just about everything, except people who pulled you up when you were down and helped you get where you wanted to be and I want to thank you for being one such person in my life. Without you, this Session would not have been a success. The biggest advantage of working with fun colleagues like you is that I didn't feel like I am working at all. Thanks for being such a joy to work with. To your wife, Shelley, thank you for sharing him with me. To Mrs. Patsy Jones, a good friend. Thanks for all that you do. To the members of the Arrangement Committee, words cannot ever express my thankfulness. You have touched my heart and my gratitude is overflowing! Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Brother Bill, I did not know you well prior to this year, but I have appreciated your friendship and assistance in not only Chairing the Executive Committee, but in taking over the duty of getting our Worthy Grand Matron where she

needed to go. Sister Barbara, we know behind every good Chairman is a great secretary. Thank you for keeping Brother Bill on task. Sister Marlene, thank you for being a good steward of our money and keeping us on budget. And then there's James (Laughter) and his staff. What can I say about James except that he has an amazing staff. This Grand Chapter is proof of the outstanding job you have all done. Thank you all very much. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** At this time, I would like to invite Ms. Belinda Daniel, Director of Sales, Dallas Marriott, Las Colinas to bring us greetings. If she is in the room. Moving right along. I would now like to invite...is Ms. Katherine DiPietro in the room? Alright, good. She is the CHSE, Sales Manager, Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau and I ask you to bring us greetings please.

**Ms. Katherine DiPietro:** Good afternoon or good morning. It is a pleasure and an honor for us to be our 2018 hosts for the Grand Chapter of Texas, Eastern Star. At this time, I would like to present to Melissa; And from the State of Texas and the House of Representatives this certificate and this Texas flag here within presented to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, Melissa Hudman by the city of Irving, Texas. This flag was flown at the Capital on the sovereign state of Texas on June 1, 2018, in appreciate of your service to this beautiful Order. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Katherine, I want to thank you so much for your warm reception and your gracious hospitality. Without your advice and constant attention to detail, we would not be enjoying ourselves nearly so much. Please express our appreciation to the staff at the Convention Center for working so hard to meet our every need. Also, for allowing us the extra time we needed to visit with you and your colleagues. Thank you so much. Please help me thank her. (Applause) Oh, Worthy Grand Patron would you like to speak to Sister Katherine?

**WGP:** Well, sure. Would she like to come back? Ms. DiPietro, working with you has been a great pleasure. You and your staff have been very responsive to our needs. We look forward to the rest of the week. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are both very patriotic, however, because our Worthy Grand Patron spent 30 years in the Air Force, he picked the Disabled American Veterans Transportation Fund to be one of their charities. Here today is Mr. Dennis Nixon, National Commander of the DAV, to bring greetings. Would you come forward please.

**Mr. Dennis Nixon:** Thank you ma'am. It's quite a privilege for me to be here today and talk to you a little bit about the DAV Transportation Network. For those of you who are not familiar with VA Benefits and the trials and tribulations in getting treatment at a VA hospital, I'll explain that sometimes it's very difficult for a veteran to get to and from an appointment at a VA facility. To help him accomplish this, he's entitled to beneficiary through the VA and they pay him X number of pennies per mile to get from his home to the hospital and back. This has always been a discretionary part of the Directors budget. And in 1986 all of the Directors collectively decided that they would quit paying beneficiary travel to those veterans who lived further than fifty miles away from the facility which put many veterans in dire straits. The DAV went to work and we placed in Texas six

Department Service Officers in strategic large populated Veterans Hospital areas. Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, etc. Their duty was to find volunteers that would pick up those veterans that were not eligible for beneficiary travel, bring them to the hospital. The DAV would then pay them a stipend for gasoline and then return the patient to their home. This was successful enough that in 1987 the national organization bought and gave to the six hospitals in Texas, six DAV vans for that specific purpose. The DSO were then responsible for finding volunteer drivers that would drive the vans to the patient's home, pick them up and bring them back to the hospital. This was quite successful and so the local Chapters in the DAV in Texas began gathering money and taking donations to help buy new vans and place them in areas where they were seriously needed. At this time, we have approximately twenty vans throughout the state of Texas, travelling daily from their location; an example would be that there is a van in Tyler. Tyler travels every day to the Dallas VA Medical facility, transporting veterans to and from. This is only possible through fundraising and donations. And I'll give you a few numbers. In 2017 in Texas over 5,800 veterans were travelled 350,000 miles and volunteers garnered 19,000 volunteer hours. Since the beginning of the program in Texas 670,000 veterans have been transported over 26 million miles, with volunteers recording over 1.3 million hours. Nationwide the program has transported over 19 million veterans, nearly 725 million miles and accumulated over 40 million volunteer hours. And all of this have been made possible through generous people such as yourself donating to our cause. And for that I am truly thankful and with all of that being said, I will shut-UP. (Laughter and Applause)

**WGM:** Brother Dennis, don't leave. I want to thank you for being here today. And thank you for those wonderful words you had to say about the DAV. Sisters and Brothers, he told you that the DAV operates a fleet of vehicles around the country to provide free transportation to VA medical facilities for the injured and the ill veterans. They stepped in to help veterans get the care they need when the federal government terminated the program that helped many of them pay for transportation to and from medical facilities. As he said the vans are driven by volunteers, and the rides coordinated by more than 160 Hospital Service Coordinators. It was really MY honor to have this project and the membership of Texas worked hard for us to make our donation to your organization. So on behalf of the membership of Texas I will proudly present you with a check for the DAV Transportation Fund which helps our veterans. I would ask at this time for all veterans to please stand and be recognized...Sisters and Brothers help me thank them. (Applause)

**WGP:** Sir, when asked to choose a charity, I was automatically drawn to your transportation fund. Having been in Aeromedical Evacuation for most of my Air Force career, I know how appreciative our troops were to know they were being moved to a place where they would receive the best medical care in the world. You do that every day all over this country. Thank you for everything your organization does for the men and women who were injured in defense of our country. Sisters and Brothers, please help me thank Mr. Nixon and the Disabled American Veterans Organization for what they do for our country's veterans. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** I would like to invite Mayor of the City of Irving, please. This is Mr. Rick Stopfer and I offer my apologies that I just overlooked you but little do you know we have a kindred spirit between us. I am a Mayor of a little town, a little village outside of Amarillo, Texas and I know we've never made any oops situations.



But I do appreciate you as we at the Grand Chapter are pleased for you to bring us greetings. And my apologies.

**Mr. Rick Stopfer:** No apologies needed. Good afternoon everyone. On behalf of the Irving City Council and myself, I want to welcome you to Irving, Texas and I want to thank you for choosing our Convention Center to have your convention this weekend. We're very proud of our Convention Center and the Convention Center staff and the 13,000 hotel rooms that we have in our community. I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for what you do. As the Mayor you realize the challenges we face in our communities. Whether it's with our veterans, our disabled, it's the young people getting started or it's the seniors that need that extra help. And what you do makes a tremendous difference in the communities that we live in all across the state of Texas so thank you so much for what you do. One of the privileges that I have the opportunity to do is to deliver Proclamations on such occasions as this so.

**WHEREAS**, the Order of the Eastern Star is largest fraternal organization in the world in which men and women belong, and;

**WHEREAS**, it encircles the earth with over 5,500 Chapters in the United States, Canada and thirteen other countries, and;

**WHEREAS**, though its teachings are based on the Bible, the Order of the Eastern Star expunge no religion, and is neither secret nor political, and;

**WHEREAS**, millions of dollars are raised annually within the members for numerous projects which benefit mankind, and;

**WHEREAS**, many national and local charities are among those supported by its members, and;

**WHEREAS**, each Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star sponsors a School of Instruction with people from all over the state of Texas attending, and;

**WHEREAS**, Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron and Richard "Rick" Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron, will be special guests at this year's School.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, let it be known that I, Rick Stopfer, Mayor of the city of Irving and the Irving City Council do hereby proclaim August 16, 2018 as

**"EASTERN STAR DAY"**

In Irving, Texas.

Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** I want to thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to be here with us here in Irving. I am truly appreciative of the presentation and your proclamation. We love your city and we have looked forward to being here for a long time. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Just a second while I uh....

**WGM:** Page 23 (Laughter)

**WGP:** I think I have found it. Mr. Stopfer, thank you for your heartfelt welcome. I now understand where everyone I have interacted with gets their "welcome and thanks for being here" attitude. Thank you very much for having us, sir. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** Another project for this past year was Scottish Rite Hospital and Shriners Transportation Fund. I invite Mr. Burrel Poston, Development Officer of the Scottish Rite Hospital, to bring us greetings.

**Mr. Burrel Poston:** Good afternoon ladies and Brothers. On behalf of your hospital, it is my honor to say thank you for naming us as a charity. Faith, Hope and

Love. What a wonderful motto you have in that group. I can assure you almost every morning when I walk in that building I see the looks on parents with Faith that somebody from above guiding those doctor's hands on those surgeries. Love, because they want to make sure a parent saying goodbye as they go through those OR doors that they really want the child to know that they are loved. But I can tell you that looking out here there is a group also giving love to those patients. Hope, because it is important that those parents have hope that a miracle will happen. And miracles do happen a lot at our hospital. I can tell you in July I took a phone call from a young lady of 96 years old. She had lost a loved one and she was calling to make a donation to the hospital. Many of you don't know I've been at the hospital since 1976. So, she started naming the names of a couple of people that touched her child in the late fifties who was dealing with polio and he was there until the mid-sixties. When she named one person's name, I recognized it and I told her, "I know Jr. Jr. Atkinson. He's in our brace shop." I could feel the tone of her voice lighten up and she was so excited. Then she talked to me about another nurse named Niece and I said, "Gladys Niece"? She was our OR Director. I worked with her for ten years." The excitement in her voice as she told me "Y'all did so much for my child in the fifties and sixties. It was unbelievable." Then she told me the story about Lorene Green and Dan Blocker coming to visit the children here at the hospital. And I said, "The actors from Bonanza." She said yes. About a week later I'm sitting in a staff meeting and a lot of our other officers and staff are definitely a lot younger than I am and I start telling them that it is from the TV show Bonanza. Folks, there was a very big blank look on their faces. (Laughter) So I said, "I'll tell you what Bonanza is. It's a cheap steak." (Laughter) I said, "No, it's a TV show and it was the number one show for many evenings on Sunday night that people turned to." But that was really exciting. A month ago, I was in Roanoke Lodge talking about the hospital there. And they actually had a young lady come, about 14 years old, a month ago she had had scoliosis surgery and had part of her ribs shaved. And you should have seen the story she was telling. How her eyes lit up talking about the doctors and how exciting it was to be a part of that hospital and what they did. And it really was exciting. Her sister was also there with scoliosis, but she was in a brace. We had actually gotten to her hopefully early enough that we don't have to do surgery. As we sat there and had dinner, the dad came up to me and said "I just want to thank you so much. I have been out of work for two years and I had no insurance. When I told the doctor that I couldn't pay or help do anything for them, the doctor looked at me and said, "Don't you worry about it. We're going to treat this young lady and we're going to make her better." I can assure you that in 1921 when the hospital started because of polio, and we are almost 100 years old, that that group of Masons that said we've got to do something, I have no proof of this, but I say that there's a group behind those men saying "Brothers, get off your duff and do something. You've got to help these children." Because we know that behind ever good man there's a woman giving him directions. And it's so important, Faith, Hope and Love you carry it out and it's carried out in your hospital. On behalf of the hospital, we say thank you. On behalf of myself and Stephanie Brigger we say come and visit your hospital because it's so important to see those miracles that y'all are helping create every day. God bless you and have a great Chapter meeting. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Mr. Poston, for being here today. Sisters and Brothers, The Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children treats many of the world's most complex orthopedic cases, as well as certain related arthritic and neurological disorders and learning

disorders, such as dyslexia. The membership in Texas is happy to present you with this monetary gift.

**WGP:** Mr. Poston, the work your hospital does for children in need cannot be measured. Thank you very much for all your hospital does for them. (Applause)

**WGM:** Now Mr. Poston I want to tell you something. There's not a check in this envelope. There's a note that says, "The check is in the mail." (Laughter) Because we had a little cross in communication and so the checks were not for the right amount of money. So, we want to be sure you get what is due to you, so we will be mailing it to you next week but I'm going to present this to you, so you can see how much you get. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** At this time, I would like to recognize the Illustrious Chuck Hudson, Potentate, Hella Shrine Temple, Garland, Texas and Nobel Jerry King, Alzafar Temple, San Antonio, Texas and a member of Adah Chapter #49 to bring us greetings.

**Mr. Chuck Hudson:** Good afternoon everybody. I hope you have a wonderful Session here. I would like to talk to you a minute about hospital transportation. That's a big thing in the Shrine Hospital system. If it wasn't for the transportation section half or better of these kids would never get to the hospital for their after treatment. A good example, recently I'm sure you've all heard about the volcano explosion in Guatemala. Our team of doctors, we have a response team in the Galveston Hospital, Burn Hospital, that is always on call. That is always ready for disasters. And they responded immediately to Guatemala. And stabilized the children there as much as they possibly could and then the United States Air Force, God bless them, brought a hospital plane down there and transported all of them back to Galveston. And out of those six, five lived and one of them died because he was too severely burnt. But that's just one example. We have many examples of daily, daily use of our vans transporting children to our hospitals. We service three hospitals in Texas. The Burn Center in Galveston, the Orthopedic Hospital in Houston and the other Orthopedic Hospital in Shreveport. Shreveport's our original hospital established in 1922. And that's where it all began. But we love our children and we always look forward to transporting our children. We've been with several children that have grown up right in front of our eyes and these kids are phenomenal. So, we thank you very much for what you do and keep on the good work. God bless you all. (Applause)

**Mr. Jerry King:** Thank you Illustrious Sir for a little introduction on the transportation. I am Jerry King and I am out of San Antonio, the Alzafar Shrine. And I just want to give you a few statistics on what we do. So last year, we serviced over 700 patients and their parents and that is everything from AirLife which takes a team of medical experts, the children and their parents from a catastrophe or a natural disaster, much like what happened in Guatemala or some other event, straight to the hospitals. As well as we do help our patients that have routine visits in that those that live a little farther, we help them with bus tickets or perhaps we'll help them with some of their fuel cost. But what's near to my heart is our own hospital corps and volunteer drivers. So, I drive these children back and forth to the hospitals. And I want to share a couple of stories with you if I may. We maintain a fleet of vans at Alzafar Shrine and we

have some volunteer drivers but more importantly, we wake up early in the morning and we pick up our patients, usually about 4:00 a.m. and we make a five-hundred-mile roundtrip for daily appointments. At which time we'll take patients either out to the Galveston Hospital or to the Orthopedic Hospital in Houston. We also have Board Members on the Mexico City Hospital because Shriners is International with 2,200 hospitals. And we see patients from all around the world. But Alzafar in particular, we take the patients from San Antonio out to one of the local hospitals in Galveston or Houston. Now we also have some patients that require care that we are not able to do in the hospitals. I have one young lady, just as precious as can be. She's a sweet angel. She comes out of Del Rio in conjunction with the Rotary Club. And the Rotary Club will meet us in Uvalde which is about 100 miles or so from San Antonio. We bring her into San Antonio. We set her and her parents up in a hotel over-night and then we send them off on a plane out to Chicago, the hospital up there. She has spina bifida, she's kind of twisted and they are working on straightening her out. She's got such a precious smile. Such a beautiful smile every time we see her. I have another set of patients that really touch my heart. There are three children in this family and all of them have the same condition of bowed legs and once in a while have to go in for a routine appointment but about three times a year we have to take them to the hospital for surgery. And then we come back on another day about a week later and bring them back home. And I'll tell you one time I brought these children home and God love their mother, my heart goes out to her every time. You know children that don't move around so much and are a little bit larger in stature than some of the children that are more active, and these three children ages 10, 12 and 14 are pretty good size children. And we were coming home one day, we take them out to the hospital, we feed them breakfast, we get them to their appointment, we bring them back, we feed them lunch and then bring them on home. So on the way home from the hospital they all have their walkers out and they can barely walk, they can barely move. They have all had surgery. When we got to the restaurant for lunch they weren't able to get out of the van or up the stairs to the restaurant and you know how some organizations have some traditions? In our vans you are not allowed to have food or drinks because they don't want to have to clean up after them. Well I've got three children here and their parents who can't get out of the van so I asked them "What would you like to do?" Oh well how about What-a-Burger? I love What-a-Burger. So naturally I stopped and got What-a-Burger and we fed them. The next meeting of course I have a young gentleman tells me "The van smells like fast food." (Laughter) I said, "No, Brother, what you are smelling is joy and elation!" Those children were so pleased and so happy. So, I want to share one more story and this is my favorite patient right now. My little buddy. He's nine years old. He was born without muscular development in his legs and in his arms. Early in the morning, he's this shy little thing, he comes in and he says, "Jerry are we going to get ice cream today?" I said, "You know what little buddy? Absolutely." As he has been growing, they've had to replace the cast on his legs and as he grows a little bit more of course they get a little bit tighter and it makes it very hard for him to walk in the morning. So, we get to the hospital about 9:00. He goes through his routine appointment, takes about three hours or so and after that three hours when they replace his cast, he comes running across the waiting room with his little stiff legs and he jumps into my arms and says "Jerry, it's time for ice cream!" So, while we are having ice cream he tells me about all of his dreams and I tell him about all the wonderful people that help fulfill those dreams. So, thank you for all that you have done. So Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I do have on behalf of my Potentate, gifts that go with this. I

have a couple of pins from the Potentate and his First Lady. But once again, I want to thank all of my Brothers and Sisters that are here today and that have helped contribute to this generous donation. What you have done is you have provided children with a life support, provided them with a little fuel, you've helped us maintain our vans and our volunteer drive corps, you've fed a few of them. More importantly, you've placed a smile on a child's face and for that I truly thank you and my little buddy, next week when we are talking about his dreams I'm going to tell him about all of you wonderful people. We're going to be enjoying our ice cream and saying thank you once again. (Applause)

**WGM:** I want to thank both of these gentlemen for being here today. When my husband first joined the Shriners, that's when I learned about the transportation fund. I didn't know such a thing existed. I just knew there were the hospitals. So, I knew if I ever got to do this, this would be one of the charities. And for those who don't know, it costs a lot of money to transport these children, especially the burn victims when they need the medical care onboard the plane to get them to the hospital to get them the care that they need. So you said about everything I could say about the hospital but I want you to know that it is indeed our honor to give you these...you don't get checks either (Laughter) but you will. These two Shrines were chosen because they are in the towns of San Antonio and Dallas which is where the Worthy Grand Patron lives in San Antonio and I live in Dallas and we are just so appreciative of all of you who participated in the program and hopefully there will be a little bit more than what this envelope says when we are through here this weekend. But thank you so much. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Brothers Chuck and Jerry, you know that transportation of the injured is very important to me. The Shriners Hospital for Children helps all. But the cost of transporting these children, especially from outside the country, continues to climb. And this cost is the responsibility of the individual Shrines. It is an honor to be able to help your cause in any way that we can. Thank you.

**MC Betty Benham:** As I stated earlier, our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron have a passion for our country and our veterans. It is my pleasure to invite Mrs. Sharon Satterwhite, Director of Development, Patriot Paws, to bring greetings.

**Mrs. Sharon Satterwhite:** Hello. This is Barney. Barney and I are people with few words. So, this will be short. But the most important thing that I wanted to say to you is thank you. It's humbling to stand here and know that this group of people with all the wonderful work that you do and all the different places that you do it that you share our passion to help disabled Veterans. I said we are of few words but we're a lot of action. I think what I was saying is that it is humbling. It's humbling to be here in front of you all knowing how hard you work for so many wonderful causes all over the world and to share our passion for helping disabled Veterans through the service dogs that we train is humbling and we are grateful. We do that one thing. We train service dogs to help improve the lives of disabled Veterans. Disabilities come in all shapes and sizes. Some of them you can see and some of them you cannot. Our dogs help with those things. They help Veterans that even have a hard time getting out of bed in the morning, they help them get out of the house to go to their jobs, to interact with their families and their friends. Transition after overseas deployment can be

very tough and for different reasons so our dogs help with that. And it's an honor for us to have a part in that process. That one thing that we do, training services dogs, takes a long time. It takes about 2 to 2 ½ years for a dog to become ready to become a public access working dog. And over the course of that time it cost about \$34,000. So, it takes a long time and it's expensive. We rely completely on the generosity of individuals and groups like the Order of the Eastern Star. The Order has been a good friend of ours for a long time. Almost from the very beginning. And the Grand Chapter of Texas in particular, since I've been with Patriot Paws for two years and I suspect this is where it all started. I wasn't there when it all started but I suspect that our shared Texas roots is what brought us together and we are grateful for your support. I will tell you just in closing that one of your sweet members stopped by our office this week and just popped in and introduced herself as she was in the area. And as I was taking her around on a tour of our facility, I was introducing her to our different staff and volunteers. As I said, "This is Lesa. She's from the Order of the Eastern Star." People would recognize and say "From the Order? Oh, thank you so much for your support." So, there was recognition when I would introduce her of the Organization. And she mentioned how nice it was to be somewhere where everybody knows what that is. I would just submit to you that the truth is that it's nice to be here where you all know what Patriot Paws is. That is so valuable to us. So, thank you so much for your support and your friendship. If you are ever in the Rockwall area we would love to have you stop by our facility and take a tour of our kennels. And we'd love to see you and we'll know who you are. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you Sister Sharon. I want to thank her for being here today. And, actually I picked this as one of my charities because I wanted to do the service dogs and I live in Quinlan. So, I will be by your facility. And Sister Rennie Ofton over here who is our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, she has been to your facility to graduations and they send me pictures, so I plan on coming. But thank you so much and like I said they are located in Rockwall, Texas, about 30 minutes from where I live. They provide A Service for Those Who Have Served by training and placing quality service dogs at no cost to disabled veterans nationwide. And she told you about the cost, it's very expensive. So, we are very, very proud and pleased to present you...it's a small part of it but it will probably cover one year. But Sisters and Brothers, they do such a fabulous service and just so you know, the three ladies behind me will also be having this as one of their charities so we are real excited about that. Would you ladies like to stand up? You three ladies. The Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they are going to have Patriot Paws as their charity too. Thank you so much. (Applause)

**WGP:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Mrs. Satterwhite, thank you for everything you and your organization does for our veterans. The peace of mind and friendship your dogs bring to a deserving veteran is immeasurable. Thanks again for training these animals to make the life of these veterans more fulfilled and I'd like to add that if you see my wife on your way out maybe you can show her how to get me to sit and lay...(Applause)

**Betty Benham, MC:** Our youth in Texas are exciting to us. We are honored that our Rainbow youth and adult leaders are here today to bring us greetings,

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Parliamentarian, International Order of the Rainbow for girls. Would you please join me? This is a beautiful lady, within and without and we want you to know that you are so loved so let's show her our love. (Applause) With all the emotion she says, "They do love me." Ms. Marlene, after all of this would you please bring us greetings.

**Mrs. Marlene Dibrell:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers. TIME! Time, what a precious commodity. I thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for these precious moments, as I bring Greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow Girls and take this opportunity to thank each of you – our Eastern Star members, our Masons, active members of Rainbow, every member of adult leadership teams, every supportive parent and every grandparent, every Majority Member, all friends of Rainbow. Rainbow assemblies are blessed to have the sponsorship of Eastern Star Chapters and Masonic Lodges and it is your support that makes Rainbow possible in Texas, as throughout the world. We talk about the youth being the future of our Order, and this is so true, and, as a support team, you are ensuring a bright future for Eastern Star by your active role in Rainbow assemblies. You continue to support our girls by your presence at our assemblies, your financial aid to our assemblies, your encouraging words, your genuine interest and commitment to our girls, your confidence in them, and your belief in the promise that they hold for our future. Because you give of your time. In Rainbow we teach the Eastern Star lessons, and you, as role models for our girls, combine these values with leadership training, confidence, and citizenship. Yours is the influence that helps our girls live each day with courage, take pride in their work, be responsible; and you teach that honesty is absolute, as well as other attributes of right living. You are helping our girls become the very best persons they can be. In my thoughts, with the support of the Fraternal Family, their BEST will be growing even better. So, thank you for the power of your love, the depth of your lessons, our lessons, that bring a deeper dimension to the lives of our girls. And thank you for that precious commodity of TIME, that is constant and genuine as you support our assemblies and our girls. I appreciate this time, your love and this opportunity to bring sincere appreciation and Fraternal Greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Thank you so much. (Applause)

**Betty Benham, MC:** The Supreme Deputy in Texas, Mrs. Jo Ann Weaver is here today to speak to us about Rainbow in Texas. Sister Jo Ann, I invite you to bring us greetings and to introduce the Grand Worthy Advisor.

**Mrs. Jo Ann Weaver:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, very Distinguished East, and my very dear friends: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for your invitation to bring Greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and all of the girls and assemblies and members of the Grand Assembly of Texas. It was an honor and privilege to have you with us at our Opening Session of Grand Assembly. We understand your busy schedule and appreciate you sharing your time with Rainbow. Thank you, to all Eastern Star members for your support, inspiration and encouragement that has continuously been shown to the girls of Grand Assembly during this Grand Chapter year. As you begin your 136<sup>th</sup> Session of Grand Chapter, my wish is that it will be most successful, productive and filled

with Faith, Hope and Love for each one of you. Two of Rainbow's very important offices are Faith and Hope, so adding Love definitely prepares our girls to follow in your footsteps. The Rainbow Girls in Texas, thank you for your friendship and your service that you give to our Order. Because of your support and dedication, the Grand Assembly is growing in membership. Many of you were once Rainbow girls yourselves and your love for our girls is shown in many ways. You have made a difference in a young girl's life that you may never realize but these girls do remember you. I am seeing more and more of our girls joining the Order of the Eastern Star when they become of age...this is because you have been their inspiration! I have great confidence in these young ladies and believe in what they will bring to our future and to this Organization. Thank you for being an extended family to our young ladies. Thank you for honoring Rainbow by your invitation to be here today and to bring our fraternal greetings.

It is now my honor and pleasure, that I invite the Grand Worthy Advisor 2018-2019, Miss Claire Peebler, to bring Greetings on behalf of the Texas Rainbow Girls. (Applause)

**Miss Claire Peebler:** I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Melissa Hudman for inviting me to bring greetings. While I was growing up, I was always told about the women in my family who had been members of the Order of the Eastern Star. When I became a Rainbow Girl, my friends and I were blessed to have the support and backing of Pearl and Chapter #1065. These ladies and gentlemen have always supported our dreams and our plans of the future. As I traveled, I met many more members of this wonderful organization. They have been vitally important in shaping the lives of every girl in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls for the better. It was with their encouragement that I joined the Order of the Eastern Star earlier this year and became that much closer with the Sisters and Brothers that have always been there for me in my young life. I would like to thank all the members here today for caring so greatly about Rainbow Girls, and for putting so much of your time and energy into supporting us. I would like to tell you a little bit about Texas Rainbow and what our plans are for this coming year. Rainbow Girls is an organization that is striving to better the youth of our country through leadership skills, service, and charity toward others, and instill confidence in young girls. This year, my theme is to "Write Your Rainbow Story", which encourages everybody to live the story that you want to tell. Every person in the Masonic family brings something unique and special to our organization. It is with the help of everyone in the Masonic order that we are able to help raise money for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and the Shriner's Burns Hospital for Children. Both of these hospitals treat children for a number of disabilities and injuries no matter if the families can afford treatment or not, which is why our support is so important. An easy way to help is by purchasing one of my owl mascots because all of the proceeds go directly to both of these hospitals. This year, Texas Rainbow is not only supporting our two state charities, but we are also taking part in my State Service Project, which is "Read Across America" Day. I'm encouraging everyone on a day closest to March 2, 2019 to read to children at their local library, church, hospital, or other public places in order to promote child literacy. I know that I speak for all of Texas Rainbow when I say that the support that each of you have given to our local assemblies and to Grand Assembly has been important in shaping the lives of young girls. You are the leaders that we look up to and hope to become as we journey into adulthood. I would like to extend my



best wishes to the new officers of the Order of Eastern Star, I am so excited to get to know you and learn from your example of leadership and service this coming year. You will always have my support just as I know that you will continue to be there for me and the girls of Texas Rainbow. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** I want to thank her so much for being here today. I cannot tell you what a wonderful time that I had at their Grand Assembly. I might be old, but I like young people. And it was so special to see so many happy smiling faces. They are all beautiful young ladies and we wish them well in every endeavor that they take on, but to see them in action down there is absolutely awesome. And I want to tell you how much I enjoyed being there and they even let me sing to them, well they had not choice, but they did let me sing to them and they gave me a standing ovation. So, for that I was proud. But I was so happy to be there with them and I know that the Worthy Grand Patron will want to thank these girls too.

**WGP:** Mrs. Dibrell, Mrs. Weaver, and Miss Peebler, it is a pleasure to have you all with us here today. We appreciate all of your dedication to Rainbow for Girls. Especially you, Claire, when you have so many other activities that you could be participating in along with your required school work. I wish you and your officers a very successful year.

**WGM:** This year we have two donations for Rainbow. I want to tell you that the beautiful fencing you see around is what you would see if you went to Rainbow Grand Assembly because it belongs to them and they've graciously let us borrow it. And we are also using their sound system. So, for you we have two, one is what we would normally give every year, but we wanted to give you a separate donation to thank you so much for allowing us to use these things. So, thank you, thank you, thank you. We appreciate it. (Applause) Just to tell you what she said, you heard Claire tell you that she joined Eastern Star but she has a very busy schedule, so she's not been able to attend a meeting. This will be the first Eastern Star meeting she attends so, let's show her all of our kindness and well wishes. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** I invite Mr. Ben Wilson, member of Jurisdictional Staff of Texas DeMolay, would you bring us greetings at this time and then you can, introduce the State Master Councilor, Mr. Noah Blair.

**Mr. Ben Wilson:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Installed Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests and Visitors all. I am Ben Wilson a member of the Jurisdictional Staff of the State of Texas for the Order of DeMolay and I got a call yesterday that said that I would be up here giving you greetings from the Order of DeMolay because our Executive Officer is tending to a sick loved one which will not allow him to travel at this time. DeMolay appreciates the opportunity to talk at this Grand Chapter Session. And we thank you for the opportunity to do so. He gave me real strict orders, bring greetings and introduce our State Master Councilor. So, greetings. (Laughter) Brother Noah Blair is our State Master Councilor for the Order of DeMolay for this year and he will bring you more extended greetings. (Applause)  
**Mr. Noah Blair:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worthy General Grand Chapter Officers, Grand Officers,

past and present, Distinguished East, members and visitors. I would like to thank you for this opportunity to speak and it is my honor to bring greetings on behalf of the Texas DeMolay Association. To the out-going Officers of Grand Chapter of Texas, I would like to congratulate you on an exceptional year of service. Your dedication and labor on behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star and indeed on behalf of the greater Masonic family is a boon to us all. And for that we thank you. I'm the State Master Councilor of the Texas DeMolay Association. Additionally, I'm a Master Mason. However, I came across the Masonic family by mere happenstance. Indeed, my own initiation into DeMolay a mere four years ago marks the first foray of my family into Masonry in centuries. And indeed, to the best of our knowledge, I'm the only Blair to carry the distinction of being a Master Mason. Thus, the Masonic family at large remains in many ways a mystery to me. There is much about the Order of the Eastern Star specifically that I do not know. Despite this, the more I learn the more I am intrigued. With every interaction between myself and a member of Eastern Star, my interest in joining grows. I am not yet a member of the Order of the Eastern Star but in the coming years, I will count it as my own personal privilege to join the ranks of this esteemed Organization. The Order of DeMolay has jurisdictions in every state in this great country, but the Texas DeMolay is among the strongest. We currently have over two dozen Chapters operating throughout the state with several of the strongest either opened or re-opened in the past two years. And we are actively searching to start more. DeMolay also has its own dependent body known as the Order of Knighthood. In the last year we have opened two Knighthood priorities and in the process of opening a third. Additionally, every year at their annual Session our International Supreme Council the Gorman McBride award for initiating more members than the previous year. At the last Session Texas DeMolay received this award for the first time in several years. We held our annual Conclave approximately one month ago. I'm proud to say that attendance was up from previous years and were our registered participants in sports and ritual. We also elected our State Officers, some of who are with me tonight. I would like to take a moment to introduce those who are present. With me is my State Senior Councilor and brother, Jonah Blair and while she is not on the stage with us, our State Sweetheart, Kendal Clark who is also with us here at Grand Chapter. To those about to be elected and installed, I would like to wish you an excellent year. The offices that you will assume are ones of service and dedication. I have no doubt that you will honor that commitment with dignity. If the Texas DeMolay Association can ever be of assistance to the Order of the Eastern Star, please do not hesitate to ask. My predecessor Brother Cody Jones often spoke of how the Masonic family is truly a family and I support that claim. We are a family just like any other. Our relationship is built on accountability. Just as a parent is accountable to care for a child, so too are the Masonic bodies accountable to care for DeMolay. And in turn, just as any good son should, we are obligated to work diligently to honor our parents and are paid the gift of care and devotion that they have so selflessly granted to us. DeMolay is celebrating its Centennial year and with it as Centennial State Master Councilor it is my job to help lay the foundation upon which the next century must be built. Change will inevitably come with the flow of time but although our world is changing we as DeMolay indeed as members of the wider Masonic family must always remember that to which we are obligated. We are accountable to ourselves and that indeed is a family built on accountability. It is our duty to be accountable to one another. Thus, to the members of Eastern Star and

on behalf of the Texas DeMolay Association I would like to extend a sincere thank you. Thank you for your continued support of DeMolay. Thank you for caring for our survival and growth in this Organization as any good parent should. We in turn, striving to be better sons hope that we might be able to begin to repay this debt we owe and fulfill our own obligations to this great Masonic family of ours. Again, thank you for letting me address you. God bless all of you. God bless the Order of the Eastern Star and God bless the purposes of DeMolay. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** First, let me tell you I would like to give you my regrets for not being able to attend the State Conclave in Waco this year. However, I know what an awesome organization that this is and I am so impressed. It is my great honor to present you with this love gift for Texas DeMolay. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Just like the Rainbow for Girls, the DeMolay does an outstanding job of working with our youth. The only thing is you do it with men instead of women. Good luck to you and your officers and here's wishing you a very, very successful year. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** To Mr. Ben Wilson. It's nice to see this gentleman on this side of the microphone because he and his crew are always so efficiently working so we have a microphone. Thank you. It is indeed my pleasure at this time to present the Right Worshipful Tommy F. Chapman, Most Worshipful Grand Master, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. Brother Tommy, before you speak, I want to express a special sentiment here. I would like to express the love and appreciation that Brother Farris Benham, Past Grand Master, and myself have for the Chapman family. Farris Benham would be so proud of you. We await your greetings.

**Mr. Tommy Chapman:** Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, protocol having been established, thank you State Master Councilor, I appreciate that. Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. It is indeed a privilege to be here. I would have said this morning but it's now afternoon. So, it's a privilege to be here this afternoon to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas and it is an honor to appear before the 136<sup>th</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. In the Grand Lodge line, since I've been in the Grand Lodge line, there's been a very important rule that I'm going to take care of right now. I want to introduce the First Lady of Masonry, my wife, Kathy, because if I don't I owe her an outfit. (Applause) And I want to introduce one other lady that doesn't get to go with me very much, but she helped me discover America, my Momma's here, Anna Chapman, somewhere. (Applause) You know Free Masonry is the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God and that is what we have. Every Grand Master has a coin that we do. On the back of the coin it has the All-Seeing Eye and Square and Compasses and the letter G and the clasped hands of friendship. And that's what that stands for, the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God. And Free Masonry is a way of life when you sum up all the teachings. It's a way of life. The Order of the Eastern Star of which I am a twice Past Patron of my Chapter in Nederland, Texas. I didn't get it right the first time I guess so they asked me to do it again. I'm a proud member of this Organization. It's a very important part of the Masonic family. You know God created family and we all know

how important that is to have family that works together. And I believe it's very important for our Masonic family to work together to strive to accomplish the objectives that each of us has set and to help each other on trying to accomplish our tasks. And certainly, the Eastern Star I admire everything about the Order of the Eastern Star. I have been a member for a little over thirty years of the Eastern Star. My wife was a member before I was. I was a Mason for about five years before I joined into anything and the first thing I joined as an appendant body was the Order of the Eastern Star. And it is an amazing Organization. We should be proud of it. I know that the Masons in the Grand Lodge of Texas are very proud of this Organization. I'm very glad that those six guys met in Brazoria, Texas and brought Masonry to Texas. And I'm very glad that Rob Morris created the Order of the Eastern Star because, like I said, we work together as a family and we can accomplish all of our objectives the more that we work together. I want to thank each and every one of you for what you do for the fraternity of Free Masonry and for the Order of the Eastern Star. I want to thank you very much for having us out here today to bring some brief greetings. The Lodge that I belong to, my home Lodge and my home Chapter, they are in the same building in Nederland, Texas, a thriving metropolis if you ever get a chance, come by. We'll treat you so many ways you're bound to like one of them. (Laughter) There's a sign right before you enter the Chapter room, Lodge room, it says "The opportunity to practice brotherly love presents itself every time you meet a human being." And I believe it is very fitting to bring up today because I've heard something this morning that I've heard a few times already that has been very important. Now after I became a Mason thirty-five years ago, I received a little marble. And this is similar to a Challenge Coin. For those of you that don't know what this is, when you present it to another Brother Mason who is supposed to be in position of one of these marbles. If he doesn't have his then he owes a donation to a Masonic Charity or the Masonic benevolence box. And it has a little gold band around it and I've heard this mentioned already a couple of times this morning. I think it's very important. It's what I know is the Golden Rule. It's "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." So, I think that that is important that we go out into the world and every time we meet a human being we have the opportunity to practice brotherly love by "Doing unto others as we would have them do unto us." It's great to be a small part of a fraternity that is so big and I thank everyone who has given me this opportunity to be a part, a small part, something so much bigger than myself. You know Masonry is an ocean of fraternity and certainly Eastern Star is family. And it's great to be with family. It's great to be with friends. I thank you again for the opportunity of being here with you today and I want to just say God bless the United States of America, God bless Texas, God bless Free Masonry and the Order of the Eastern Star and God bless each and every one of you. Thanks for having me. (Applause)

**WGM:** Brother Tommy, yes, he told you. He is a Brother because he is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a Past Patron. What an honor it is for Eastern Star in Texas for you to be here with us and speak today. The membership looks to you, as Grand Master, for our unity between our two organizations and we are family! Thank you again for your continued support and love of Eastern Star. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Yes, you are a Brother but I'm going to say Most Worshipful Grand Master because I know better. It has been a pleasure working with you this year. Thank you for talking about being a member of Eastern Star during your Grand Master

Conferences around the State. There is no way to count the number of new members you have brought us into the fold, but we do appreciate the support that you have given us. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Betty Benham:** Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, we appreciate your presence with us here today in 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 "Melody of Love" Drill. And I would also at this time ask the Arrangements Committee to prepare the labyrinth for the Grand Officers. Thank each and every one of you again for being here. \*

**(End of Informal Opening)**

**“Love for Texas” Session**  
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**136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter of Texas Session**  
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**1:00 P.M. Formal Opening Organist    Dr. Daniel Caldwell**  
**Grand Organist**

**1:00 P.M. Call to Order    Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan PGM**  
**Mr. John Creel, Jurisprudence Committee,**  
**Chairman, and PGP**

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahan:** Sisters and Brothers, let us show this wonderful Grand Organist how much we appreciate his music, Dr. Daniel Caldwell. A very important member of this Grand Chapter family. (Applause) And he's back in the back and I think we have Sandra Purdue. Sandra Purdue has just been leading us in music and she's going to be the one to play for the Grand Officers when I get to that.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members my Sisters and Brothers All – I think I've set protocol for the rest of you. (Applause) It is a great pleasure and honor for me to extend to each of you a sincere and loving welcome to the Ritualistic Opening of the 136<sup>th</sup> Session “Love for Texas”. I am so pleased to be joined by my special friend, Brother John Creel, who was so kind and supportive during the year that I was Worthy Grand Matron, my Grand Sentinel. He went on to be one of the most loving and generous Worthy Grand Patrons.

I thank our Worthy Grand Matron, my very special friend. My Deputy Grand Matron of the “Year of the Roses”, for this honor. I am very proud of her determination and her strength she portrayed during her year of service. Your love for the membership will always be remembered. Worthy Grand Patron, I find a good friend in you for all of your support of our Worthy Grand Matron and all of her projects and for your year of service this year with her. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you have both discovered that your heart, your mind, and your soul are the foundation of your success and your happiness.

Believe in your heart for it offers hope,  
Believe in your mind for it offers direction,  
Believe in your soul for it is your strength.  
But above all else,  
Believe in yourself and your  
Dreams will come true.

Thank you again for this privilege and honor of calling this Session to Order. Brother John, I invite you to bring greetings to the membership.

**PGP John Creel:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, and my Sisters and Brothers. Good afternoon! It is a great honor to stand before you and next to this wonderful Past Grand Matron. Jimmie Lee, who would have thought during your year as Worthy Grand Matron in 2001-2002, when I was your Grand Sentinel, that one of your Deputies would be our Worthy Grand Matron? But here we all are with Melissa, as our Worthy Grand Matron, and me, as a Past Grand Patron. You instilled in us an idea how we could serve Grand Chapter. Personally, I fell in love with the Order. I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Melissa Hudman, for giving me the opportunity to open this afternoon Session with you and Jimmie Lee. Remember, it's a great day when you wake up in the morning!

**MC Jimmie Lee:** I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room and to present their beautiful "Melody of Love" Drill under the Direction of our Grand Marshal, Pam Dean.

**"Melody of Love" Drill**

(Applause)

Sisters and Brothers lets show them how much we have enjoyed that. (Applause) Would our labyrinth committee please return our altar and kneeling bench to the arena floor? It is with pleasure that I introduce to you the Brothers of the Precision Drill Team, under the direction of Brother Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron. Please direct your attention to the Grand Chapter floor.

**Precision Drill**

(Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee:** Brothers, we know how much work goes into something that impressive. It was wonderful, and you can see how the membership enjoyed it. Thank you, Brothers.

**MC Jimmie Lee:** I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room. (After a few minutes of waiting) Will the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and other Officers please enter the Chapter room. Oh, you are waiting on someone? You're not waiting on me? Oh, good, play music. (Laughter) Play the Yellow Rose of Texas or the Red Rose of Texas, I don't care. Just sing somebody. (Pianist plays Chop Sticks) (Laughter) Brother John do you have any wonderful remarks to make?

**PGP John Creel:** I love everybody here.

**MC Jimmie Lee:** Oh, good. Y'all do what I told you to a while ago. Y'all enter. Conductresses bring those beautiful Officers in. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, will you please escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East. \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present to you 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, it is my honor to present to you your gavel. It was just a short year ago that I did this very same thing and told you I loved you and I knew that you would preside with dignity and grace and love for the membership in this Order. It comes with my love and my good wishes for both of you to enjoy your life, to enjoy the memories and to be yourself. But, you know me well. Worthy



Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I have a little something just for you. His has armadillo socks on it. (Laughter) She has her own painting of an owl. (Applause) Now Worthy Grand Patron you have to remember that this Session is for the Love of Texas. This Session right here is called the Love for Texas", so you have your own Texas armadillo. It's a Thomas Kinkaid and if she will look on the back of it, it says December, 2001. "The year of the Roses". So that was her Deputy Grand Matron from me. Worthy Grand Matron, just to tell you how much I love both of you and always remember I am here. I'm as close as right over there. I love you.

**WGM:** Sister Jimmie Lee, thank you for opening this "Love for Texas" Session of Texas Grand Chapter. You have been such a good friend for more years than we are going to tell people. I was so excited when you asked me to be your Deputy Grand Matron. You were extremely involved in where I stand today. I am so happy and thrilled that you are now here standing by my side. I love and appreciate you and I am looking forward to many, many more years of service to this Grand Chapter! Brother John, how I love you and your wife. I know you had a hand in me being District Deputy during your year as Worthy Grand Patron. Richard and I both love being with you and I am glad that you are here to stand with me today. I know that we will be friends long after this Grand Chapter Session is over. Sister Jimmie Lee and Brother John, you both will always be in my heart forever. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Sister Jimmie Lee, thank you for everything you have done for the Worthy Grand Matron this year. I know that she has relied on you for guidance and advise. It's been an honor having you as a member of our team this year. Brother John, you have been there for me since Mr. X. I appreciate all of your advice, assistance, and friendship. It has been of great value to me in getting through this year.

**WGM:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Grand Chapter. \* I would like to invite Sister Karen Morgenthaler to give our Scripture Reading for this morning. Sister Karen.

**Karen Morgenthaler, PGM:** Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron scripture is Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 "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." Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you, Sister Karen, for allowing us to hear the voice of the Lord this afternoon speaking to our Session today. I would like to thank Sister Betty Benham for being our Master of Ceremonies today. I have long admired you and I want to tell you how much I love and appreciate you.

I wish you happiness and safe travels in all your endeavors. Sister Cheryl Albrecht, thank you for being our Assisting Grand Marshal. I am truly appreciative of your love and friendship. May you continue to be successful in your endeavors and thank you for your service to this Grand Chapter. Sister Beverly Plante, thank you so much for the beautiful music today during the ceremonial opening. You are an exceptional talent and I love to hear you play. My own piano at home misses you since you stayed with me during your time traveling during the school schedule. Please know how much I love and appreciate you. We will be friends forever.

**WGP:** Thank you, Sister Karen, for that lovely prayer. Sister Betty, thank you for acting as our Master of Ceremonies today. Sister Cheryl, thank you for agreeing to be our Assisting Grand Marshal. I have long appreciated your continued encouragement and advise. Sister Lou and I both value your and Darrell's friendship. Sister Beverly, as always, your music was lovely. Thank you for playing my march at some of the schools. It gave the membership the chance to hear it in its entirety and it got their toes a tapping.

**WGM:** While the filling of vacancies is further down in your program, in order to continue, I'm going to need to fill one station: Grand Adah – I appoint Sister Oleta Cornelius to pro-temp this office and I ask that she take her station at this time.

**WGM:** I would now like to call on Sister Kathy McColly, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, for a partial report.

**Mrs. Kathy McColly:** At this time, we do have a quorum. We have 279 Chapters in Texas. There's 229 registered and 132 of the Chapter Representatives have picked up their ballots. So, we do have a quorum.

**WGM:** Thank you, Sister Kathy, for that report. As per our law, we do have a quorum, so we may begin. Brother Grand Warder.

### ***Ritualistic Opening***

**WGM:** Please join our Choir Director in singing our opening ode: "God Bless America". The lyrics are on page 76 of your Session Program. \* I now declare this 136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session a year of "Faith, Hope, and Love", duly open for the transaction of business. \* Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**WGM:** Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the flag of our country. \*\*\*

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem**

**WGM:** The Grand Choir will now lead us in the singing of O'Canada.

### **SINGING OF O'CANADA**

**WGM:** \* We have members who are unable to pick up their registration and credentials packet because their annual report was received late. I now recognize the Grand Secretary to give her report.

**GS Ellen Pickrell:** Worthy Grand Matron we have two Chapters Sarah Chapter #353 and Huntington Chapter #938, both of which failed to turn their annual reports in on time, however we have now received them, and I move that the members of these Chapters be allowed at this time to pick up their credentials.

**WGM:** Do I have a second? (I think the WGP seconded but was not at the microphone) Is there any discussion? Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion of the Grand Secretary to allow Sarah Chapter #353 and Huntington Chapter #938 to pick up their credentials and registration packets. According to Article 10, Section 10, subsection (e), of our Constitution, we must have a 2/3 majority of voting members. All in favor raise, your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. \* For the appointment of the telegram/telephone committee, I appoint Sister Jerre Lucas. Sister Jerre will see that all of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who are not able to be with us today will get a copy of the program and everything from this Grand Session. We will now go into our formal introductions

**WGM:** I invite the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons & Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons at the Altar. (Rennie was already be in the East)

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present these Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. In the East, Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Bobbie White, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia, Brother John Grobler, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Washington State, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Sisters Rennie and Bobbie, and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John, we are so pleased you are here. "Jesus is the light of the world and he calls us to walk as children of light. To allow his light to shine in and through us to one another." The warm rays of love, generosity, integrity, honesty, sharing, and caring, kindle the spark of life and blessing in the heart of true friendship. Thank each of you for reflecting the light of heaven in our world." Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons & Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Rennie, I have known you for many years and have long admired you. You are an inspiration to all the members of Texas and the World. Thank you for your mentorship, Lou and I have learned a great deal from you and we appreciate it. Sister Bobbie, thank you for attending our Grand Chapter and everything that you have done for the Grand Chapter. Brother John, Sister Lou and I have enjoyed our conversations with you and Sister Barbara regarding increasing the membership. Thank you for your words of advice and for being with us in Irving.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. \*\*\* (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my honor to present our Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past

Most Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. \*

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

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these Elected Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter: Sister Marianne Shenefeld, Right Worthy Associate 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, and Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, and Sister Alma is also a Past Grand Matron of Texas. General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brother, God has revealed his kindness to us through you, as you have opened your heart and let his love shine through. Your prayers and encouragement, your compassion and your grace, reflect God's goodness and the smile of his face. Thank you for being with us today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter.

**WGP:** Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Marianne and Brother Henry, your General Grand Chapter is almost upon us. The fact that you have taken time out from your preparation to attend our Grand Chapter means a great deal to us. Good luck to you and your Officers during your upcoming year. Sister Alma Bane, you're home. What more can I say? Thank you very much for being here with us.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. \*\*\* (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter. Please join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, the Elective Officers of GGC will remain in the East. \*

**WGM:** While we are waiting, is Sister Anna Amya in the room? Are you in the room? Wave at me or jump up and down or something. Does anyone know her? Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Appointive Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron I do not believe we have any General Grand Chapter Appointed Officers.

**WGM:** Thank you. Then you will present the Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter, and Deputies who are Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons at the Altar.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing the Ambassadors and Committee Members:  
Sister Kathy Stegall, Ambassador to Brazil and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma

Sister Bonnie Varnell, Credentials, and Past Grand Matron of New Mexico  
Sister Bess Caldwell, Eastern Star Journal and a Past Grand Matron of Texas  
Sister Jayne Yenger, Ambassador to Germany and a Past Grand Matron of Texas

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

Sister Julie McMillen, Projects, Chairman, and a Past Grand Matron of Illinois  
Sister Mary Ruth White, Regenerative Medicine Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas

Brother Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

Brother Charles (Bill) Bane, Ambassador to Romania and Past Grand Patron of Washington, D.C.

Brother Trey Smith, ESTARL Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

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

Brother K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Support First Responders, Chairman, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas

**WGM:** God made each one of you one of a kind. There is no one on the face of this earth who is just like you are. No one else has your unique combinations of personality, gifts and talents, strengths and life experiences. There is a path before you that you each can walk and a plan only you can fulfill. We thank God for making each of you who you are and including us in His plans for you. Thank you for gracing us with your presence today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members.

**WGP:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, each of you has been appointed to your position because of a certain trait that you possess. Good luck to each of you in your future endeavors.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Ambassadors and Committee Members of GGC to the East. \*\*\* (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members. 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. \*

**WGM:** 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.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce this Worthy Grand Matron of Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sister Marilyn Abshire, Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** May you consistently live your life with a heart of compassion, daily demonstrating kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Most importantly, let love be the superglue that bonds all your relationships and friendships. Thank you so much for sharing your time with us today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite

you to greet our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

**WGP:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Welcome, my Sister. We are delighted you have taken time out of your busy schedule to visit us here in Texas.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guest to the East. \*\*\* (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present this Worthy Grand Matron from Other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will remain in the East. \*

**WGM:** 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.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sister Sara Quinby, Past Grand Matron of Delaware

Sister Juanita Wilkinson, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana

Sister Betty Bywater, Past Grand Matron of Nevada

Sister Betty Robertson, Past Grand Matron of New Mexico

Sister Margie McConnell, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma

Sister Elizabeth Bordeaux, Past Grand Matron of Vermont

Sister Kelly O'Malley, Past Grand Matron of Virginia

Brothers, Bill Ryan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona

Brother George Wilkinson, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana

Brother Roger Taylor, Past Grand Patron of Minnesota and a Grand Representative of Texas in Minnesota

Brother Jim Davis, Past Grand Patron of New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM: Sisters and Brothers,** you have poured out your heart and your love and warmed our hearts as only friends can do. With a drink of blessing and total acceptance, we thank God for friends just like you. Thank you for being in Texas and with us today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Past Grand Patrons and Past Grand Matrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

**WGP:** Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron. My Sisters and Brothers, it's an honor to have you visit with us here in Irving. I hope you have had an enjoyable visit.

**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. \*\*\* (Applause) 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. \*

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas at the Altar.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron of Texas:

Sisters Betty Phillips Benham

Rosemary Berry

Naomi Wolfe

Jimmie Lee McMahon

Previously seated in the East, Sister Doris Hester

Sister Karen Morgenthaler

Nancy Brown

Joyce Nicklas

Vi Griffin

Cheryl Albrecht

Jerre Lucas

And Sharon Mosmeyer

Brothers, Graham Whitaker

Richard Ochs

Duane "Buddy" Baker

Jerry L. Martin, also a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M

Brother Nelson Campbell

John Creel

Ray Hertenberger

William (Bill) Wyatt, Jr.

Bill Crews

George Gwaltney

And Tom Murphy, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** Aren't they beautiful? (Applause) The fragrance of your counsel is gentle, kind and true, I am so very thankful to have friends like you. I know that I can count on you to lead me in God's way; to bring a vision for tomorrow and courage for today. Your words are full of wisdom, God's promise to us gives us grace and builds our faith into eternity. Thank you for being here today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas.

**WGP:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Seeing all of you lined up at the Altar is quite a vision. I look forward to joining your ranks in the very near future, so Brother Tom don't get used to being the last one in line there. (Laughter) Thank you for your support. Your continued service, devotion, and love for the Order is heart-warming.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East. \*\*\* (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my great pleasure to present OUR OWN Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. \*

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at the Altar.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron it is my distinct honor to present Most Worshipful Tommy F. Chapman, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

**WGM:** Brother Tommy Chapman, we are so honored to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, here with us today and we are more honored to call you our Brother also. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to be with us here. Worthy Grand Patron

**WGP:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Most Worshipful Grand Master, your service and dedication to Texas Masonry is commendable. Thank you for all that you have done for the Order of the Eastern Star during your time in service.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Master to the East. \*\*\* (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my pleasure to present 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 hearty welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will remain in the East. \*

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther's Station.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters Kathy Miller, Associate Grand Matron, of Oklahoma

Myjha Reim, Grand Conductress, of Oklahoma

Susan Freeman, Associate Grand Conductress, Louisiana

Doris Owen, Associate Grand Conductress, Oklahoma

Cristel Fisher, Grand Marshal, of New Mexico

Polly Baker, Grand Ruth, of Louisiana

Nancy Boevers, Grand Esther, of Oklahoma

Gail Reynolds, Grand Electa, of New Mexico

Gina Sloniker, Grand Electa, of Oklahoma

And Brother Larry McVey, Associate Grand Patron, of Mississippi, Order of the Eastern Star

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, faith goes up the stairs that love has made and looks out the window that hope has opened. Thank you for your service to our beautiful Order. Thank you for being here today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

**WGP:** Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you for joining us today and I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy the sights of this beautiful city. Best wishes on your remaining terms.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Installed Grand



Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in giving them a hearty welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

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

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing the Deputies and Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron:

Sisters Delia Whitfield, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to Mexico

Phyllis Macon, Hummingbirds, Chairman

Polly Thommassen, Hummingbirds

Brother Bob Royall, Eagle, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, moments spent listening, talking, playing, and sharing together may be the most important times of all so we thank you so much for your being here today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Deputies and Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for being here with us today and for all that you do for General Grand Chapter.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my pleasure to present the Deputy and Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter. Please join me in giving them a hearty welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

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

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing these Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations in Texas:

Sisters Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Parliamentarian, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

JoAnne Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

And Sister Claire Peebler, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

And Brother Ben Wilson, Representing Michael Sampson, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas

**WGM:** Thank you so much for giving our youth much needed advice and shaping the future generation. For showing the youth the way, for making sacrifices aplenty and for taking up this leadership so selflessly. We cannot always build the

future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. We thank you for all that you do and for being here with us today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations.

**WGP:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. The youth are the future of Eastern Star and Masonry. It is always a pleasure to see both the youth and their leadership participating in their organization as well as ours. Thank you for attending.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Adult Leaders of our Youth Organizations to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations. Please join me in extending them a very hearty welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

**WGM:** Well, Sisters and Brothers, I believe we have concluded introductions. Please help me thank you, our Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. (Applause) Thank you for all your hard work today and the membership is very grateful to both of you. Thank you. (Applause) On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, we welcome each of you to our 136th "A Year of Faith, Hope, and Love" Grand Chapter Session. FAITH makes all things possible, HOPE makes all things work, and LOVE makes all things beautiful. God in His goodness gives us the privilege of possessing these gifts today, and we look forward to having them remain with us forever. We are so glad that each of you are here today. Please take time out of your schedule to visit our Vendors. We are pleased to have several here and we want everyone to get to go see them. Our Executive Committee and Arrangements Chairmen have worked very hard to make this a memorable week. We hope that you each of you enjoy your stay.

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers. Tomorrow we start our business Session, I would ask that you keep in mind my motto. First, be kind. We have all taken the same Obligation and that Obligation tells us to treat our Sisters and Brothers as we would like them to treat us. Next, help others. There are a number of Sisters and Brothers who are attending their first Grand Chapter as well as a number who are from out of state members. Be sure to answer their questions and show them true Texas hospitality. Finally, and most importantly, have fun. There is a time to be serious in what we do and a time to have fun. So, if you don't do anything else over the next few days, make certain you have fun.

**WGM:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Mrs. Rennie Ofton, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron will now extend Greetings and a Welcome, Sister Rennie.

**PMWGM Rennie Ofton:** It is a special privilege to bring these greetings to you, backed by some who have shared the responsibility for the Grand Chapter of Texas for the last 135 years. Many Sisters and Brothers are missing, it is true, but we have the blessings of their memories of dedicated efforts, which have given us the foundation we enjoy today. We gratefully acknowledge all the efforts our Worthy Grand Matron, Melissa Hudman, and Worthy Grand Patron, Richard "Rick" Skidd, have given to us during this last year of service. Please help us give our approval to them for their efforts (Applause) They have developed a spirit of "Faith, Hope, and Love" during their year and for this Session. We are pleased with the visit of our Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbie White, and

**Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, John Grobler** and the rest of the General Grand Chapter family who are here. You've heard their names a couple of times, I think. We extend our appreciation for the work all of you contributed during your time in office. To all of our visitors, we have planned for your visit and hope our "Texas Hospitality" will be to your liking and you will return to visit us again. To our own Texas membership, your presence, your interest in the business at hand, and willingness to promulgate that which is for the good of our Order, will write the final chapter of the Grand Chapter year of 2017-2018. Thank you for being here for this important task. In closing, always remember who we are and what we are doing is for the good of mankind. "We are good people, doing good for good reasons and thoroughly enjoying it." Thank you very much. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you, Sister Rennie, you know how much I love you and I'm so happy you could be here today. And the Past Grands of Texas, you stood behind me and I thank you so much. It is my pleasure to present Sister Marianne Shenefeldt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, who will bring the Response on behalf of all those who have been introduced today.

**RWAGM Marianne Shenefeldt:** Protocol having been established, what a tremendous pleasure it is to be here with you once again. Sister Melissa, it was special to me to receive your invitation to be a part of your "Faith, Hope and Love" Grand Chapter Session. Thank you. Sister Rennie, it is a distinct honor to be given the gift of responding to your gracious words of welcome this afternoon. I am so proud to call you friend and to have started my General Grand Chapter career with you as the Most Worthy Grand Matron. I can't think of any better Eastern Star leader for a greenhorn like me to learn from. Thank you for the inspiration of having Service Dogs as our one primary, permanent identifying charity for our Order. This program will make a difference for our Order. Service Dogs are visible. They are in our communities and make a difference in people's lives. The ideal combination to help build our Order. It's already happening. We saw it this afternoon and heard about it. Sister Lesa went to the Patriot Paws and they know who we are. So, it's already happening. Thank you to the Tri-Line for having Service Dogs and continuing the Service Dogs. The continuity of that will make a big difference. Thank you for that. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Texas Sisters and Brothers who helped make the Triennial Orientation in Salt Lake City in July a tremendous success. Committee members, Brother Ray Hargis, Co-Chairman, Sisters Mary Ruth White, Cheryl Albrecht, Vi Griffin and the many, many Texas workers who helped with the Orientation weekend. Won't you please stand so we can give you our thanks. Please stand. (Applause) Thank you again for all of your work and having a wonderful partnership of Wyoming in Texas to have this success. A very important part of the success of the Orientation was due to the outstanding and advance work and dedication of Brother David Dibrell. Wyoming and I extend our sympathy over the loss of Brother David. He was a fine leader and a dedicated and loyal friend to all. My Texas Sisters and Brothers, a special thank you to you for your continued support. The time is flying by. Installation is November 1<sup>st</sup> in Orlando and you are all personally invited. Brother Henry and I would love to see each and every one of you there. It is indeed flying by as in Dr. Seuss. "How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did

it get so late so soon?" That's how I feel. (Laughter) It was this, now it's this, but things are in the readiness and we look forward to having you join us in our Triennium. I would like to extend a very big and warm thank you for the wonderful greetings that the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have given all of the Distinguished guests today. They were big Texas greetings. And we appreciate it and thank you for that. I do extend to all of you, Brother Henry and I are off on another adventure to go to Kentucky to go to Brother Mike Berry's honor, so we will be leaving in the morning to do that. But, I want to thank you all for a wonderful welcome and once again the honor of sharing Brother Henry with me. Thank you. My best wishes to you for a terrific and successful Grand Chapter Session. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you, Sister Marianne, my time is like this (short) and yours is soon. I've never seen time go so fast. But thank you so much for being here today and taking time out of your busy schedule. We know you have to leave in the morning with Brother Henry to go to Kentucky and we wish you very safe travels. We are always delighted to see both of you when we can. Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this "Love for Texas" 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 Mr. Tommy Griffin, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. \*\*\*

**TOMMY GRIFFIN:** Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings you bestow upon us. Your love, your care and your guidance. Sister Marlene reminded us to day about time. Lord help us remember how precious time really is. We pause now to give you thanks for all things, especially the fellowship and enjoyment we have all shared this afternoon. We pray for your continued blessing on this Grand Chapter Session and for our Officers and our members as we begin our deliberations tomorrow. Always grant us wisdom, strength and fortitude in all of our undertakings. Protect and guide us now as we leave this place. In the Master's name we pray. Our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Amen (Amen)

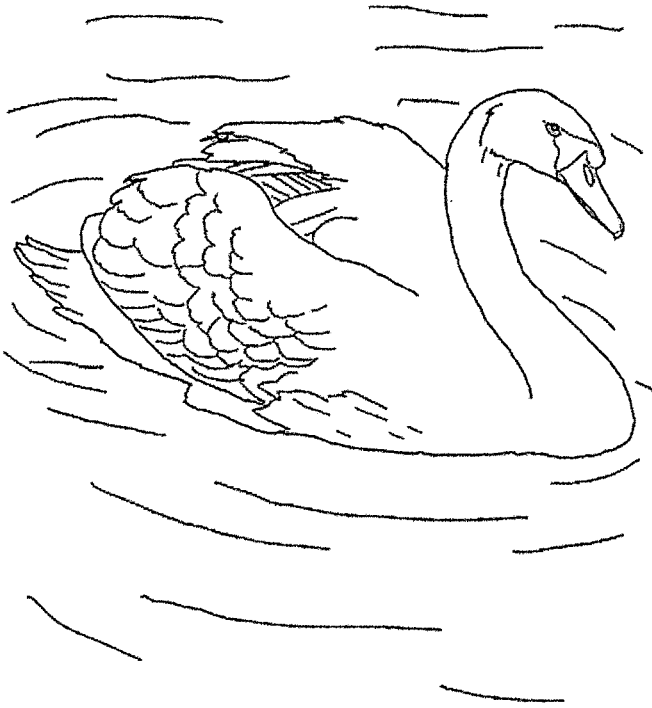
**WGM:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

**(Grand Conductress attends at the Altar)**

**WGM:** I now call this "Love for Texas" Session from LABOR to REST until 7:30 PM this evening. \* Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you are dismissed but I hope that as many of you as possible are joining us for the General Banquet at 5:30 p.m. Beginning prior to the banquet, if they're up to it, there will be a receiving line with the Ambassadors and Committee members. The ESTARL and Memorial programs will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. Thank you.

**(End of Thursday Session)**



***Swan Lake  
General Banquet***

Master of Ceremonies

**Becky Austin**  
District Deputy Grand Matron District One  
Grand Chapter of Texas

Welcome

**Beverly Ann Plante**  
District Deputy Grand Matron District Three  
Grand Chapter of Texas

Response

**Gail Fuller**  
District Deputy Grand Matron District Five  
Grand Chapter of Texas

Invocation

**Mary Frances Medford**  
District Deputy Grand Matron District Two  
Grand Chapter of Texas

## **D I N N E R**

*Musical selections during and after dinner being played by  
Beverly Ann Plante*

Introductions

**Tonya Wilson**  
District Deputy Grand Matron District Four  
Grand Chapter of Texas

Tribute to Tri-Line

**Betty Benham**  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Response

**Joyce Gilbert**  
Necrology, Chairman  
General Grand Chapter  
And Past Grand Matron of Texas

Greetings

**Henry S. Martin**  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron  
And Past Grand Patron of Texas

Greetings

**Marianne Shenefelt**  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron  
And Past Grand Matron of Wyoming

Greetings

**Rennie Ofton**  
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron  
And Past Grand Matron of Texas

Greetings

**Rick Skidd**  
Worthy Grand Patron  
Grand Chapter of Texas

Greetings

**Melissa Hudman**  
Worthy Grand Matron  
Grand Chapter of Texas

Benediction

**Cathi Cannon**  
Fraternal Correspondent  
Grand Chapter of Texas

**...Each one of us has a Swan inside—that ‘special something’**

We hope you had  
a really good time!

***Linda and Linda***

*Thanks, Jean Vestal for the decorations!*



**“Swan Lake”**  
**General Banquet**  
**Honoring General Grand Chapter**  
**Convention Center Las Colinas**  
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**136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter of Texas Session**  
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**Master of Ceremonies**

**Mrs. Becky Austin, DDGM, D1**

**MC Becky Austin:** Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen. If you have not taken your seat, please do so. We are on kind of a tight time table this evening with the events beginning at 7:30. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Elected General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of Texas, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers. Welcome to the “Swan Lake” General Banquet. Please sit back, relax while we can, enjoy some nourishment and as we watch for the sunset across the Swan Lake, let us reflect on the events before us this evening. At this time, I would like to invite Sister Beverly Plante to come and bring our Welcome.

**Sister Beverly Plante:** Good evening everybody. I am so thrilled to see everybody here tonight. So far its been a wonderful Grand Chapter. This is a great evening that they have planned for you and I know you’re going to have a real good time. So welcome everybody and get ready to have a really good time and enjoy the rest of the week. And a hearty welcome to each one of you. I know you’ve come a long way, some of you and that just shows you how important tonight is. Not only tonight but the rest of the week. So welcome to all of you and thank you very much for coming. Thank you, Becky. (Applause)

**MC Becky Austin:** We will now have the Response brought by Sister Gail Fuller.

**Sister Gail Fuller:** Thank you Sister Beverly. We just want to thank you for the very warm welcome. We are all very pleased to be here. We are looking forward to the meal tonight. I’m sure it will be as good as what we have been having. And we just appreciate all the courtesies and kindness that you have given to all of us. And we look forward to the rest of this week. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Becky Austin:** Before we nourish ourselves, let us go to the Lord for his blessings upon us and his guidance. Sister Mary Medford would you come invoke the blessings?

**Sister Mary Medford:** Thank you Sister Becky. Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we seek your wisdom and understanding from you daily. We pray for your guidance in the coming days so that our acts may be pleasing to you. Be with those who we have chosen to lead us. Give them safety in their journeys, comfort in their troubles and guidance in their decisions. Lord, bless the food we are about to receive to strengthen us and nourish us for the work we have before us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen (Amen)

**MC Becky Austin:** We will now enjoy our meal.

(Dinner)

**MC Becky Austin:** Sisters and Brothers, if you are still eating, please continue to do so. But, at this time, we are going to ask Tonya Wilson to please come forward and bring our introductions.

**Sister Tonya Wilson:** Good evening. We are now entering into our time-honored tradition of Eastern Star. The most enjoyed time we have...Introductions. (Laughter) Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Protocol having been established, I want to thank our Banquet Chairman for the honor to bring these introductions and Ticket Chairman for helping me keep the names and titles straight. As we begin introductions for the evening, I would ask that for the sake of time and courtesy to all, you please hold your applause, so we may honor each group. It is with pleasure that I introduce our favorite Melody and Jester.

Our Melody, Sister Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron and her husband, Richard, Grand Representative of British Columbia and Yukon in Texas. And our favorite Jester, Brother Richard "Rick" Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron and his wife, Lou, Grand Esther. Join with me as we express our appreciation to our leaders. (Applause)

Our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Sister Rennie Ofton. (Applause)

Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia, Sister Bobbie White (Applause)

And our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Washington, Brother John Grobler and his wife, Barbara, Grand Escort to the Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. (Applause)

The Elected Officers of General Grand Chapter. I have Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate 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 and his wife, Opal, Grand Escort to the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and

Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary, By-Laws Committee Chairman and Grand Representative of Italy in the District of Columbia and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. (Applause) Bolivia, I'm going to fix that.

Our Ambassadors and Committee Members we have Ambassador to Germany and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Sister Jayne Yenger and her favorite son, Joey who is the Grand Escort to the Past Grand Matron.

Our Ambassador to Mexico and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, Brother Jerry Trees and his wife, Sue.

Ambassador to Romania and a Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia, Grand Representative of Sao Paulo in the District of Columbia and Grand Escort the Grand Treasurer, Grand Chapter of Texas, Dr. Charles "Bill" Bane.

Credentials and a Past Grand Matron of New Mexico, Sister Bonnie Varnell Eastern Star Journal and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Sister Bess Caldwell ESTARL and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, Brother Trey Smith and his wife, Lesa, Grand Examiner of District 3

First Responders, Chairman and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, Brother K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. and his wife, Marty, Patriot Paw, Chairman, District 1 Jurisprudence, Chairman and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, Brother H. Lee Stallings and his wife, Pat, Grand Escort to the Past Grand Patron Necrology, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Sister Joyce Gilbert Regenerative Medicine, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Sister Mary Ruth White and her husband, Joseph "Joe" White, Grand Escort to the Past Grand Matron

Join me as we thank these hard-working Committee Members for jobs well done. (Applause) Also joining us at the sub-head table this evening, I have Sister Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Parliamentarian and Member of the House of Gold, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

And Brother Wayne Anthony, Chairman of the Committee on Work, Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Please extend to them a hearty welcome. (Applause)

It is with pleasure that I introduce the others sitting at the head table.

I have Sister Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron of Texas  
Out Associate Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn Martin  
Our Associate Grand Patron, Brother Burley Jones  
I have our Master of Ceremonies, Sister Becky Austin of District 1  
Sister Mary Medford from District 2  
Sister Gail Fuller from District 5  
The Fraternal Correspondent, Sister Cathi Cannon  
And I am Tonya Wilson from District 4

Please join me as we thank them for the jobs they are doing. (Applause)  
This concludes our fun introductions for the evening. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Becky Austin:** At this time, we will have presentations. By the way, those of you still enjoying the meal. Haven't we had wonderful meals this week while we've been here? The food has been absolutely wonderful. (Applause)

**Mrs. Lynne Huckabay:** Brother Henry, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. Now we talked about this. I am presenting this to our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. This is coming from Idaho. I have to say that when I walked into their Grand Chapter, Jim and I walked into the door and this very nice gentleman by the name of Don Miller who is the Past Grand Patron of Idaho. He saw my tag. He talked to me for about an hour. He said, "You know Henry Martin". I said, "Yes, sir, I do." He said, "Well, I made this beautiful cane for him, but I don't know how to get it to him." So, I said, "I'll do it the best I can, and I'll get it to him as quick as I can." And it is my pleasure to present this cane to you and it's made from the wood from Idaho and its hand made. (Applause) It's been all over the world since then.

**RWAGP Henry Martin:** Thank you so much. I appreciate it. Thank you.

**MC Becky Austin:** At this time, I invite Past Grand Matron, Sister Betty Benham, to bring our Tribute to the Tri-Line.

**PGM Betty Benham:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies and thank you Dr. Linda Puckett for inviting me to bring the Tribute to our own Texas Tri-Line Officers, Committee Members and Ambassadors of General Grand Chapter. And Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland, honored Texas when she selected these outstanding members to represent General Grand Chapter during the 2015-2018 Triennial Year. They are all hard-working and dedicated individuals and always willing to go that extra mile. Now, I know we just had introductions and I won't say their titles but as I do call your name please stand. Henry Martin, now I know he has been on this Triennial and I kind of hear a rumor that he'll be on the next Triennial too. (Laughter) Alma Lynn Bane, Jayne Yenger, Jerry Trees, Dr. Bill Bane, Bonnie Varnell, Bess Caldwell, Trey Smith, Arthur Drescher, Lee Stallings, Joyce Gilbert, Mary Ruth White. And I think we have some Special Appointees in the audience too. We have our Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, Delia Whitfield, the Hummingbirds, Phyllis Macon and Debra Foster, and we have an Eagle among us, Bob Royall. You are the General Grand Chapter family and you have spread many lessons of honor and good. And all around the world these past three years. Each one of you, you are my special friends and has been a special gift to this membership and you have served us at home and away. Each of you accepted the challenges of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and went to work. You have represented General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas and Other Grand Jurisdictions well by influencing others by promoting Brotherly and Sisterly love. These past three years you have been one of dedicated service not only to General Grand Chapter but to our Order. Each of you have given a large portion of your life to the Order of the Eastern Star. It has been rewarding to you and I know that it has been appreciated by your peers. We thank you for the memories, the diligent work and your willingness to serve our Order. You are a real phenomenal group and what a delightful and caring crew that you are. May God's richest blessings rest upon you and may his everlasting hand guide and sustain you not only for the remainder of your term in Office but for all the days that are yet to come. Each of you have served with dedication and for I will ask everyone now, you've had a large dinner, but will you please stand and give this distinguished group a well-deserved round of applause. (Applause) Thank you.

**MC Becky Austin:** At this time, we will have the Response by Sister Joyce Gilbert.

**PGM Joyce Gilbert:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. And thank you Sister Melissa for this honor of bringing the Response to the Tribute on behalf of the General Grand Chapter family. Sister Betty, we thank you those sweet special words that you have said here tonight, and we love you very much. And you are going to be something special too as you already are. Protocol having been established, I will say Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter family honorees. What a good night this has been. What a special one and what a good day we have had in the Grand Chapter Room. With all the introductions and again in here tonight. You know, we laugh about introductions, but you know that's part of us. We've been doing that for a long time. I feel very inadequate to stand before you on behalf of these special ones in the General Grand Chapter family. There are so many of you sitting up here that are very, very special. They've earned a great title and will go on to accomplish many wonderful things. It has been a wonderful three years for the Tri-Line, serving General Grand Chapter under Sister Helen Westmoreland and Brother Bob Penoyer in many capacities. It is indeed a great honor for us to have held these titles and we have met so many friends and have been so

many places and have been touched by the opportunity to have made friends that will always be a part of our lives. We hope in ways that are only known to you that we have brought honor to Texas and have pleased our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. We also want to thank you, the Texas membership for your support and kind words that gave us encouragement when we thought that we had taken on more than we could handle. There are a few months left in this Trimester. We're going to go on and we know there is a lot of excitement in the air around Texas right now for November. The Tri-Line looks forward to that November date as we see Brother Henry and Sister Marianne taking off for a new Tri-Line and many wonderful places that they will be visiting and going and spreading their love. Texas will continue even harder to serve this great Organization and to see really great things happen to even more people who are in need of our help. You see, it takes us all. One can't do much but just think what a village can do, that a state can do and what a country can do. If you are not there to help us, it will not be a success. So, our hats go off to you and the wonderful leaders of our Organization. Would our Tri-Line please stand. And Henry and Marianne, we would like to express to you our gratefulness that we have been placed in this position and as we finish the year in November, we are even more excited about the next three years to come. All you need to do is just let us know what you need us to do and we'll be there for you and all of the people said, "Thank you!" And I heard some Amens and you know what Amen means don't you? So be it. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Becky Austin:** At this time, we would like to ask Brother Henry Martin if he would like to bring us Greetings.

**RWAGP Henry Martin:** Thank you Becky and I appreciate that protocol has been established. Before I start tonight, we have a very special person here with us that's having a very special day. Vi Griffin, Happy Birthday. (Applause) But, it's good to be with all of you tonight and I first want to bring you Greetings from our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. They are busily preparing for the 49<sup>th</sup> General Grand Chapter Assembly that will be held in Orlando, Florida in October. And we hope that all of you are planning to be with us in Orlando particularly for the Wyoming-Texas Banquet on Tuesday night, October 30<sup>th</sup> and then the Installation the following Thursday night on November 1<sup>st</sup> when Sister Marianne and I will be installed as your Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. It would be an honor for us to have all of you there with us at that Installation. But tonight, this Banquet is honoring those who had been selected as Officers, Ambassadors, Committee Members, Deputies and Special Appointments for the 2015-2018 Triennium. And I'm going to ask these people, they stood a moment ago but I'm going to ask them to stand again, stand with me please. These appointments for the past three years will soon end in Orlando. And while it is an honor to be selected, and I know each of them feels that way, each of these offices requires a commitment of time and resources. And dedication to improving our Order is a necessity and these people have all done an outstanding job in these past three years. So, I know that each of these people standing here tonight appreciate you recognizing their work these past three years. You may all sit down now. So, let me thank you for being here tonight. As you heard earlier, I'll be leaving you tomorrow morning as I go to Kentucky, but I know you'll have an outstanding Grand Chapter under the leadership of this Worthy Grand Matron and

Worthy Grand Patron who have done an outstanding job during this past year. So, let me thank you for being here tonight, for the privilege of speaking with you. Thank you very much, Sisters and Brothers. (Applause)

**MC Becky Austin:** We would now like to request Greetings from Sister Marianne Shenefelt.

**RWAGM Marianne Shenefelt:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies, Sister Becky, thank you very much. It's a pleasure to be here with you this evening. My, this is a lovely crowd, isn't it? This is a wonderful setting for your "Swan Lake" General Banquet honoring your Committee Member Appointments for 2015-2018. I like the Swans. I think the Swans are beautiful. Of course, we all know they started off as ugly ducklings and they've turned out beautifully. I would like to say that the three years of service given by these fine Sisters and Brothers that they have represented Texas Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter very well. And we thank them for that very good service. It takes a dedication to do this sort of a job. And we thank you for doing this and I'm confident in saying this as I speak from the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Helen and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Bob and I do speak for the General Grand Chapter when I thank you for your service. We look forward to your reports of your successes at General Grand Chapter. This is a very lovely banquet and again it's my pleasure to be here with you. I want to thank you for your hospitality and your support and your warm welcome that you give to me when I come from Wyoming. And I'm hoping that in some of these years coming that there will be a time that will be a little less conflict with our time so that we can all get together and get to know one another. As I said the swans were ugly ducklings and maybe you had one or two ugly duckling moments, might have happened, but, you know what? They all came out as beautiful swans. You know ducklings, ducks, swans...here's a funny. Let me tell you about a pretty smart duck. This duck walks into a bar and asks the bartender, "Do you have any grapes?" The bartender says, "No, we only sell beer here." So, the duck leaves. The next day the duck walks back into the bar and asks the bartender, "Do you have any grapes?" The bartender said, "No we only sell beer. I told you that. If you ask me that again I'm going to nail your beak to the bar." So, the duck leaves. The next day the duck walks into the bar and asks the bartender, "Do you have any nails?" The bartender says, "No." The duck says, "Do you have any grapes?" (Laughter) Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Becky Austin:** We have another honoree, another Distinguished member with us this evening and in trying to get all the introductions done so we could get to the banquet on time, we ran out of time and did not have an opportunity to hear her words of wisdom. So, now we would like to ask for Greetings from Sister Bobbie White.

**PMWGM Bobbie White:** Greetings. (Laughter) (Applause)

**MC Becky Austin:** Short and sweet. Now we would like to hear from Texas own Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton.

**PMWGM Rennie Ofton:** Thank you very, very much and I am honored to be asked to bring a message but let me tell you something. Have you

heard all the words that were being used? I can't think of one that hasn't been used and I believed everyone of them and I know that they are going to be coming our way. The only thing that I didn't hear was that my Escort, Buddy Baker, he got up here from the table and he's going to be my Escort because sometimes I'm short of fellows. (Laughter) But honestly, this is a wonderful thing. It's a family thing. And we are family and we have fun being a family. And I know that everything you heard tonight was perfect on the people about which it was spoken. So, I really have no words too much, so I think I'm going to give my time to Rick. He needs time sometimes. (Laughter) Thank you very much. (Laughter)

**MC Becky Austin:** Now that moment that some of us view with trepidation... (Laughter) There's that word again, Worthy Grand Patron. We're going to ask for Greetings from our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Rick Skidd.

**WGP Rick Skidd:** And now I have extra time. (Laughter) Thank you Sister Rennie, I appreciate that. Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished head table, my Sisters and Brothers all. Is there anyone in here that this is their first Grand Chapter that they have ever attended? Besides James. Alright a couple of first Grand Chapters. The reason I asked that Sisters and Brothers, is because what you see tonight is what you can make of yourself as you go through Eastern Star. You can continue to work in your Chapter and be a very, very active member which is something we appreciate that you do. You can work in your District and Section, you can go ahead and move up to the Grand Chapter level and do stuff there, take an Appointment. Somewhere later, who knows, you might get to be Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. And then following that, you get to go and be appointed to the Tri-Line. So, the point I'm trying to make here is, no matter how long you're in Eastern Star, no matter what you do in Eastern Star, there is always more that you can do. It's all what you make of it. Again, you can stay at your local Chapter level or you can be like these Sisters and Brothers here and you can work for the betterment of Eastern Star around the world. Not just here in Texas but around the world. And that's what this organization needs. People who are new, wanting to get involved, willing to work their way up, I'm going to call it, the chain of command. Because you must reach certain levels and do certain things before you can move to the next level. Just like life. Just like working at a regular job. But we need people who are going to be the future of Eastern Star. People, again, who are going to work for Eastern Star General Grand Chapter and thereby make things better in the world. Because if not, sooner or later we're going to see decline of Eastern Star and this organization that we like is just going to be a fond memory, not to us because we'll have already become fond memories but to you and what comes behind you. So, Sisters and Brothers I guess what I'm trying to say here is it's a challenge. Please become involved. Please strive to be like these Sisters and Brothers here at the sub-table and become involved in the General Grand Chapter. Set that up as a goal for yourself that someday, that's what I want to do. And who knows, someday you might be sitting here like Sister Marianne or Brother Henry, Sister Rennie down there, Sister Bobbie. And you'll have been involved at your state level but now you'll be in charge of the world. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Enjoy the rest of your evening. (Applause)



**MC Becky Austin:** At this time, we would like to invite the most beautiful swan to come and bring her Greetings.

**WGM Melissa Hudman:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Head Table, Sub-Head Table, my Sisters and Brothers all. It is indeed a privilege to be here tonight. And I am very proud of Texas and I'm going to tell you that to be a member of this Order it takes a large amount of dedication. No matter what level you're at. Whether you are just going to work in your Subordinate Chapter or if you decide you really are interested in moving on up. And that dedication is what is going to get us additional members. And so, I'm hoping that some day the Order will grow again. It's not going to have grown this year I can tell you that, you'll hear the report of the Grand Secretary tomorrow. But pray for this Order and pray for some enthusiasm and pray for us to look at ways to attract people who will be good, dedicated members of this Order of the Eastern Star. For tonight though, we really want to honor these wonderful people because they're wonderful. They've worked hard. They're dedication of three years is a long time. Especially for Brother Henry and Sister Marianne. That's a long...especially for them, that was a really long time and you have to appreciate that. And for them to keep a smile on their face and travel and to be so happy to see you when you see them. To hug you. You know, her face always has a smile. I've never seen her without a smile on her face. And Brother Henry, I know you really well, so I see you all the time and I'm telling you people, you need to thank them every single day that you get the opportunity for their dedication. Not a lot of people would be willing to do that. So, help me thank them tonight and I'm not going to talk anymore. Time is short, and I want us to be able to get downstairs and get comfortable, so we can have our ESTARL and Memorial. But know how much we love you and we love them and thank you for everything you do for the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Becky Austin:** As we are approaching the ESTARL and Memorial Program we must set our minds and our attitudes to enjoy and to reflect. As the sun begins to set on the "Swan Lake" let us ask for the Lord's guidance from Sister Cathi Cannon.

**Sister Cathi Cannon:** If you will join hands, stay seated. Dear Heavenly Father, our Creator, we come to you tonight with our hearts full of joy for this wonderful day that we have had, for all of the fellowship, the good food, the fun and even some shopping and site seeing maybe. We thank you and most especially for those special members of the General Grand Chapter family who are with us tonight. We ask that you continue to give them the strength, the stamina, the wisdom to continue the work that they do for our Chapter. We also thank you for those who care and support us, from the workers at the hotel, the convention center, to all of those First Responders who support us and the Military who protects us. We hope that there is some way that you can make them feel the warmth of our gratitude. And most especially we pray for ourselves, Heavenly Father. Would you give us the gift of discernment? Give us the opportunity to make the right decisions as we go into our Grand Chapter work, the legislation and the elections. Let us make right decisions with love and hope in our heart for this beautiful Order. All these prayers we ask in Thy most precious name. Amen. (Amen)

**MC Becky Austin:** Sisters and Brothers, we have the next Session of the Grand Chapter beginning in about 30 minutes, so you are welcome to make your way downstairs.

**(End of the "Swan Lake" General Banquet)**

**ESTARL and Memorial Programs**

**“Faith in God” Session**

**Convention Center Las Colinas**

**Irving, Texas**

**August 16, 2018, 7:30 p.m.**

**136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter of Texas Session**  
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**7:15 p.m. Musical Prelude**

**Dr. Daniel Caldwell**  
**Grand Organist**

**7:30 p.m. Call to Order**

**Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane**  
**Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary, GGC and PGM**

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

**ESTARL**

**Mrs. Susan Bigham**  
**General Chairman**

**ARWGS Alma Lynn Bane:** Good evening Sisters and Brothers. Wooooo, let's do better than that! Good evening! (Good Evening!) Alright. My Sisters and Brothers and invited guests. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Hudman, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard Skidd, thank you for the honor of Opening this “Faith in God” Session of the 136<sup>th</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. It is also a special honor to be opening this Session with my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin, the Texas Top Hat Gallant Gentleman and our next Most Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Melissa, we share a common bond with many in this room. It is our love for this Order and our going the extra mile in the dedication of our time and resources in any project or endeavor that this Order needs. When any help was needed in the Grand Secretary's office, you did not hesitate to step forward and share your time and knowledge of office management. As the sands of the hour glass slowly slip to the lower chamber for your term, you will hear the reports of your committees and the accomplishments of your goals for your term as Worthy Grand Matron. At days end on Saturday, we will measure the width of your smile of gratitude and happiness with a yard stick. Brother Rick, we applaud you for your tenacity and fortitude in the completion of your duties and for being the fraternal companion for our Worthy Grand Matron. Both Lou and you have traveled many miles and created many smiles along the OES Pathway this past year. We thank you for your devotion to our Order and our membership. We wish the very best for both of you in the days and years to come. Brother Henry, Happy Anniversary. It was on August 16, 1997 at a Grand Conductress Banquet that we first shared a Head Table together. Tonight, we share the East and duties of Opening this Session. I invite you to greet our Sisters and Brothers and our Guests.

**RWAGP Henry Martin:** Thank you, Alma. I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity to be in the East with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, to open this Thursday evening Session of the 2018 Texas Grand Chapter. Alma, it's a pleasure to share the East with you again. I never realized where that night in 1997, when we first shared that Head Table together where that might actually lead. With you in Washington now, as our Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary, we don't see as much of you as in the past,

but you are doing a wonderful job up there and we certainly hope you will be able to remain in Washington. Sister Melissa, our Worthy Grand Matron, you have had a wonderful year and you have led our Texas Grand Chapter well. All of us in Texas appreciate your dedication and your hard work, and we wish for you a most productive and enjoyable Grand Chapter Session. Brother Rick, you have also proved your dedication to the membership of Texas and we appreciate your faithfulness and leadership this year. Thank you both for your efforts this year. Texas has benefitted from your commitment to improving Texas Grand Chapter.

**ARWGS Alma Bane:** Again, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for this honor. It is the Will of the Worthy Grand Matron that this Thursday Evening Session of the "Faith in God" Grand Chapter be called to Order. \* The Grand Officers will 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. (Applause) \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, it is with honor that I present Sister Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Worthy Grand Matron, I present to you your gavel.

**WGM:** Sister Alma and Brother Henry, I want to thank you for calling this "Faith in God" Session to Order. I remember your "Tapestry of Love and Service" Session in Waco, Texas, and I also remember many, many years of service that you both have given to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Sister Alma, your devotion to this Order is to be admired and please know that I love you and wish you well in all your endeavors. Brother Henry, I have grown up in Eastern Star being in your Section. I have many memories of you at various events and I have loved the years we have spent together and here's to many more. I would like to thank you both for your outstanding service and continued devotion to our Order. Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to thank Sister Alma and Brother Henry also.

**WGP:** Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Alma and Brother Henry, you are both examples that we should all live up to. You served the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas as well as General Grand Chapter. Recently, you celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your Grand Chapter session. I can only hope that Sister Melissa and I are able to reach such a milestone. Thank you for all you do for the Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. \* It is my pleasure to call upon Mrs. Susan Bigham, General Chairman of ESTARL, for the presentation of our ESTARL Program. Sister Susan.

**ESTARL Service and Awards  
2017-2018  
"Faith in God"**

**Musical Prelude**

**Dr. Daniel Caldwell  
Grand Organist**

**Welcome**

**Susan Bigham  
General Chairman**

**Sister Susan Bigham:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, friends and family. On behalf of the ESTARL Committee Members it is my pleasure to extend a warm and sincere welcome to you this evening for the 2018 "Faith in God" ESTARL Service and Awards Ceremony. We are so glad to have you join us. I would like at this time to introduce two very special people; Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron and Richard Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. (Applause) This "Faith in God" Session has a special meaning to me. I was reminded of when Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane. What faith he had to have had in God at that moment. Working with these dedicated students has been a blessing. The students we honor tonight have been called to religious training and have placed their faith in God's hands. In a small way, we can be a part of that faith through our prayers and contributions. Because of your generosity this year we were able to give eleven scholarships to these deserving students. They exhibit their faith in God in their daily lives with a desire to serve Him. We thank you so much. (Applause) I am pleased to introduce those who served as District Chairman on this Committee.

Kathyjo Kuenzle, District 1, she sends her regrets. She was not able to come this evening.

Carol Knutson, District 2

Donna Noe, District 3

Janice Langford, District 4

Brenda Miller, District 5, she also sends her regrets.

These ladies have spent many hours reviewing applications, communicating with the applicants, overcoming the limitations of technology and have been in prayer that God would direct our every decision. Please show your appreciation for them. (Applause) I invite them to call the roll of scholarship recipients from their respective Districts. Please remember that when you hear their names called that they did not do the choosing. God choose them to be vessels for His ministry. Carol Knutson will announce the District 1 recipients and Janice Langford will announce the District 5 recipient.

**Carol Knutson:** District 1 recipients;

Noah Batts, Gilmer Chapter #355 for East Texas Baptist University. Please stand if your name is called.

Dustin Beneac, Plano Chapter #703, Duke Divinity School.

Robert Shepherd, Carpenters #183, Liberty University Theological Seminary.

Austen Winfrey, Bullard Chapter #972, Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor.

**Donna Noe:** Thank you Sister Carol. From District 3 I have Nathaniel Day, Whitney Chapter #930, Hardin-Simmons University  
Christian Messemer, South Fort Worthy Chapter #835, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Justin Steadman, Ruth Chapter #20, also Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Jacob Turner, Everman Chapter #624, also Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Jason Valendy, North Fort Worth Chapter #684, TCU Brite Divinity School  
Kristin Warthen, North Fort Worth Chapter #684, also TCU Brite Divinity School

**Janice Langford:** Boston White, Gonzales Chapter #403, Southern Oklahoma State University

**Susan Bigham:** Kristin Warthen, a District 3 recipient from the TCU Brite Divinity School will voice our Invocation. Please stand while we go to the Lord in prayer.

**Kristin Warthen:** Please join me in prayer. Gracious God, we give you thanks for this gathering of men and women today. We give you thanks for the ways we come to celebrate your presence and we welcome you into this evening knowing you are here, you have been here, and you will be here long after we step away. Be with us tonight. May all that we do and all that we say honor you. It's in Christ's name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

**Susan Bigham:** You may be seated. I present to you Jake Turner, a District 3 recipient from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, who will lead us in a medley of music.

**Jake Turner, District 3  
(Musical selection)  
(Applause)**

**Susan Bigham:** Thank you so much. That was absolutely beautiful. Noah Batts, a District 1 recipient from East Texas University will now present our Scripture reading.

**Noah Batts:** A reading from 1 John 5:4-5: For whatever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith. Who is the one overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

**Susan Bigham:** Thank you so much Noah for sharing God's inspired words from the Bible. It is a joy to have our next recipient. I am proud of this young lady as we claim her as one of our own. Boston White, a District 5 recipient from Southern Oklahoma State University. She will bring our message from God at this time.

**Boston White:** Thank you Sister Susan. I am now proud to say at the time of applying for this ESTARL scholarship I had not yet received my approved letter of acceptance, but I am now also a student of Brite Divinity School of TCU so we've got our Divinity Club back there hanging out. Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Good evening my Sisters and Brothers. I get to say that. (Laughter) When I was first told that I had five minutes, I laughed a little because if anybody knows me, talking's my thing. Past Worthy Advisor, Pastor, Rainbow Girl, Eastern Star...I can talk. But

I knew I could do this so let's go. The scripture I'm using is one of our Worthy Grand Matron's and Patron's verses. Romans 15:5-7 "May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus so that gather you may with one voice. Glorify the Father and God, our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another therefore just as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God". This is the word of God for the people of God and praise be to God. (Thanks be to God) I heard my few Methodist, thank you. (Laughter) What does it mean to be a Christian? If we are serious about living a Christian life and living a life focused on Christ, we have to keep in mind how our words and our actions affect people. We cannot grow in faith all by ourselves. And we cannot forget to tend to the wellbeing of others. Even if we are different from one another, we think differently, we act differently and have a broad diversity, there can be unity when we have a shared focus and purpose or about loving our God and our neighbor. We build unity when we look out for one another. This means we need to reach out to help others even when it may not be convenient. I recently had the Holy Spirit or God knock me in the face when I was on my way to work and a co-worker called and asked if I could pick him up and it was out of my way and it was inconvenient, and my first thought was "Well, this is inconvenient. I don't have time for this". To where, calling my mother, she reminded me that sometimes helping others is inconvenient, but it is what God requires of us. Paul speaks directly to believers who are strong. Paul includes himself in that grouping because Paul considers himself strong but can easily be tempted to look down on others who are not like them. Going even further Paul says that we are to accept one another just as Christ has accepted us. How did Christ accept each of us? Why does Christ accept each of us? He accepted us with all our faults. We have all experienced being let down by people and we have all be guilty of letting others down. Paul also reminds us that we are to forgive just as we have been forgiven. And Paul urges us to put our virtue of love, to put on the virtue of love because that is what binds us together in this perfect unity. So, I ask you my Sisters and Brothers, in what ways can you share God's love to help build unity and to come together in Christ? In what ways my Sisters and Brothers, can you share God's love and unity to build the Order of Eastern Star and our Masonic family together more for Christ? So, live as Christ. Act as Christ and more than anything to love as Christ. And in the name of our wonderful and good Father, our saving Savior Son and our sweet Holy Spirit. Amen. Did I do it? Was that good? Five minutes? (Laughter and Applause)

**Susan Bigham:** Sister Boston, I would have given you an hour. Thank you, Boston for sharing that powerful message with us this evening. Many of us have had the privilege of watching you through the years and we are so very proud of you. I now invite Kristin Warthen, a District 3 recipient for Brite Divinity to bring our offertory prayer.

**Kristin Warthen:** May we pray together. So gracious God as one gathered body, we give you thanks. We give you thanks for the ways in which the giving of this community has built up lives and transformed churches and done so on faith. Some of these churches they never see and never experience. They just trust that you are at work in the lives of those they send, and they trust that you are at work in the lives of those churches and for that we give you thanks. We give you thanks in the ways that you will continue to be at work in our churches



and in the lives sent forth out of this room. As we give, gracious God we pray your blessings over the gift. We pray Your blessings over the giver and we pray for your work that you will continue to do in your church and around the world. In Christ name, Amen. (Amen)

**Susan Bigham:** Let us be reminded that the value of a donation is not dependent on the amount given, but by the spirit in which it is given. The result of our heartfelt giving is that God's work is continued and you will be blessed. At this time, I invite the District Deputy Grand Matrons to please come pick up the offering boxes that are right over here. Oh, just the Deputy Grand Matrons only. All of them. That came from Sister Melissa. Let me ask you that when you have collected the offering please bring your box right back to the same place over here. As we take the ESTARL Love Offering this evening, we will again enjoy special music by Jake Turner.

**ESTARL Love Offering  
Music by Jake Turner  
"I'll Fly Away"**

**Susan Bigham:** Thank you so much, Jake. Help me show him how much we appreciate his talent. (Applause) There's just nothing better than good music except maybe vanilla, cherry ice cream. (Laughter) Thank you for your generous donations this evening. Sisters and Brothers, because of your generous donations all eleven of the applicants will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. I will be giving my final report tomorrow. At this time however, we will have the Presentation of Awards to our recipients by our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron. Unfortunately, some have already had to take off and go to school but we appreciate these that came tonight. I will be giving their name and sponsoring Chapter.

From District 1, Noah Batts, Gilmer #355  
From District 3 Nathaniel Day, Whitney #930  
Christian Messemer, South Fort Worth #835  
Jacob Turner, Everman #624  
Jason Valendy, North Fort Worth #684  
Kristin Warthen, North Fort Worth #684  
From District 5, Boston White, Gonzales Chapter #403

Christian Messemer, a District 3 recipient from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will bring the response on behalf of the recipients.

**Christian Messemer:** Thank you. It is an honor to be here with you tonight and it's apropos that I was invited to bring the thank you on behalf of all the recipients. Tonight hopefully, God willing, will be the last awards ceremony that I attend as a recipient as I hope to graduate in May from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with my PHD. So, thank you. (Applause) Don't you worry, an invite will be in the mail and you guys have definitely earned it. But before you get too sentimental, I realized that you guys have supported my family and I for seven years. So, it's about time that this not too little birdy left the nest. And as I say goodbye I hope to encourage you to keep up this great endeavor, this scholarship program because it impacts lives. Over the years many of you have told me that you wish you could do more. I've heard

this time and time again that a \$1,000 doesn't go as far as it used to. And I want to remind you that a \$1,000 scholarship is a \$1,000 in student loans that I do not have to borrow. It is 120 hours at \$10.00 an hour, which is roughly what we can make now days that I have available for my studies or my family. But that's just one year. Many of us receive two, three, four or in my case seven scholarships. That's \$7,000 for y'all with the math or 840 hours to my studies or to my family. For this I say thank you. During the first sermon I was ever able to give was in Arlington at the meeting and I spoke from Third Gospel of John and those words that I spoke that night, are just as relevant now. There John uses a term that I want you to appropriate for your scholarship ministry and those that contribute. The word, co-laborer. John writes to Gaius to remind him that the support he gave to the travelling missionaries that he never knew made him a co-laborer with them in the gospel. He has a share in their gospel ministry. Whether he was physically present or not. I'm sure if you take time afterwards to speak to the awardees, you'll quickly discover that your financial sacrifice has allowed you to participate in some pretty amazing things although you were not physically present. And most of which we are not going to know the impact. The true impact of until glory. For the funding of my ministry opportunities, I am thankful. Finally, know that your scholarship is a testimony to the faithfulness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Most of us started this journey knowing we were called by fuzzy on how we would pay for it. Scholarships from groups like yours are a loud yell from the heavens telling us doubting children "I've got this". Thank you for your sacrifice. Thank you for this scholarship. I'll see you all on the battlefield. (Applause)

**Susan Bigham:** Christian thank you so much for your humble words. We will now have remarks from our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Hudman and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard Skidd.

**WGM:** Okay, I told him he could not deviate from the podium book but I'm going to deviate. Sorry. I grew up in the church. Every time the doors were open, my father was a deacon, I sang in the choir, I later traveled every summer and did religious musicals around this country and I am so proud of these young people. And Christian, I would have known you were Baptist because I'm Baptist. I thought I'd gone to church. But, thank you so, so much for being here tonight and I'm going to tell you that these are the kind of young people that we need in the world today. And it doesn't matter what religion. (Applause) We all believe in the same God. The God who died to save us from our sins so that we could live if we ask for forgiveness for our sins. And I thank you, thank you, thank you so much and for letting us have this short service tonight. And I wish you well in all of your endeavors wherever God takes you. Thank you. Sister Susan Bigham, my friend, thank you for this wonderful program and your leadership to this committee. We have truly witnessed a lot of miracles together, haven't we? But heaven knew that we would or what would happen in our lives. I appreciate you so much for stepping up to the plate and taking this ESTARL committee. And the entire committee and Grand Chapter owes you a debt of gratitude. And to the Committee members, I'll talk to them tomorrow again, I know how busy you are, and for you to take this on, really speaks to your character and dedication. I know we have found great matches for these scholarships and this is all thanks to your

hard work. To each of the recipients, thank you for your presence here tonight. It is our honor as Eastern Star to give you this type of support. We congratulate each of you on your continued Theological studies. Susan, know how much I love you. Thank you. Worthy Grand Patron, would you please bring remarks to our committee and the recipients.

**WGP:** I certainly will, Worthy Grand Matron but I'm not going to deviate from the podium book. (Laughter) Sister Susan, thank you for the outstanding program you and your ESTARL Committee have presented. You have chosen the perfect deserving recipients for these scholarships, not an easy task. To the recipients, thank you for your desire to pursue a career to serve our Lord. May he watch over you and lead you as you serve your flock.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, that concludes our ESTARL program. We are now going to prepare for our Memorial program. Oh, I'm sorry, she has a benediction. My bad...

**Susan Bigham:** Thank you so much. This has been a joy. These men and women are definitely a blessing and I appreciate you so much. At this time, Jason Valendy, a District 3 recipient and a student at TCU Brite Divinity School, will lead our Benediction. Please stand.

**Jake Turner:** This Benediction comes to us by way of a Medieval thinker Christian theologian as he writes "It is a brave world. Do not be afraid. Do not calculate your chances so closely that you miss your chance. Do not pretend to know what you do not know. Work, laugh, give thanks. For these three things are one. Remember, you did not make the world. You cannot remake the world. You cannot even spoil it. You may know however the wonder of improving a small corner of it. But, do not forget that before you and I arrived, God pronounced this world very good. So, may you, may we, go and enter into God's joy." Amen. (Amen)

**Susan Bigham:** Thank you. To the membership, thank you for making this possible. To the recipients, thank you for coming this evening and sharing your talents. May God continue to bless you.

**WGM:** We are going to take a brief little break while we prepare the room for the Memorial Program, so we can get started. It won't take very long. Please stay with us.

**(End of ESTARL Program)**

**MEMORIAL PROGRAM  
2017-2018  
“Faith’s Promise”**

**Musical Prelude**

**Dr. Daniel Caldwell  
Grand Organist**

**WGM:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations. I now call this Memorial Program for 2017-2018 “Faith’s Promise” to order. \* Brother John Creel you will bring our Invocation. \*\*\*

**Brother John Creel:** Father, we come to you tonight during this special period in our annual meeting. We choose to pause and spend time remembering our Sisters and Brothers who have claimed Faith’s Promise of Eternal Life. Although our hearts and our minds have been touched and affected by our losses this year, we recognize that our Sisters and Brothers have simply gone ahead of us. They are rejoicing and living again in Your Presence and their New Life is one that is everything we were promised when Your Son told us that He goes to prepare a place for us. Thank you for your presence during this Memorial Program. Please touch the hearts of those who are deeply affected and help them to rejoice in the knowledge that their loved ones are now in Heaven. Please also Bless the remaining portions of our deliberations. In Thy Holy Name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

**WGM:** \* Thank you to everyone who is here tonight to witness our Memorial Program, paying tribute to our General Grand Chapter members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Texas’ own Past Grand Patrons, Brothers David Dibrell and Murray Watson; Installed Grand Officer, Sister Karen Kidd, Grand Adah; Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Patty Russell, District 1, Section 5; and our Subordinate Chapter Members, and our United States Military. I invite our Grand Chaplain to present “Faith’s Promises” Memorial Program.

**Mrs. Vicki Smith:** Sister Nicki Bilski will sing “How Can I Keep from Singing”

**Nicola Bilski:** To the membership, I hope you understand that this is going to be difficult for me, but it is so appropriate since this is the Memorial Program. I lost my sister less than two years ago. And I lost my mother in April. And I changed the words a little for our Worthy Grand Matron. I know that she loves to sing. I’m really going to try to do this justice.

**“How Can I Keep from Singing” Acapella  
Mrs. Niccola Bilski, Grand Soloist, D 4  
(Applause)**

**Mrs. Vicki Smith:** Thank you Sister Nicki. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, my Sisters and Brothers all. Good evening. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to thank you for the privilege of serving this year. It has been an honor. Probably the greatest honor I

will ever have and one I will cherish for the rest of my life. I'm honored to present this "Faith's Promise" Memorial Program. This evening as we recall those who have claimed the promise of eternal life, we rejoice in their victory. We recall that in John 14:3, our Savior made the promise when he said "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself. That where I am there you may be also." May those of us who have lost dear ones be comforted in that knowledge. That their loved ones have gone ahead to the place prepared for them and that they will greet us when our time comes. They will show us the wonders that our faith allows us to claim. A floral tribute is a lovely thing to heal the wounded heart and to bring comfort to all. As a tribute to the members of General Grand Chapter, Sister Adah (Mrs. Janice Kelley, Grand Page to Grand Adah) will present her floral tribute. Fortunately, we lost none of the Officers of General Grand Chapter. But they did suffer losses and sicknesses and we honor and appreciate them. Sister Ruth (Mrs. Cheryl Royall, Grand Ruth) presents her tribute in memory of Brother David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron of Texas, Brother Murray Watson, Jr., also a Past Grand Patron of Texas, and Sister Karen Kidd, Grand Adah. Although we miss their presence, we look forward to the time when we join with them again. Sister Esther (Mrs. Lou Skidd) presents her tribute in memory of the seventy-five Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions who joined their Sisters and Brothers in heaven this year. Sister Martha (Mrs. Betty Hancock) places her tribute in honor and memory of the nine hundred and seventy-nine members of our Grand Chapter who departed this life this year. Sister Electa (Mrs. Sharon Prague) presents her tribute as we remember the more than two hundred Military personnel and First Responders who died in the line of duty this year. We find "Faith's Promise" in God's holy word "Be thou faithful and I will give thee a crown of life." And now Sister Konnie Harrell will sing "You'll Never Walk Alone".

**"You'll Never Walk Alone"**  
**Sister Konnie Harrell, Grand Soloist, District 3**  
(Applause)

**Mrs. Vickie Smith:** Thank you Sister Konnie.

**WGM:** At this hour, we pause and pay loving tribute to the memory of Brother David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron and a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Brother Murray Watson, Past Grand Patron of Texas, and Sister Karen Kidd, Grand Adah, who have passed into the life of complete understanding. Our hearts are grateful for our many blessings, believing that god doeth all things well. We thank him for every link in our garden chain, and if he in his great wisdom has seen fit to sever one by one these links to death, 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." Sister Grand Secretary.

**GS:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** You will read the Memoriams from Grand Chapter. Okay. Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, and Sister Chaplain, you will assume your positions for 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 Brothers and Sister who have gone before us to dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Chaplain, you will place the drapes upon the altar. Reverently, we pay tribute of love and respect to our departed ones who have followed the silent messenger to their mansion in the sky. Sister Chaplain, please lead us in prayer as we remember our lost Brothers and Sisters.

**GC:** Heavenly Father, we come to thee tonight at this Memorial Service and ask your comforting touch as we remember and honor our Sisters and Brothers who have died this year. Heal our wounded hearts made heavy by sorrow. Through our tears assure us again that no ear has ever heard, no eye has ever seen, and no one has ever imagined what you have prepared for us in heaven. Keep and carry us in our sadness and loss. And let us be comforted in the promise of Heaven. In thy holy name we pray, 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. \*

We will now have a solo selection of "How Great Thou Art" by Mrs. Tiffany Fisher, Conductress, Webb Chapter #1140.

**"How Great Thou Art"**  
**Mrs. Tiffany Fisher, Conductress, Webb Chapter #1140**  
(Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you, Tiffany. Our benediction will be given by Brother Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron. \*\*\*

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers, please take the hand of the person next to you and bow your heads. Heavenly Father, you have heard the names of those we have lost this year: our Sisters, our Brothers, our Wives, and our Husbands. We ask not why you have taken them home, as you alone know why, we ask instead, that you fill the hole left in our hearts with fond memories of those we loved. We learn in Martha's lecture that beyond the grave the loved ones gone before are waiting to welcome us to our eternal home. So, we ask instead, that until our time is nigh, you direct our lives in ways of happiness, service to our fellow man, and love for You. Amen (Amen)

**WGM:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. Sisters and Brothers, you are now dismissed. I'm asking you to please retire reverently. \*

**(End of the Memorial Program)**

**“Day of Hope”**  
**Friday Morning Session**  
**Convention Center Las Colinas**  
**Irving, Texas**  
**August 17, 2018, 8:00 a.m.**

**136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter of Texas Session**  
**“Day of Hope”**  
**Friday Morning Session**  
**Convention Center Las Colinas, Irving, Texas**  
**August 17, 2018, 8:00 a.m.**

**7:45 AM - 8:00 AM**

**Musical Prelude**  
**Mrs. Sandra Perdue**  
**Grand Page to the Grand Organist**  
**Organist Opening**  
**Dr. Daniel Caldwell**  
**Grand Organist**

**8:00 A.M.**

**Call to Order**  
**Mrs. Vi Griffin**  
**Past Grand Matron, Texas**  
**Mr. H. Lee Stallings**  
**Jurisprudence Chairman, GGC, and PGP, Texas**

**8:00 AM**

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Good morning Sisters and Brothers and happy privilege to welcome each of you and to call this “Day of Hope” Session of the 136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter of Texas to order. \* 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 instilling kindness in your every act. You inspire us all to meet our challenges and to explore our possibilities. Very soon, we will hear the reports of the success of your programs, and we now applaud you for your dedication and your untiring efforts. Worthy Grand Patron, you have been a strong supporter of our Worthy Grand Matron and a champion for her causes – who knew what acts of compassion that awful sequin jacket would rouse? (Laughter) We commend 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 Griffin, my vivacious friend from District IV. It is always a pleasure to share the Grand East with you. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the special honor of helping to call this “Day of Hope” Session to Order. The annual Grand Chapter Session is always a special time for the membership of Texas. It is a time for fun and fellowship, a time for catching up with old friends and making new ones, and a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. It is also a time to welcome the many distinguished guests and members with us today. We want you to know that we are glad you are here, and we hope you thoroughly enjoy your time in the great State of Texas. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, best wishes to you and your Grand Family for a very successful Grand Chapter Session. And, as you approach the “sunset” of your time in the Grand East, may your final days be as enjoyable, rewarding, and up lifting as this past year has been. Remember the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:1, “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven”. May this Grand Chapter Session be your “season” and your “time!

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you, Brother Lee. It is indeed my pleasure to call this Friday Morning Opening for a “Day of Hope” Session to order. \* We are honored



with the presentation of a tradition of Texas, the “Melody of Love” drill presented by the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter Officers and their Pages, under the direction of our energetic and enthusiastic Grand Marshal, Sister Pam Dean. It may be difficult for you to see what they have formed. They have formed three of the lines of the musical staff and the notes, the musical notes coming down. Very nice. (Applause)

**Melody of Love Drill**  
**(Directed by Pam Dean, Grand Marshal)**  
(Applause)

We are now honored with another tradition of Texas Grand Chapter, the gentlemen presenting the Star Point Precision Drill will enter the Grand Chapter room, under the direction of Brother Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron.

**Precision Drill**  
**(Directed by Brother Bill Wyatt, PGP)**  
(Applause)

**PGM Vi Griffin:** How impressive. I never tire of seeing that. We need some Grand Officers lined up in the back to enter the Grand Chapter room. 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 Grand East. \*\*\* (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my high honor to present Sister Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) \* Worthy Grand Matron, the sky takes on the shades of orange during sunset. It is the color that gives us hope that the sun will set, only to rise again. Thank you for allowing me this added joy of service. I now present to you your Gavel, which I know you will use with dignity, kindness, and fairness. It comes with my love, and respect, and every good wish that you be surrounded with the Grace of God as you preside over this Session.

**WGM:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the duties of the Grand Chapter. \* Sister Vi and Brother Lee, thank you so much for opening this Friday morning Session. Sister Vi, I remember getting to know you when I traveled with you as Grand Examiner and you were Worthy Grand Matron. I learned many things from you and I indeed respect your commitment for our Order. Brother Lee, thank you for returning to Texas every year for your own Grand Chapter as Past Grand Patron. You indeed set an example for us to follow. Please know that I appreciate both of you always so very much. Sister Sandra Perdue, thank you for the beautiful music to start our day. You are indeed so talented, and as one who also plays the piano, I have long loved to listen to your music and it always puts me in a happy mood. Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to acknowledge these members.

**WGP:** Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Vi and Brother Lee, thank you for opening our “Day of Hope” Session. We appreciate everything that you have done for our Grand Chapter and the membership. Sister Sandra, thank you for your beautiful music this morning.

**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 engage in the ceremony to call this Grand 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:** Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**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)**

**AGM:** Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

**WGM:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. \*\*\* Brother Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico, GGC, and a Past Grand Patron, will bring our invocation.

**Jerry Trees:** Please bow your heads. Dear Heavenly Father, how we feel your presence as we assemble with grateful hearts to give you our praise and to thank you for the opportunities that are ours in this great organization. Especially do we ask your guidance in the matters before us. Humbly we pray for peace throughout our Father's world. Reach out in places that we do not see where men do not know, we pray for their coming into your circle of love. We ask that you give our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron wisdom, strength, and courage in their leadership. Lord, you have heard our prayer and we thank you for listening. We ask for all these things in Your precious name, Amen. (Amen)

**WGM:** I now declare the "Day of Hope" Session called from REST to LABOR. Brother Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel. \*

**WGM:** Brother Jerry Trees, you are such a gentleman and honorable man. Thank you so much for your constant love and devotion to our Order. Thank you for our prayer this morning.

**WGM:** We will have our scripture reading by Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron of Texas

**PGM Nancy Brown:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege presenting the Scriptures today. These are Scriptures that our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have chosen for this year. Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteous of God is revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith. And Romans 5:2-5 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.

**WGM:** Thank you, Sister Nancy. You are truly one of the kindest people that I know, and I appreciate everything that you do for the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you for bringing our Scriptures to guide us this morning. We will now begin our reports. You will find the list of reports on page 57 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. We will proceed with the business of this Grand Chapter and if at any time you do not understand what you are voting on, please let us know, and we will do our best to explain it to you more clearly so that you can understand the issues. Just a reminder, the orange cards are for voting by the members of Grand Chapter. The purple card is for the Chapter Representatives to vote.

The appointed Parliamentarian is Mrs. Janet Travers. Also, we have assisting the Parliamentarian, Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw, Chairman of By-Laws. This is your Grand Chapter and we want to conduct business in a way that is best and easiest for you. Sister Janet, I invite you to bring your report.

**Janet Travers:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. I would like to call your attention to the following items; Our Parliamentary Rules and Procedures for this Grand Chapter, 2018. "In accordance with the Code of Laws, Article 157, Pages 118-120 and the following." I would also like to call your attention to the Grand Chapter Session Book, pages 64-67. You'll probably be pleased to know that I'm not going to be reading all of these to you, but I would like to point out several important ones.

1. "Roberts 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.

4. There shall be three 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 members 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.

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 and then the original motion as amended.

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

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

Note \* 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 making 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. If a motion is made to "move the previous question", that is a motion itself and has to be voted on before the main motion or any amendments can be addressed.

17. The Worthy Grand Matron shall make all rulings and decisions. It will take two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting to overrule a decision of the Chair. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP:** Second.

**WGM:** The motion has been seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. We have a motion and a second that we adopt the Parliamentary Rules for the Grand Chapter. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of adopting the Parliamentary Rules of Procedure, please raise your orange cards. Cards down, those opposed please raise your orange cards, Motion carries. \*

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to ask you to please pay special attention, once again. I know it's easy to visit with your neighbor but we have some serious business to take care of and so we would like to have your attention and listening. I'll remind you once again that the orange cards are for the voting delegates and the purple cards are for Chapter Representatives. Constitutional amendments require delegate vote and Grand Chapter approval. We cannot conduct our business unless we have 25% of our Chapter Representatives present. That means that while we are conducting business, the 25% must be here. I know that you all want to go to the vendors, I'd like to go there myself, but please stay with us. I appoint Brother Terry Miller as our timekeeper. There are two microphones in the

West. The one in the Northwest will be FOR the question. The microphone in the Southwest will be AGAINST the question. Because we will be voting by ballot on some of the legislation, I request that four tables be set up and that the table judges and tellers who were assigned to these tables please take their place. Is Sister Kathy McColly up here. Would someone, one of you Deputies, go get Sister Kathy McColly so she can give a partial report of the Credential Committee. So, while they sit up the tables and we wait for Sister Kathy to get here, Brother Jerry Neuenschwander, will you please have the Grand Choir give us a nice song to get us started this morning?

**“Deep in the Heart of Texas”**

**Grand Choir**

(Applause)

**“Right in the Corner Where you Are”**

**Grand Choir**

(Applause)

**“Do you Really Care”**

**Grand Choir**

(Applause)

**WGM:** I now recognize Sister Kathy McColly for a partial report of the Credentials Committee.

**Kathy McColly:** I just want to let you know that we still have 279 Chapters in Texas. We have 232 Chapters registered. We have 200 here today so we do have a quorum. Thank you.

**WGM:** Okay, let’s talk about the tables. The Election judges for Table 1 are Mary Ruth White and Art Drescher. Table 2 is Joyce Gilbert and Jerry Trees. Table 3 is Sharon Mosmeyer and Tom Murphy. And Table 4 is Cheryl Albrecht and Billy Clabaugh. So, if you are here will you take your places at your table. And then, you all got little cards in the mail that should have told you what table you were at. But Table 1 is Connie Bilby, Valerie Followell, Kathi Troublefield, Linda Drennan, Karen Louton, Marsha Talton. Table 2, Virginia Salas, Martha Cameron, Mary Ann Ivy, Kathryn Ingram, Linda Grigsby, Sharon Beauchamp. Table 3, Lizbeth Lachnitt, Mary Anne Skrabanek, Christi Smith, Melissa Ruffner, Bobbye Dyer, who I know is not here, Christine Armstrong. Table 4, Lou Anne Elliott, Mary Ann Davis, Rhonda Holland, Wanda Hollingsworth, Elaine Batchelor and Dorris Clegg. So, if those people who are here will take their place and then we will see who else we have to fill in with. Now, you see this red light up here on the stage? Blinking at you? We borrowed this from General Grand Chapter. They were kind enough to lend it to us and let us use it. It is set for three minutes. The light will come on and it will be green. When you have 15 seconds left to speak, it will turn yellow and when your time is up it will turn red. Oh, excuse me, he played with it and he changed it. The yellow light will come on when you have 30 seconds but when that red light comes on, you are out of time and your microphone will go off. We’ll tell you that your time is up. In addition, we’ll have a timekeeper in case this malfunctions to insure that each speaker gets your allocated time and at the end of the three minutes, your time will be ended. And I believe the Parliamentarian talked to you about time could be extended and how that is done.

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| 433     | D1 S1    | CHICO             | BILBY        | CONNIE         |
| 77      | D1 S2    | GATE CITY         | FOLLOWELL    | VALERIE        |
| 82      | D1 S3    | CADDO MILLS       | TROUBLEFIELD | KATHI          |
| 1       | D1 S4    | DALLAS            | DRENNAN      | LINDA          |
| 156     | D1 S5    | GARLAND           | LOUTON       | KAREN          |
| 421     | D1 S7    | TROUP             | TALTON       | MARSHA         |
| 935     | D1 S1    | LEWISVILLE        | SALAS        | VIRGINIA       |
| 518     | D1 S2    | MCKINNEY          | CAMERON      | MARTHA         |
| 170     | D1 S3    | QUINLAN           | IVY          | MARY ANN       |
| 1       | D1 S4    | DALLAS            | INGRAM       | KATHRYN        |
| 234     | D1 S5    | MIDLOTHIAN        | GRIGSBY      | LINDA          |
| 170     | D1 S3    | QUINLAN           | LACHNITT     | LIZBETH<br>MAE |
| 1       | D1 S4    | DALLAS            | SKRABANEK    | MARY<br>ANNE   |
| 508     | D1 S5    | FERRIS            | SMITH        | CHRISTI        |
| 610     | D1 S8    | LONGVIEW          | RUFFNER      | MELISSA        |
| 639     | D3 S9    | MCLENNAN          | DYER         | BOBBYE<br>ANNE |
| 15      | D4 S10   | ALVIN             | ARMSTRONG    | CHRISTINE      |
| 642     | D1 S3    | ROYSE CITY        | ELLIOTT      | LOU ANNE       |
| 574     | D1 S4    | DAL-CLIFF         | DAVIS        | MARY ANN       |
| 687     | D1 S5    | FARMERS<br>BRANCH | HOLLAND      | RHONDA         |

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| 812     | D1 S8    | WASKOM               | HOLLINGSWORTH | WANDA      |
| 1124    | D3 S9    | LORENA               | BATCHELOR     | ELAINE     |
| 823     | D4 S2    | WISTERIA             | CLEGG         | DORRIS     |
| 648     | D1 S4    | LOYAL                | ROGERS        | CINDY      |
| 687     | D1 S5    | FARMERS<br>BRANCH    | ISBELL        | MARTHA     |
| 67      | D2 S8    | BIG SPRING           | BONE          | MARY       |
| 11      | D4 S4    | CEDAR BAY-<br>OU     | RAYNER        | MELANIE    |
| 710     | D4 S7    | CONROE               | CHUBER        | PAT        |
| 783     | D5 S2    | FT. MCKA-<br>VETT    | EVANS         | HENRIETTA  |
| 943     | D 1 S5   | LANCASTER            | PECK          | PATTY      |
| 435     | D3 S6    | MARBLE<br>FALLS      | HEFFINGTON    | MARTHA     |
| 1105    | D4 S7    | SPRING               | LUCAS         | CINDY      |
| 204     | D5 S4    | DEL RIO              | KINSEY        | SUE        |
| 1103    | D5 S6    | CANYON<br>LAKE       | OWENS         | LORRIE     |
| 49      | D5 S7    | ADAH                 | KRAMER        | JANET      |
| 574     | D1 S4    | DAL-CLIFF            | DIBRELL       | JO D.      |
| 959     | D1 S4    | EDWIN J.<br>KIEST    | BIDDLER       | EMILY      |
| 921     | D1 S5    | RICHARDSON           | NEWSOM        | ALYS       |
| 838     | D4 S7    | TOMBALL              | COBB          | SHARON     |
| 1105    | D4 S7    | SPRING               | WILLIAMS      | LILLIE     |
| 49      | D5 S7    | ADAH                 | MCKIBBIN      | PATSY      |
| 135     | D4 S5    | HOUSTON-<br>RANSFORD | DIECKMANN     | MARK       |
| 135     | D4 S5    | HOUSTON-<br>RANSFORD | DIECKMANN     | SHERRY     |

**WGM:** At this time, I would like to call on Sister Rosemary Berry to give her report on Chapters UD.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers all. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for appointing these Past Grands in assisting with me should there have been a request for the Instituting of any new Chapter. Serving with me were Sisters Jerre Lucas and Yvonne Brownfield. I regret that we have had no inquiries into the forming of a new Chapter; therefore, our duties are complete. I move a copy of this report be placed in the proceedings of Grand Chapter for this Session. Respectfully submitted, Rosemary S. Berry, Past Grand Matron.

**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 orange card. Cards down. All against, same sign. Motion carries. \* Sisters Rosemary, Jerre Lucas, and Yvonne Brownfield, thank you so much for your "work" on this committee. I was really hoping you would have work to do as I heard of Chapters wanting to be formed but nothing happened. Maybe this committee will be put to work next year. Thank you so much. Help me thank them. (Applause)

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

**WGP:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I call on Sister Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron, to give her report.

**WGM:** My report is printed in the Advance Annual Report which you should have a copy in your registration packet. And I really hope you have had the opportunity to read it as it has much information included. I will now read to you my supplemental report. Funerals, I attended the following two funerals during June and July. July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Debora Boldin, Worthy Matron of Loyal Chapter and July 6<sup>th</sup>, Karen Kidd, Grand Adah, Grand Chapter of Texas. I had the privilege of attending the Board of Directors Retirement Banquet on July 20<sup>th</sup>. I was proud to be associated with this group of individuals. All of these have worked so hard to see to the success of this Organization. I want to express my special thanks to the retirees for their dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star. So, let me personally wish Brother Ray Hargis and Sister Debra Land the best in all your future endeavors. Decisions and Rulings: I received several calls regarding the order of draping the altar for our two Past Grand Patrons and our Installed Grand Officer. I advised that it would be draped in the order of date of death and rank of the individuals. In other words, drape for the two Past Grand Patrons first in order of death and then drape for the Installed Grand Officer.

In conclusion, as I come to the end of my service as Worthy Grand Matron and begin a new chapter in my life, I want to publicly thank my family and all my Sisters and Brothers for the support that they have given me. My family for the support and the sacrifices they have made which have allowed me to serve and to be away from them. My Sisters and Brothers for giving me the opportunity to represent them and to this incredible membership for all of your hard work.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve this membership. While it has not all be easy, it has been rewarding to know that I have been able to play a role in helping to work on Benevolent and charitable projects and to assist so many people with their problems during Hurricane Harvey.



As they say – it's been a great ride! As I begin the next chapter in my life, I hope to continue to play a role in and be involved in the Order of the Eastern Star. Again, thank you very much. I move for the adoption of this report. Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron, 2017-2018.

**WGP:** Second. Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded that the printed report and the Supplementary Report of the Worthy Grand Matron be approved. All in favor, please raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed, same. The motion has passed. \* I now recognize our Worthy Grand Matron

**WGM:** That's me. (Laughter) I now recognize our Worthy Grand Patron for his report.

**WGP:** I'm sorry I forgot you were the yellow, I'm the gray. (Laughter) My report is printed in the Advance Annual Report which you should all have a copy in your registration 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.

This is the Supplemental Report covering the period of June 1, 2018 thru August 10, 2018. Fraternal Visits: During this time, I attended the last two Fraternal Visits of the year. The first was at Tomball Chapter #838 and the last was at Caddo Mills Chapter #82. I was accompanied by Grand Esther.

During June I participated in five installations. Adah Chapter #49, Canyon Lake Chapter #1103, Loyal Chapter #648, Templar Chapter #374 and Dallas Chapter #1. I also attended the installations of Harlandale Chapter#750, Burnet Chapter #425 and Schertz Chapter #911.

The last weekend of June I attended the Grand Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Waco. I did not bring greetings, as Worthy Grand Patrons have done in the past, as the young ladies had just been informed of the death of Past Grand Patron Brother David Dibrell and by not doing so they were able to get to their fun activities more quickly and start their healing process.

Grand Esther and I attended the South Carolina Grand Chapter in Columbia, South Carolina. While there we presented them with a Texas State Flag that flew over the capital building in Austin to thank them for their \$5K donation to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

We also had the opportunity to attend the stated meeting of Mizpah Chapter #36 in Charlotte, North Carolina. It was a very informative meeting as the Worthy Matron had just returned from the North Carolina Grand Chapter.

During this time, I was required to arrest the charter of a Chapter. For the past year the chapter was having a problem maintaining a quorum for most of their meetings. The Worthy Grand Matron and I paid a visit to the chapter to talk with them about this continuous problem and while there they voted to have us arrest their charter.

During this time, I attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party activities sponsored by District 1 at TMRC. Bingo and refreshments were enjoyed by all in attendance. The Worthy Grand Matron led everyone in singing patriotic songs.

Unfortunately, during this period. During the last two months of the year I had the misfortune of attending several funerals. They were the funeral ceremonies for

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Debora Boldin, Worthy Matron of Loyal Chapter

July 6<sup>th</sup>, David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron/Past Grand Master of Texas

July 28<sup>th</sup>, Murray Watson, Jr., Past Grand Patron of Texas

Grand Esther and I had the privilege of attending the Board of Directors Retirement Banquet on July 20th. We enjoyed a meal of lasagna and spaghetti followed by entertainment and presentation of retirement plaques to Brother Ray Hargis and Sister Debra Land.

In conclusion, it has been my honor and privilege to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas, and more especially you, the Membership, for 2017 – 2018. I look forward to many more years of service and working to make the Grand Chapter a stronger organization than it is today. I move for the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** You've heard the motion and the second and for my person who is taking the transcription, Terry Miller is the person who seconded the motion. Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded that the printed report and the Supplementary Report of the Worthy Grand Patron be approved. All in favor, raise your orange card. Cards Down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. \* Okay, before we proceed on with reports, let me call some more names. I don't even remember if I called them, to come down to the tables. Lou Ann Elliott, Rhonda Holland, Wanda Hollingsworth, Elaine Batchelor, Dorris Clegg, Cindy Rogers, Martha Isbell, Mary Bond, Melanie Rayner,

Pat Chuber and Henrietta Evans. And then for the judges at this table, since I don't have any that came down. Is Sharon here? Sharon Mosmeyer are you here? You want to come sit with your Past Grand Patron? Is Brother Art Drescher here? Art you want to come down to your table? Is Mary Ruth White here? I don't see real good, you'll have to yell at me. I have to have cataract surgery. Oh, in the back? Mary Ruth can you come down? Okay. Back to where we were. I now recognize our Grand Secretary, Sister Ellen Pickrell, for her report.

**GS Ellen Pickrell:** Hello! Good morning. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. It has been a pleasure serving as your Grand Secretary this year. If you will look in your Advance Report on pages 43 and 43, I'm going to give you some numbers. On page 42, our listing of Chapters. On page 42, Chapters as of the Advance Report we had 294 Chapters. Since May 31<sup>st</sup> we have lost 13 Chapters to consolidation and 2 Chapters have demised. We end this Grand Chapter year with a total of 279 Chapters.

On page 43, your Membership Report, ending Grand Chapter 2017 we had 23,371 members.

Membership Increases:

|                        |     |     |
|------------------------|-----|-----|
| Initiated:             | 397 |     |
| Affiliated by Transfer | 58  |     |
| Affiliated by Plural   |     | 227 |
| Affiliated by Demits   |     | 45  |
| Reinstated             |     | 130 |

For a total increase of 857.

Our decreases:

|                  |   |     |
|------------------|---|-----|
| Demitted         |   | 173 |
| Grand Demits     |   | 214 |
| Plural Withdrawn |   | 125 |
| Expelled         | 1 |     |
| Transferred out  |   | 58  |
| Suspended        |   | 785 |
| Died             |   | 979 |

Lost in Consolidation 45

For a total decrease of 2,380 members.

So, our total membership as of this Grand Chapter is 21,848. We take out our Plural Memberships of 1,707, which gives us a total Actual Members of 20,141.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the report of the Grand Secretary as printed in the Advance Report and this Supplemental Report as submitted be adopted.

**WGP:** Second

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Patron, when you second that will you go to the microphone, so she can hear you.

**WGP:** I second that motion.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded that the Advanced printed report and the Supplementary Report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the proper committee. All in favor, raise your orange card. Cards Down. All opposed, same sign. Motion passed. \* Thank you, Sister Ellen, for a wonderful year. You are truly a great secretary and friend. Your staff never ceases to be able to help me when necessary. I hope our friendship will continue for years to come. Thank you for your dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGP:** Thank you, Sister Ellen, for the support you and your staff provided me. I am especially thankful for our friendship and the fun we had bantering back and forth. I'm going to miss that.

**WGM:** I now recognize Sister Greta Spradling, Grand Treasurer, for her Report.

**GT Greta Spradling:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Brothers and Sisters. I have attended over 130 Fraternal events and traveled over 12,000 miles this year. Each week, I worked in the office and from home an average of 20 hours as Grand Treasurer. The greatest pride comes from the firsthand experience of our Order providing financially for Educational Scholarships, ESTARL Scholarships, Benevolent Aid, and care for our Ladies in the Texas Masonic Retirement Home. I have never been more proud to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. My advanced report is located on page 52 and 53 of the Advanced Report. The Board of Directors will each present financial reports from our J. P. Morgan Grand Chapter of Texas account, the Order of the Eastern Star Home account and the 2016-2017 Audit Report. The number of Endowed Membership purchased between September 1, 2017 and July 31, 2018 includes 192 new memberships. The Grand Chapter has a total of 6,729 Endowed Memberships recorded to date.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the report of the Grand Treasurer as printed in the Advanced Report and this Supplemental Report as submitted be adopted.

**WGP:** Second

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded that the Advanced printed report and the Supplementary Report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to the proper committee. All in favor, raise your orange card. Cards

Down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Sister Greta, for a great year. I know there has been much to learn, but you are so dedicated it has been relatively easy. Know how much I appreciate all of your hard work. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Thank you, Sister Greta, for taking this office. I know that it was your first year and you had a slight learning curve to overcome, but you did an outstanding job of accomplishing it.

**WGM:** Okay, we still need people at tables. You need one? Okay, I'm just going to read names. Go find you a chair people. Patsy Jean McKibben, Lillie Williams, Sharon Cobb, Alys Newsom, Linda Hargis, Emily Biddler, Jo D Dibrell, Janet Kramer, Sue Kinsey, Cindy Lucas, Patty Peck. And we will continue on now. I now recognize Sister Carlotta Fairchild, Chairman of the Board of Director's her Report.

**Sister Carlotta Fairchild:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. It is with pleasure that I present a summary of the Report of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter. You can find the preliminary report on pages 54 and 55 of your Advanced Proceedings. It gives me great pleasure to introduce the members of the Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 year: Ray Hargis, Vice-Chairman from District One; Barbara Martin, Secretary from District Three; James Parker, Member from District One; Deborah Land and Cindy Echols, Members from District Two; Darrell Albrecht, Member from District Three; Debi Fincher and Bob Royall, Members from District Four; and Phyllis Wilson, Member from District Five. Please show them our appreciation. (Applause)

To say that this has been a wild ride this year, is truly an understatement. Your Board has taken many, many email votes this year and you will hear the results in a later report. At this time I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of these Board Members for their hard work and diligence during this past year. The majority of them have regular, paying day jobs that are juggled to also keep up with their duties to our Order. This has been a very cohesive Board and has worked extremely hard during this past year on their appointed responsibilities, however, I would like to especially recognize two of them. First, Sister Barbara Martin who is our liaison to our Ladies at TMRC. Barbara takes a personal interest in each of our Ladies and checks with them on a weekly basis. In fact, they are upset and concerned about her if she doesn't manage a weekly visit. Since last year's Grand Chapter Session four of our Ladies have passed away. Barbara has been in touch with the families at this time and assisted when needed. Please join me in showing our appreciation for all that Barbara has done. (Applause) The second Board Member I would like to recognize is Sister Phyllis Wilson who has served as our Benevolent Aid Chairman. Phyllis has handled a lot of aid requests this year be it Emergency, Temporary or Long Term. And then there was Hurricane Harvey! In the midst of all the aid applications Phyllis also had back surgery, but being the trouper she is, she managed to keep right on with her duties. Please join me in showing our appreciation for all her hard work. (Applause) I would be negligent in not recognizing our two retiring Board Members, Brother Ray Hargis and Sister Deborah Land. We will miss your smiling faces at our meetings and we wish you well in your future endeavors. Please join me in showing our appreciation to them. (Applause) I also would like to thank Sister Janet Travers. Sister Janet has served

as the Board's Recording Secretary and she has done an excellent job of transcribing our meetings into the Minutes found on our website. Please join me in showing how much we appreciate her helping us. (Applause)

Nine Board Meetings were held this year along with a Strategic Planning Workshop and a Budget Workshop. A detailed review was performed this year by the committee appointed by the chairman to ensure that our banking needs were being met in the most beneficial way. The Board again approved JP Morgan Chase to serve as our official bankers and they have worked closely with us by meeting at the Grand Chapter Office on a quarterly basis. Our auditors, Ratliff & Associates, gave their report on the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter year at the April Board Meeting. A classification of Investments was added as a final page to the report and the entire report was approved at the May 19, 2018 Board Meeting. The goal of your Board of Directors is to be good stewards of the funds of this Grand Chapter. We thank you, the membership, for trusting this Board with such an enormous task. We thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their assistance as well as attendance at our Board meetings. You are both greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Corporate Board and all the members who attended our meetings. It is always good to see you and know that you have an interest in the financial affairs of Grand Chapter. We thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Hudman and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Rick Skidd for their guidance, assistance and support this year and it has always been a pleasure to have you in attendance at our meetings as your schedule permits. To the Board members, I appreciate your confidence in electing me to serve as your Chairman for the past year. Thank you for promptly responding to each email vote and doing whatever was asked of you. It truly is the love and support of all the membership that has made this a most rewarding year. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP:** Second

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded that the printed report and the Supplementary Reports of the Board of Directors be approved. All in favor, raise your orange card. Cards Down. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes. \*

**Sister Carlotta Fairchild:** At this time, I would like to recognize Brother Bob Royall who will give the Board of Directors Report No. 2.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Thank you Sister Carlotta. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East and my Sisters and Brothers. I would like to present to you the Board of Directors Report No. 2 which covers the General Fund Budget for the ensuing year. That report can be found on page 78 through page 81 in your Advanced Report. I know the numbers are kind of small please bear with me as we work through some of it. First, I would like to report this year that we had a, or were projecting, that we would have an interest income of \$349,375. On Line number 9 there shows that this past year we had a reimbursement of \$38,956. and there is nothing projected for the ensuing year. The reason why is we changed Insurance Carriers during the year and we received a reimbursement from our previous Insurance Carrier and we don't expect that

to happen in the ensuing year, so we did have an income of \$38,956. this past year but it will not carry over into the next year. In addition to that, you'll find in that same section, the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects which we are proud to say did very well this year. We also would like to point out that we do have payroll expenses with our staff and the total payroll expenses of our staff is \$106,000. You can find that down below Line No. 31, Total Payroll Expenses. If you change over to page 80, all of our expenses are listed by different categories, printing expenses to Bulletin expenses, auto expenses and so forth. And at the bottom of page 81 you will see that our projected expenses for the ensuing year is \$760,715. That leaves us in the black, which we are very proud to say we have a well- balanced budget, and a positive number of \$34,260 for our General Fund for the ensuing year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Associate Grand Matron and our Associate Grand Patron for working with this Board of Directors to develop this budget which I think is a fine budget for the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Thank you for your work with us. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I move for the adoption of this Report.

**WGP:** I second that.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded that this report be approved. Is there discussion? I recognize Sister Rosemary, I believe.

**PGM Rosemary S Berry:** Worthy Grand Matron, I would just like to address Brother Royall if I might. Brother Bob, on Line 59, on Page 80 you have Chapter Bulletins, furnished to the Chapters in a zero amount. Brother Bob, we have some legislation coming before the Grand Chapter to address this. Could I possibly ask that we postpone the acceptance of the full budget until after the Amendments?

**WGM:** Just one moment.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Past Grand Matron we will give you an answer momentarily.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Thank you. We just want it postponed until the Amendments were handled.

**WGM:** Thank you for letting me find out what I'm doing Sister Rosemary. Yes, we can postpone it and probably what we'll do is postpone it until tomorrow morning. Is that okay with you?

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Yes ma'am. That's fine. And thank you for your kindness.

**WGM:** Okay thank you so much. Is there any other discussion? Okay, hearing none we will postpone the vote on the General Budget. Thank you.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. I now would like to introduce to you and would ask that Barbara Martin come and give Report No. 3 which deals with the TMRC and our Ladies Fund.

**WGM:** Oh, excuse me Brother Bob. Sister and Brothers, we need to vote on the postponement. All in favor raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries, and we will postpone it until tomorrow morning. \* Thank you.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Now, I call on Sister Barbara Martin to bring Report No. 3 of the Board of Directors which is the TMRC and Ladies Fund.

**Sister Barbara Martin:** Thank you Brother Bob. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers. The Board of Directors presents to you Report No. 3, which consists of two parts:

1. Ladies OES Retirement Fund, 501c3
2. Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC)

The Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund (often referred to as the Ladies Retirement Fund) is a 501c3 fund, which is a designated fund and can only be used for the care of the Ladies. The Income is received from several sources, which is detailed in the proposed budget on page 76 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 501c3
4. The Ladies pensions and Social Security

A breakdown of the Actual Revenues and Disbursements from September 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018 can be found on page 76 of the Advanced Annual Report along with the Projected Revenue and the Martin Budget for 2018-2019. 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 is the report of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. At this time, I would like to ask two of our Ladies, they are on stage with us today. And I'm not going to ask them to stand up here the entire time because it is very difficult, but I wanted you to meet them. This is Sister LoRee Griffin, she is from Harlandale Chapter and she is a seventy-five-year member of Eastern Star. (Applause) And next we have Sister Suzanne Walters, she is a member of TMRC and San Saba Chapter and she has been a member for sixty-three-years. (Applause) My report for the 2017-2018 year has been filled with excitement and sadness. It has been an honor and privilege to have been appointed the liaison for Grand Chapter and The Masonic Retirement Center for another year. This is truly a remarkable position and I truly love not only our 4 Ladies but all the members of TMRC and enjoy visiting with them. I understand there are 31 registered from TMRC at this Grand Chapter. And I think that is excellent. (Applause) We started the year with 8 Ladies in residence at TMRC; 4 in the independent living and 4 in the clinic areas. We now have 4 Ladies in residence, 2 in independent living and 2 in the clinic area. We were deeply saddened by the deaths of Lurah Cummings on January 6, 2018, Florence Lowry on April 16, 2018 (and she was our 99-year old Ladies and one of the original Ladies from the Eastern Star Home), Sister Nell Russell on April 11, 2018 and Sister Mary Finley on June 13, 2018. As you can

see, it has been heartbreaking for their families and their Eastern Star family as well. Our two Ladies in the independent living area are Delores Runningbear and Suzanne Walters and they continue to be independent and doing well. They enjoy all the activities and attend the many different excursions planned for the residents. Delores Runningbear continues to enjoy her reading, handiwork and movies. She is a 54-year member of North Fort Worth Chapter #684 and TMRC #1145. Suzanne Walters is more of a social butterfly. She is involved in many different activities and goes any time the bus goes. She is a member of the Bell Choir, which is a great program enjoyed by many residents in TMRC. If you ever get the chance, go over and listen to them because it is really neat. Suzanne is a 63-year member of San Saba Chapter #191 and TMRC #1145. The independent living charge is \$61.61 per day.

Our two Ladies in the clinic area are Lois Pate and LoRee Griffin. Lois is the last of the original Ladies to enter TMRC from the Eastern Star Home. She is a 30-year member and LoRee is as I said earlier a 75-year Eastern Star member. I, along with our Grand Secretary, continue to attend the quarterly care plan meetings for our Ladies in the clinic. This keeps us up to date on how their care is going and if they are seeing any decline in their health. It is very informative, and the Ladies are given the opportunity to sit in on the meetings to give their feedback to the staff. Included in these meetings are the Assistant Director of Nursing, Director of Nutrition, Social Worker, Activity Director and a Nurse from the clinic. The clinic charges are \$295.25 per day. Their care is all inclusive. I know this seems like a lot of money, but I did a survey on Nursing and Assisted living homes in Arlington, Dallas, Ft. Worth area and their rates were up to \$300. Per day which only covered room and board, it did not include their medicines or their personal care items. So, our charges cover everything that they need. All of our Ladies remain committed to Eastern Star and most are active in TMRC Chapter #1145.

I would like to express Special Kudos to Aldine Chapter #1088 for making Easter so special for our 7 Ladies we had at that time. They sent \$100. to each Lady to purchase an Easter outfit. I purchased an outfit for our 4 Ladies in the clinic since they were not able to go outside shopping, but Delores Runningbear, Suzanne Walters and LoRee Griffin shopped 'til we dropped! Martha Pengelly, Worthy Matron of TMRC #1145 joined us in our excursion and we made a day of it. Actually, Suzanne Walters is wearing the dress that she purchased that day. So, she is very proud of it. We loaded up my Suburban and started our special trip. We stopped by the Grand Chapter office and were welcomed by Konnie Harrell, Betty Hancock and Jane Pyle who gave them a special tour. This was the first time for them to visit over there and they enjoyed seeing the museum and where our staff does all their special work for us. We then went to Target, their choice, for shopping and spending their \$100. They bought special items they wanted, and I think had some left-over change. We finished the day with ice cream at Braum's and you know that hit the spot. When we returned to TMRC, we went to the activity room where Aldine Chapter had also sent some boxes of goodies. They got to choose what they wanted from there, which included nail polish, yarn, makeup, puzzles, coloring books and coloring pens. It was more like Christmas than Easter they said. Martha Pengelly and I then delivered the outfits to the Ladies in the clinic and a balloon was given to each one. It was a very special day for our Special Ladies and I hope some of our other Chapters might use our Ladies as one of their special projects this year.



I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all the Chapters who adopt our Ladies. They truly appreciate the communications from Chapters through your newsletters, personal visits and cards. I know they are so happy and appreciate your thoughtfulness. Be sure and come for a visit when you can. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to give this report on some of you "Forever Young Committee". Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of Report No. 3.

**WGP:** I second that.

**WGM:** You have heard the motion and the second that we adopt Report No. 3 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you so much.

**Sister Barbara Martin:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Phyllis Wilson, Benevolent Aid Chairman to present Report No. 4.

**Sister Phyllis Wilson:** Good morning. Thank you, Sister Barbara. My report is Report No. 4 on Benevolent Aid.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

In compliance with Chapter 5, Section 1, Article 82, Paragraph P, Sub-Article F, page 77 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Directors wish to present this report on the Benevolent Aid Fund for the period of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. This is a partial report through July 30, 2018.

|                                                 |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income:</b>                                  |                    |
| Benevolent Aid Per Capita                       | \$46,742.00        |
| Humanitarian Donations                          | \$10,308.35        |
| <b>Total Income</b>                             |                    |
| Prior Year's Unspent Funds                      | \$40,340.00        |
| <b>Total Funds Available for Benevolent Aid</b> | <b>\$97,390.35</b> |

**Expenditures:**

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Long Term Benevolent Aid | \$45,500.00        |
| Temporary Benevolent Aid | \$4,500.00         |
| Emergency Benevolent Aid | \$22,500.00        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>    | <b>\$74,000.00</b> |
| <b>Net Income</b>        | <b>\$23,390.35</b> |

The Benevolent Aid Fund currently extends Long Term Aid to ten (10) members of our Order representing ten (10) subordinate chapters. The current fiscal year began with nine (9) members with nine (9) chapters represented. One chapter reported the death of a member who was receiving long-term benevolent aid; however, another chapter requested long-term benevolent aid for one of their members keeping our number at nine (9) receiving long-term aid. During the July 2018, meeting of the

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Board of Directors, an additional application for long-term benevolent aid was approved. This brings our total receiving long-term benevolent aid to ten (10).

Throughout the past 12 months, Temporary Benevolent Aid was extended to three (3) members at three subordinate Chapters.

Emergency Benevolent Aid was extended to twelve (12) members at twelve (12) subordinate Chapters.

This year was an extraordinary year with the devastating Hurricane Harvey that affected many of our members.

While our membership was so very generous with assistance in the Hurricane Harvey Disaster fund, it left our Benevolent Aid fund with less money than we normally received. And, with the knowledge that our membership is getting older and there is, and will be, more need for Benevolent assistance, your Board of Directors present the following budget for the year 2018-2019.

**Proposed 2018-2019 Benevolent Aid Budget**

|                                          |                    |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                            |                    |                    |
| Benevolent Aid Per Capita                | \$44,000.00        |                    |
| Humanitarian                             | <u>\$11,000.00</u> |                    |
| <b>Total Income</b>                      |                    | <b>\$55,000.00</b> |
| Total Funds Available for Benevolent Aid |                    | <b>\$55,000.00</b> |

|                                        |                    |                       |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Expenses</b>                        |                    |                       |
| Long Term Benevolent Aid               | \$60,000.00        |                       |
| Temporary Benevolent Aid               | \$ 8,000.00        |                       |
| Emergency Benevolent Aid               | <u>\$15,000.00</u> |                       |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                  |                    | <b>\$83,000.00</b>    |
| Net Funds Available for Benevolent Aid |                    | <b>(\$28,000.00)*</b> |

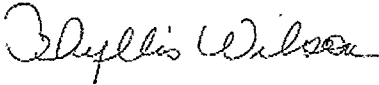
*\*All reserve Benevolent Aid Funds carried forward from previous years probably will be exhausted by August 31, 2018. The Board of Directors expects Benevolent Aid requests to continue to increase as our membership*

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*becomes older. As such, there is a \$28,000 deficit projected in the Benevolent Aid Fund by 2018-2019.*

I would like to thank the other members of the Board for all their hard work this past year. It took all of us working together as a team to assist our membership in their time of need. For this I am truly grateful. Also, I would like to thank the Grand Secretary and her staff for assisting us with the tremendous number of checks that were written this year, as well as answering the many questions I had. They are truly professional.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phyllis Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Phyllis Wilson  
Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee  
Board of Directors, District 5

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

## Report No. 4 – Benevolent Aid Attachment

### Long-Term Aid

#### September 2017

|                            |    |                   |                    |
|----------------------------|----|-------------------|--------------------|
| Kerrville No. 24           | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Richardson No. 921         | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Winnie No. 160             | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Everman No. 624            | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Springtown No. 498         | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| South Fort Worth No. 835   | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Duncanville No. 1014       | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Alamo Heights No. 734      | \$ | <u>500.00</u>     |                    |
| <b>Total Long-Term Aid</b> |    | <b>\$4,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 4,000.00</b> |

#### October – November - December 2017

|                          |    |                   |                    |
|--------------------------|----|-------------------|--------------------|
| Kerrville No. 24         | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Richardson No. 921       | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Winnie No. 160           | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Everman No. 624          | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| South Fort Worth No. 835 | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Duncanville No. 1014     | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Alamo Heights No. 734    | \$ | <u>500.00</u>     |                    |
| <b>Total</b>             |    | <b>\$3,500.00</b> | <b>\$10,500.00</b> |

#### January - February 2018

|                            |    |                   |                    |
|----------------------------|----|-------------------|--------------------|
| Kerrville No. 24           | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Richardson No. 921         | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Winnie No. 160             | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Everman No. 624            | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| South Fort Worth No. 835   | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Duncanville No. 1014       | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Alamo Heights No. 734      | \$ | 500.00            |                    |
| Whitewright No. 993        | \$ | <u>500.00</u>     |                    |
| <b>Total Long-Term Aid</b> |    | <b>\$4,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 8,000.00</b> |

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**March - April 2018**

|                            |                   |                    |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Kerrville No. 24           | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Richardson No. 921         | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Winnie No. 160             | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Everman No. 624            | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| South Fort Worth No. 835   | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Duncanville No. 1014       | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Alamo Heights No. 734      | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Whitewright No. 993        | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Rio Vista No. 343          | <u>\$ 500.00</u>  |                    |
| <b>Total Long-Term Aid</b> | <b>\$4,500.00</b> | <b>\$ 9,000.00</b> |

**May 2018**

|                            |                   |                    |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Kerrville No. 24           | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Richardson No. 921         | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Winnie No. 160             | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Everman No. 624            | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| South Fort Worth No. 835   | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Duncanville No. 1014       | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Alamo Heights No. 734      | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Whitewright No. 993        | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Rio Vista No. 343          | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Wisteria No. 823           | <u>\$ 500.00</u>  |                    |
| <b>Total Long-Term Aid</b> | <b>\$5,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 5,000.00</b> |

**June - July 2018**

|                            |                   |                    |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Kerrville No. 24           | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Richardson No. 921         | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Winnie No. 160             | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Everman No. 624            | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| South Fort Worth No. 835   | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Duncanville No. 1014       | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Alamo Heights No. 734      | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Whitewright No. 993        | \$ 500.00         |                    |
| Wisteria No. 823           | <u>\$ 500.00</u>  |                    |
| <b>Total Long-Term Aid</b> | <b>\$4,500.00</b> | <b>\$ 9,000.00</b> |

**Total Long-Term Aid** **\$45,500.00**

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**Temporary Aid**

**September 2017**

|                            |                  |                   |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Lewisville No. 935         | \$ 500.00        |                   |
| Whitewright No. 939        | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |                   |
| <b>Total September Aid</b> |                  | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |

**October 2017**

|                          |                  |                   |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Lewisville No. 935       | \$ 500.00        |                   |
| Whitewright #939         | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |                   |
| <b>Total October Aid</b> |                  | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |

**November 2017**

|                           |                  |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Whitewright #939          | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |                  |
| <b>Total November Aid</b> |                  | <b>\$ 500.00</b> |

**December 2017**

|                           |                  |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Rio Vista #343            | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |                  |
| <b>Total December Aid</b> |                  | <b>\$ 500.00</b> |

**January 2018**

|                          |                  |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Rio Vista #343           | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |                  |
| <b>Total January Aid</b> |                  | <b>\$ 500.00</b> |

**February 2018**

|                           |           |                  |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Rio Vista #343            | \$ 500.00 |                  |
| <b>Total February Aid</b> |           | <b>\$ 500.00</b> |

**July 2018**

|                           |                  |                         |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Winnie #160               | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |                         |
| <b>Total February Aid</b> |                  | <b><u>\$ 500.00</u></b> |

|                                       |  |                   |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>Total Temporary Benevolent Aid</b> |  | <b>\$4,500.00</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------|

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**Emergency Aid**

**October 2017**

|                   |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Rockport No. 479  | \$1,500.00        |                   |
| Hillsboro No. 769 | <u>\$1,500.00</u> |                   |
| <b>Total</b>      |                   | <b>\$3,000.00</b> |

**January 2018**

|                 |                   |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Tomball No. 838 | <u>\$1,500.00</u> |                   |
| <b>Total</b>    |                   | <b>\$1,500.00</b> |

**March 2018**

|                   |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Jefferson No. 627 | \$1,500.00        |                   |
| Crowley No. 1125  | <u>\$1,500.00</u> |                   |
| <b>Total</b>      |                   | <b>\$3,000.00</b> |

**May 2018**

|                        |                   |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Wisteria No. 823       | \$1,500.00        |                   |
| Archives No. 1095      | \$1,500.00        |                   |
| Balch Springs No. 1132 | <u>\$1,500.00</u> |                   |
| <b>Total</b>           |                   | <b>\$4,500.00</b> |

**July 2018**

|                      |            |                           |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Gate City No. 77     | \$1,500.00 |                           |
| Rockport No. 479     | \$1,500.00 |                           |
| Pearland No. 1065    | \$1,500.00 |                           |
| Loyal No. 648        | \$1,500.00 |                           |
| Vidor No. 914        | \$ 500.00  |                           |
| Evadale No. 1111     | \$1,500.00 |                           |
| Huffman No. 1112     | \$1,500.00 |                           |
| Aransas Pass No. 162 | \$1,500.00 |                           |
| <b>Total</b>         |            | <b><u>\$12,000.00</u></b> |

**Total Emergency Benevolent Aid** **\$24,000.00**

**Total Benevolent Aid Dispersed** **\$74,000.00**



**Sister Phyllis Wilson:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP:** I second that motion.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion of this report and it is seconded. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you so much Sister Phyllis. I want to thank you so much for handling Hurricane Harvey. That was not expected by any means. Thank you.

**Sister Phyllis Wilson:** You are correct and Worthy Grand Matron, I do have an Addendum to Report to No. 4 which is the Hurricane Harvey Disaster Aid Report.

**Addendum to Report No. 4**  
**Hurricane Harvey Disaster Aid Report**  
**August 2018**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members,  
my Sisters and Brothers.

This year was an extraordinary year with the devastating Hurricane Harvey that affected many of our members. Our Worthy Grand Matron, during her Fraternal visits and at other occasions, suggested that members who were affected by the Hurricane apply for funding as there were funds available. With her help, the Board of Directors received many phone calls and emails requesting applications and we voted to have the Hurricane Harvey applications for first time requests, second time requests, and for Chapter requests placed on the Secretary's Interface for easier and quicker access for our members. For those who did not have access to the Secretary's Interface, requests were still received by the Board and applications mailed.

We were fortunate to receive assistance for the Hurricane Harvey Disaster Aid fund from General Grand Chapter in the amount of \$25,000, aid from Creative Touch, other Grand Jurisdictions, and from Chapters and members in our own Grand Jurisdiction for total donations of \$89,206.94. This amount was distributed to those members who applied for aid from the special Hurricane Harvey Disaster Aid fund. In addition to this amount, we still had 1<sup>st</sup> Request for assistance received prior to the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. There were an additional eight (8) applications approved at \$1,500 each for a total of \$12,000, and two (2) Chapters at \$2,000 for a total of \$4,000. The Board of Directors voted during their July Board meeting to use the \$10,000 from the Contingency Fund with an additional \$6,000 from the Benevolent Aid Fund so all 1<sup>st</sup> Request for aid, who qualified, received funding.

We assisted sixty-nine (69) members who sent in the 1<sup>st</sup> Requests for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Aid in amounts ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00. We also assisted two (2) chapters that applied for assistance for a total of \$4,000. A total of thirty-seven (37) 2<sup>nd</sup> Requests for Hurricane

Harvey assistance were received from individuals who received first time aid. However, due to our receiving so many additional 1<sup>st</sup> Requests, we were unable to fund any of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Requests for Hurricane Harvey aid. A personal letter was sent to each of these applicants explaining that all funds from the Hurricane Harvey Disaster Aid fund was distributed to those who sent in 1<sup>st</sup> Request for Assistance. Total funds distributed for the Hurricane Harvey Disaster Fund are as follows:

**Hurricane Harvey Disaster Aid**

|                     |             |                     |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Donations           | \$89,206.94 |                     |
| Contingency Fund    | \$10,000.00 |                     |
| Benevolent Aid Fund | \$6,000.00  |                     |
| <b>Total</b>        |             | <b>\$105,207.94</b> |

I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Matrons, Secretaries, and the membership for the assistance given to the Board of Directors during this trying time in our Grand Chapter history.

Also, I would like to thank the other members of the Board for all their hard work this past year. It took all of us working together as a team to assist our membership in their time of need. For this I am truly grateful.

Respectfully submitted,



Phyllis Wilson  
Chairman of the Benevolent Aid Committee  
Board of Directors, District 5

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the approval of this Addendum to Report #4.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce Brother James Parker for Report #5.

**Sister Phyllis Wilson:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the approval of this Addendum to Report No. 4.

**WGP:** I second that motion.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers a motion has been made and seconded for the approval of the Addendum to Report No. 4. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* I now recognize Cindy Echols from the Board of Directors for her report.

**Sister Cindy Echols:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers. It is now my pleasure to give my report from the Board of Directors, Report No. 6 which deals with the Endowment Funds

**GRAND CHAPTER 2018  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REPORT #6  
ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to be here and present to you the Board of Directors, Report #6, which deals with the Endowment Funds.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Texas, on Page 38, DIVISION III, ARTICLE VII, B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION 4, DUTIES, a. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, I respectfully submit the following report.

There are three (3) Endowment Trust Funds that the Board of Directors is responsible for the supervision of the investments of the funds. All three of these funds are managed by J. P. Morgan Chase & Company.

**OES GRAND CHAPTER ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND – 501 (c) (8)**

1. The principal of this fund shall not be spent but shall be invested under the supervision of the Board of Directors consistent with the Code of Laws. The interest income from the 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 Education Fund.

3. Fund activity for 2017 – 2018:

|                                                    |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance as of June 1, 2017                         | \$10,244,126.10 |
| Income – Dividends/Distributions/Interest          | 359,244.50      |
| Gains/ (Losses)                                    | 643,885.09      |
| Management Fees/Commissions                        | -33,326.69      |
| Annual Interest Transfer to Eastern Star Home Fund | -247,403.40     |
| Balance as of May 31, 2108                         | \$10,966,525.60 |

**OES GRAND CHAPTER ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND SUB-ACCOUNT**

1. The principal of the 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 requirement of our Ladies in the Home.

2. The interest income received from investments of the principal may also be placed in the General Fund to supplement Benevolent projects, including, but not limited to, our own members, Chapters in financial need, local benevolence, worthwhile community needs and educational purposes, office expenses, and archiving existing records and automating current records.
  
3. Fund activity for 2017 – 2018:
 

|                                           |                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Balance as of June 1, 2017                | \$3,488,040.31 |
| Income – Dividends/Distributions/Interest | 89,062.42      |
| Gains/ (Losses)                           | 210,698.09     |
| Management Fees/Commissions               | -13,761.01     |
| Annual Interest Transfer to General Fund  | -90,869.05     |
| Balance as of May 31, 2018                | \$3,683,170.76 |

**ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND**

1. Administration of the Endowed Membership Trust Fund shall be under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The principal of the fund representing \$500.00 paid by each member purchasing an endowed membership shall not be spent.
  
2. The interest income received from investments of the principal shall be placed in the General Fund to be distributed as directed by the Code of Laws to the subordinate Chapters.
  
3. Fund activity for 2017 – 2018:
 

|                                             |                |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Balance as of June 1, 2017                  | \$3,571,058.62 |
| Income – Dividends/Distributions/Interest   | 73,115.69      |
| Gains/(Losses)                              | 223,042.95     |
| Management Fees/Commissions                 | -11,646.32     |
| Endowed Membership Purchases                | 113,000.00     |
| Annual Distribution to Subordinate Chapters | -119,954.24    |
| Balance as of May 31, 2018                  | \$3,848,616.70 |

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

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron; it is now my pleasure to introduce Brother Ray Hargis, who will present Report No. 7.

**Sister Cindy Echols:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP:** Second.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers a motion has been made and seconded that we approve the report, Report No. 6 by the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your orange cards. Cards down. Opposed same sign. Motion carries. \*

**Sister Cindy Echols:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It is now my pleasure to introduce Brother Ray Hargis who will present Report No. 7.

**Brother Ray Hargis:**

## Grand Chapter Educational Funds Report 2018

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers;

This report is to inform the membership on the approval of funds for disbursement by the Educational Funds Committee to qualified applications for Educational Funds Scholarships.

Per the Code of Laws Article 152-G on page 107 The Board of Directors approved the amount the following for this purpose.

|                                                 |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Kennington Fund -                               | \$3,875.77        |
| Panny Ward Fund -                               | \$216.78          |
| Education Fund -                                | \$400.24          |
| account #800A - Available for<br>even last year | \$655.63          |
| Donation -                                      | \$ 50.00          |
| Humanitarian                                    | <u>\$8,995.21</u> |
| Sub Total                                       | \$14,193.81       |

During the May meeting of the Board of Directors a motion was made and approved to move \$14,000.00 from the interest of the 501C8 Sub Account as provided for in Article 165-A. in the Code of Laws to the Educational Account to provide a \$1,000.00 scholarship per applicant.

Total available for distribution to scholarship applications \$28,193.81.

A full report on the distribution of scholarships will be given by the Educational Funds Committee.

The BOD wishes to thank Sister Cindy Brisco and her committee for their hard work and dedication to our order.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No 7.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Brother Darrell Albrecht who will present the Board of Directors Report No 8.

Ray Hargis

Board of Directors District I, Grand Chapter of Texas, OES



**Brother Ray Hargis:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the approval of this report.

**WGP:** Second.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, the motion has been made and seconded that we approve Report No. 7 from the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All in favor please raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \*

**Brother Ray Hargis:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Brother Darrell Albrecht who will present the Board of Directors Report No. 8.

**Brother Darrell Albrecht:** Thank you Brother Ray. It is my pleasure to bring you Report No. 8 concerning the Contingency Fund of the Grand Chapter referencing Article Number 11, Section 3(b). Due to the tragedy of Hurricane Harvey and the overwhelming first-time applications we received, the contingency fund was needed to help our members (after we expended all donations to the Hurricane Harvey Fund). As of August 31, 2018, we have used all the contingency fund, the fund is now at a zero balance. I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP:** Second.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second that we approve Report No. 8 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All in favor please raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \*

**Brother Darrell Albrecht:** Also, as a Board Member, I was tasked in keeping track of the Bulletin for the year so we will know what the cost are to do the Bulletins. So, I'm going to give you a summary report. If anybody would like to see the numbers and how we arrived at these numbers I will have copies over at the Board table when we get through up here.

In summary, the cost to print each bulletin is \$3.65, while the revenue is \$3.45 per bulletin in year 1, resulting a loss of \$0.20 per bulletin. The Grand Secretary's Office prints approximately 1200 Bulletins per month at the current time. This is a loss each month of \$240.00.

If a multiple year subscription is purchased the revenue drops to \$3.25 per bulletin in year 2, and \$3.04 per Bulletin in year 3. This results in a loss of \$480.00 per month in year 2, and a loss of \$732.00 per month for year 3.

To break even on the Bulletin at the current time, a yearly subscription would need to increase to \$43.80 per year and discontinue offering any discounts on multiple year subscriptions.

The digital copies have revenue of \$2.62 per bulletin with an expense \$0.23 resulting in a profit of \$2.39 per bulletin. We currently have approximately 237 digital subscriptions resulting in a monthly income of \$566.43.

**Brother Darrell Albrecht:** This is the end of my report. I now call on Sister Debi Fincher for Report No. 10, Worthy Grand Matron Special Projects. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron.

**Sister Debi Fincher:** Report No. 9

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS 136<sup>TH</sup> SESSION REPORT #9  
FOR 2017-2018**

Thank you, Brother Albrecht.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: The Board of Directors is pleased to present Report No. 9, the Special Projects of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Net profits from the sale of the following projects were deposited into the General Fund:

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| WGM Dress Pins – ALL     | \$21,280.00          |
| Travel Books             | \$ 1,454.98          |
| Proficiency Stickers     | \$ 2,412.85          |
| Texas Who’s Who          | \$ 3,521.37          |
| Remember When – Yearbook | \$ 8,250.00          |
| Time & Talent – Shawls   | \$ 110.00            |
| Name Badges              | \$ 3,390.00          |
| Ritualistic Excellence   | <u>(\$ 2,150.00)</u> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$40,419.20</b>   |

The Projects listed below are those designated by the Worthy Grand Matron to return 25% of the Net Proceeds into the General Fund:

|                                                            |                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Scottish Rite & Shrine Travel Funds                        | \$ 619.30                 |
| • Stuffed Armadillo - \$192.40                             |                           |
| • Stuffed Owl - \$176.90                                   |                           |
| • WGM/WGP Cruise - \$250.00                                |                           |
| Give a Hoot                                                | \$ 382.50                 |
| • Owl Suncatcher – (\$710.70)                              |                           |
| • Owl Nightlight - \$382.50                                |                           |
| Kups for Kids                                              | \$ 1,242.06               |
| Go Fly a Kite                                              | \$ 659.99                 |
| Total Undesignated Funds                                   | \$ 1,464.26               |
| • Calendars - \$536.90                                     |                           |
| • WGM Music - \$228.25                                     |                           |
| • WGP Music – \$160.60                                     |                           |
| • Donations-Scottish Rite/Shrine Travel Fund \$480.89      |                           |
| • Undesignated Donations - \$57.63                         |                           |
| Silent Auctions @ Schools of Instruction                   | \$ 7,384.38               |
| Patriot Paws                                               | \$ 1,655.71               |
| Helping Those Who Served                                   | \$ 781.38                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                               | <b><u>\$14,189.58</u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL FROM ALL PROJECTS DEPOSITED INTO GENERAL FUND</b> | <b><u>\$54,608.78</u></b> |

As of 8/13/2018, ALL projects except two realized a profit, which was the Ritualistic Excellence and the Owl Suncatcher. At this time it is at a negative \$2,150, and \$710.70, respectively. However, the Ritualistic Excellence is a project that is typically negative because these are costs for awards given to our Chapters

for their ritualistic work. We hope to sell the rest of the Suncatchers this weekend.

PARTIAL LIST OF DISBURSEMENTS FROM SALE OF ITEMS

\$5,678.46 was donated to the Scottish Rite & Shrine Travel Funds.

\$1,147.50 covered the chapter costs for "Give a Hoot" awards.

\$1,500.00 each has been donated to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Order of DeMolay.

A total of \$ 29,537.50 was collected from the Silent Auctions held at the Schools of Instruction. \$22,153.12 of this amount was used to defray the costs for Rob Morris Celebration and the food functions at Grand Chapter (the 25% of the profits going to the General Fund is \$7,384.38).

\$500.00 was given to TMRC for Masonic Family Day.

\$500.00 given to the Endowed Membership for winner of bulletin contest

\$2,623.33 went to the Worthy Grand Matron's Undesignated Funds

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report #9.

Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Deborah Land, who will present Report #10.



Debi Fincher

Board of Directors, District 4

|                                            | COST<br>ACCT<br>CODE<br>EXP | COST/<br>EXPENSES IN<br>DOLLARS | ACCT<br>CODE<br>(REV) | REVENUE IN<br>DOLLARS | PROFIT/<br>AFTER<br>EXPENSES | GENERAL<br>FUND | 25% TO<br>GENERAL<br>FUND | DESIGNATION                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| *Silent Auctions At Schools of Instruction | 5326.54                     |                                 | 4091.54               | \$ 29,537.50          | \$ 22,153.12                 |                 | \$ 7,384.38               | Offset expenses for Rob Morris event at Grand Chapter; Funds not needed to Undesignated Funds |
| Auction at Grand Chapter                   | 5326.55                     |                                 | 4091.55               | \$ -                  | \$ -                         |                 | \$ -                      | Offset expenses for Rob Morris event at Grand Chapter; Funds not needed to Undesignated Funds |
| <b>TOTAL ROB MORRIS</b>                    |                             | \$ -                            |                       | \$ 29,537.50          | \$ 22,153.12                 |                 | \$ 7,384.38               |                                                                                               |
| Patriot Paws                               | 5326.56                     | \$ 2,400.00                     | 4091.56               | \$ 9,022.83           | \$ 6,622.83                  |                 | \$ 1,655.71               | Patriot Paws, Rockwall, Texas                                                                 |
| <b>TOTAL PATRIOT PAWS</b>                  |                             | \$ 2,400.00                     |                       | \$ 9,022.83           | \$ 6,622.83                  |                 | \$ 1,655.71               |                                                                                               |
| Helping Those Who Served                   | 5326.57                     | \$ 3,855.00                     | 4091.57               | \$ 6,980.50           | \$ 3,125.50                  |                 | \$ 781.38                 | Disabled American Veterans                                                                    |
| <b>TOTAL HELPING THOSE WHO SERVED</b>      |                             | \$ 3,855.00                     |                       | \$ 6,980.50           | \$ 3,125.50                  |                 | \$ 781.38                 |                                                                                               |

**TOTALS** \$ 40,832.87 \$ 135,149.64 \$ 86,932.39 \$ 40,419.20 \$ 14,189.57 \$ 54,608.77

\* \$29,537.50 paid to 3362 - Jambon & \$7,384.38 paid to General Fund  
5/16/2018  
Total donated to General Fund

**Sister Debi Fincher:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 9.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and...

**WGP:** Seconded.

**WGM:** And seconded that we approve Report No. 9 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \*

**Sister Debi Fincher:** Thank you. It is my pleasure to present Sister Deborah Land who will present Report No. 10.

**Sister Deborah Land:**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS GRAND CHAPTER REPORT #10 FOR 2017-2018 8/17/18

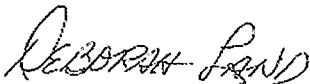
Thank you, Sister Debi.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: The Board of Directors is pleased to present Report No. 10 on the Assets of Grand Chapter.

One of the responsibilities of the Board of Directors is to manage the funds and assets of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We are continuing to update our records and have been working to complete 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, 2017 through August 10, 2018, The *General Fund*. Fund, has received two bequests from the Estate of Anna K. Shelper in the amounts of \$100,000 and the final one of \$4,863.35. The distribution of the Estate's assets are now complete and no further funds are expected. There are no other bequests pending to our knowledge.

Oil & Gas Income for the Home Fund from September 1, 2017 thru July 17, 2018 was \$19,500 or approximately \$1773.00 per month, for a projected total this fiscal year of \$21,276. This compares to \$20,937 last fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Land,  
Board of Directors, District 2.

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of Report #10.

**WGP: Second**

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded that we approve Report No. 10 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \*

**Sister Deborah Land:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It is my pleasure to introduce Brother James Parker who will present Report No. 5.

**Brother James Parker:**

**Board of Directors Report No. 5**  
**136<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Chapter, Irving, Texas**  
**August 2018**

**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, 2017 and 2016. Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas both non-profit organizations comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as prescribed by our CONSTITUTION AND LAWS, page 72, CHAPTER 5, A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ARTICLE §2.b.**

**Ratliff & Associates conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United State 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 the 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, 2017 and 2016.

This report will be printed in its entirety in the proceedings of the August 2018 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of Grand Chapter.

I refer you to the folded schedule included in your advance reports titled "THIS SCHEDULE IS AN ADDENDUM TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT NO.5". This is a new schedule included in our August 31, 2017 Grand Chapter Audit and is the result of a three year project assigned to Past Grand Patron Bill Wyatt and myself by our Past Grand Matron Jerre Lucas. It was continued by our Past Grand Matron Sharon Mosmeyer and our Worthy Grand Matron Melissa Hudman. Without their support and patience along with the valuable help provided by our Grand Secretary Ellen Pickrell, our current Board of Directors Chairman Carlotta Fairchild and our current Board of Directors Secretary Barbara Martin along with many others, this report would have not been possible.

I draw your attention to the following columns of the report: the Code of Laws column is the code section governing the funds. The Investment column was the balance of the fund as of August 31, 2017. The Grand Chapter & Donor Permanently Restricted column is a combination of funds restricted by this Grand Chapter and Donors. The portion marked by the asterisk requires further research to determine who placed the restrictions on those funds. The Grand Chapter Restricted by Purpose column are the funds restricted by this Grand Chapter. The Other column is the endowed membership Fund. The Available Funds are the monies which were

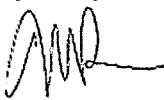


available for use as of August 31, 2017. Finally, the last column Purpose is what the funds can be used for as contained in our Code of Laws. It is our desire that this schedule be annually updated and included in our future audits.

This report has been approved by the Grand Secretary, our Auditors and the Board of Directors. All of the dollar amounts in the column titled Grand Chapter Restricted by Purpose have been restricted by Grand Chapter and these amounts may be unrestricted by a future vote of Grand Chapter as confirmed by discussion with legal counsel. Any amount restricted by donors must remain restricted and cannot be unrestricted by Grand Chapter.

Brother Bill Wyatt and myself will be asking our Associate Grand Matron Carolyn Martin to allow us to continue the effort to determine the proper allocation between the Grand Chapter Restricted & Donor Permanently Restricted amounts for the \$8,772,850 contained in the Grand Chapter of Texas Endowment Fund 501(c)(8).

Respectfully submitted,



James R. Parker

Board of Directors, District 1

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

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Cindy Echols who will present Report No.6 on Endowment.

## THIS SCHEDULE IS AN ADDENDUM TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT NO. 5

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS  
Classification of Investments  
August 31, 2017

| Code of Laws               | Account Name                                    | Investment    | Grand Chapter & Order Permanently Restricted | Grand Chapter Restricted by Purpose | Other        | Available Funds | Purpose                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 165                        | Grand Chapter of Texas Endowment Fund 501(c)(3) | \$ 10,694,520 | \$ 5,372,850                                 | \$ 1,745,500                        | \$ -         | \$ 176,170      | Income used for child care first, additional funds to be used as needed for general, benevolent, and educational purposes |
| 161-A                      | Grand Chapter of Texas Endowed Membership Fund  | 3,729,994     | -                                            | -                                   | 3,729,994    | -               | Income distributed to subordinate chapters                                                                                |
| 155-A                      | Grand Chapter of Texas Endowment Sub Fund       | 3,531,414     | -                                            | 3,531,414                           | -            | -               | Income to be used for benevolent projects, office expenses, and for e.g. and accounting records.                          |
| 164                        | Eastern Star Home 501(c)(3)                     | 658,435       | -                                            | 658,435                             | -            | -               | To be used for child care                                                                                                 |
|                            | Grand Chapter of Texas Holding Account          | 415,000       |                                              |                                     |              |                 |                                                                                                                           |
| Resolution B, 2001 Session | Moving Fund                                     | -             | -                                            | 230,574                             | -            | -               | To be used for relocation purposes, office expenses, auditing, and accounting records                                     |
| 156                        | Benevolence                                     | -             | -                                            | 10,155                              | -            | -               | To be used for benevolent purposes                                                                                        |
| 157                        | Etical                                          | -             | -                                            | 5,493                               | -            | -               | To be used for educational purposes                                                                                       |
| 162                        | Education                                       | -             | -                                            | 666                                 | -            | -               | To be used for educational purposes                                                                                       |
|                            | Other Unregistered                              | -             | -                                            | -                                   | -            | 217,625         |                                                                                                                           |
| 167                        | Mary Kinnison                                   | 925,232       | 500,500                                      | -                                   | -            | 25,232          | Income to be used for educational purposes                                                                                |
| 167                        | Grand Chapter Education                         | 64,009        | 65,000                                       | -                                   | -            | (991)           | Income to be used for educational purposes                                                                                |
| 169                        | Fanny V. Ward                                   | 35,278        | 35,600                                       | -                                   | -            | 278             | Income to be used for educational purposes                                                                                |
| 167                        | Helen Brunler                                   | 8,535         | 8,500                                        | -                                   | -            | 35              | Income to be used for educational purposes                                                                                |
|                            |                                                 | \$ 18,761,420 | \$ 9,381,250                                 | \$ 6,281,927                        | \$ 1,729,984 | \$ 416,149      |                                                                                                                           |

**Brother James Parker:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP:** Second.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second that we approve Report No. 5 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your orange cards. Cards down. Opposed. Motion carries. \*

**Sister Carlotta Fairchild:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron it is my pleasure on behalf of the Board of Directors to present each of you with a love gift from us.

**WGM:** I would just like to say what a pleasure it was working with this Board. I know from experience and for being out there as the Grand Secretary, that may or may not be the case because I was out there for four months before an interim was appointed but these people are great, and I'd like for you to give them a big hand because they work really hard for you. Thank you so much. (Applause) I would now like to recognize Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon who is our Election Judge for the rest of the weekend apparently. And she's going to come give you some instructions before I have the Jurisprudence Chairman come and talk to you. Thank you.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Can you hear me? Okay, because we'd had some complaints that they have not been able to hear in the West. So, I want to make sure that you hear me. You know Sisters and Brothers, we are here for some very important business and our Worthy Grand Matron is wanting me to give you some instructions on today. And the Worthy Grand Matron has planned very well for this very thing that may fixing to happen. Because if you see me up here, something's fixing to happen. She has had seven ballots printed and they are E, F, G, H, I, J and K and they are marked yes or no. She will pick the letter and color of the ballot at the time that it is declared open. It is going to be exactly like tomorrow and that is that the doors are going to be locked. We are going to have guards at the others. The doors are going to be locked and whenever the ballot is declared open, they're locked. You are not getting in and out unless it is deemed an emergency. In that case, if it is deemed an emergency, you must exit through the big brown area that says Exit by the TV monitor. The Warders and Sentinels have been instructed that if you say it's an emergency. I'm very very sick, I'm going out, they are going to get out of the way. So, they know that that's the door that's deemed emergency.

**WGM:** Past Grand Matron, these people can't hear over there. So, they can go out that door over there?

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** No, they can't. But you see why I did that.

**WGM:** I do. I understand why you did that. I was just telling them, don't complain.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Warders and Sentinels, you have been instructed by your boss. It isn't the man over there by the door. Because we are going to call in those that are still having to work and that is Credentials, Registration, First Aid, Information and Lost and Found to come to that same door. Because that is the entrance area. That is the same door that they are going to come in

where our Pages are going to be stationed to pick up their ballots. The Arrangements Committee has already set up the four tables. They have already set up the machine operators over in the corner. The machine operators, there will only be five personnel in that area. They are Mark Dieckmann, Leslie Foreman, Sherry Dieckmann and Jerry Peck. And the Worthy Grand Matron has appointed Nancy Brown and Doris Hester who will be the observers in the corner. Remember, Sisters and Brothers, to circle, circle your choice. And you may use a pencil, blue, black or red ink. It's okay. Place your ballot in the box facedown for secrecy. We ask that only the Pages be in the aisles during the passing of the ballots and the Worthy Grand Matron has agreed that since...you didn't know, did you agree... she agrees (Laughter) that the aisles are so close that you are going to be able to pass that ballot box down where it is deemed necessary to do that. Otherwise it will be in the Pages hand. But this is kind of like church. They're real close and they are real friendly and they will just pass it down, putting your ballot facedown. We will than immediately tell you to take them to the tables that we will designate at that time. Once the ballots have been deposited onto the tables, then we can reopen the doors. Once it is declared closed by our Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, the ballots that you were given are a very important piece of information. You are the ones that are going to make the choices for the Amendments that are fixing to be taken care of. Be courteous, be kind and be understanding of the person that is beside you. The Worthy Grand Matron has decided to do this in all fairness for the Amendments that are fixing to be proposed. Worthy Grand Matron, if you want to let them come over and go out that door I'll let you. Sisters and Brothers, God has given us a beautiful day. Let us use it, let us be wise in what we do to make our choices for the day to be beautiful. Thank you.

**WGM:** I would now invite Brother John Creel, Jurisprudence Chairman, to present the Jurisprudence on Unfinished Business and then we'll move to our New Business.

**John Creel:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Good Morning. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my wonderful Sisters and Brothers. Thank you for the time to introduce my Jurisprudence Committee, if they will stand.

Sister Betty Phillips Benham, District 2

Brother Trey Smith, District 3

Sister Vi Griffin, District 4

Brother George Gwaltney, District 5

And I'm John Creel of District 1

Please thank them for the hard work that they have done for your Grand Chapter this year. (Applause) The Jurisprudence Committee now presents the following 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 the matters contained in your advanced annual report, including the supplemental reports of the Grand Chapter the following , The report of the Grand Secretary, The report of the Grand Treasurer, The by-Laws Committee, The committee on Grievance and Appeal, The Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation and all matters specifically assigned to the Jurisprudence Committee by Chapter 10. Article 152-e of the Code of Laws governing this Grand Chapter be approved.

Worthy Grand Matron, this completes the preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Committee and we move for the adoption of this report.

**WGP:** Second.

**WGM:** You've heard the motion and the second that we approve this first report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor please raise your orange cards. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \*

**PGP John Creel:** The Jurisprudence Committee will be presenting two Constitutional Amendments and twelve Amendments to your Code of Laws for your consideration. In the manner of which they were printed in your Advanced Annual Report except for Articles 2 and 3 which will be reversed. 2 will become 3 and 3 will become 2. Any Amendments to these proposed Amendments must be presented in writing in triplicate. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. This committee wants you to understand each Amendment and questions will be answered. Please read and listen to what is being presented. Thank you. At this time, I am lost... (Laughter) Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I wish to present the following instructions as we begin. A quorum for the transaction of business, which is the Chapter Representative, or proxy, of 25% of the Subordinate Chapters, together with either the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, or Associate Grand Patron. Proposed Amendments or Reports will be presented that the membership has presented to the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee under our ninety-day rule as stipulated by the Code of Laws, Chapter 14, Article 170a page 127. Please remember, as the Jurisprudence Committee presents the Amendments contained in the Advance Annual Report, they are only reporting to you those proposed Amendments that are in proper form, or if that they are not in proper form. Our Committee would like to remind you, the membership, are the governing body of this Grand Chapter. And we encourage speaking and voting your convictions. Worthy Grand Matron, since our membership has had the opportunity to read and study the proposed Amendments, rather than reading entire proposed Amendment and the entire law as it now reads in the proposed reading of each matter I make a motion that we be able to make a synopsis of each Amendment. Moved that this be acceptable.

**WGP:** I second that.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion from the Jurisprudence Committee to be allowed to present a synopsis of each amendment. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. \*

**PGP John Creel:** If we are presented emergency legislation this morning and find it in proper order after review, it will be presented in a timely manner after all of the regular amendments have been presented. At this time, Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron, will present Amendments 1, 3, and 2.

**PGM Betty Benham:** Good morning. This is what we've all been waiting for isn't it? If you will turn to our Amendment #1 in your Advanced Annual Report, I believe it is on page 59 and if this passes it will require a second vote in 2018-2019 Session. It is in proper form and this is you rational without reading the whole Amendment.

A. Alcoholic beverages may be served by the holder of an appropriate beverage license or permit at Grand Chapter banquets, round-ups, multi-state exchanges, etc., in order to generate revenues and offset food and beverage expenses.

B. Alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed at any other entertainment or activity sponsored by a Subordinate Chapter or in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star.

C. Alcoholic beverages shall not be served or consumed at any meeting or activity in a Lodge or on Lodge property. NOTE: If the Grand Chapter adopts this amendment, the corresponding ARTICLE 273: DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 273, SERVICING OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES PROHIBITED on page 185, shall not be amended. I would like to bring out on this Note that it does not have an effect on this year because this is a Constitutional Amendment and it will need the second vote for next year. And when it comes back next year, if that Article 273 needs to be added, it does need to be written in proper form as it is in your Section 6. And then that will become your Code of Laws when that is turned back in next year if need be and it will take the final vote.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard Amendment 1, located on page number 59 in the Advanced Annual Report Is there any discussion? I recognize Bob Royall.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Bob Royall, Past Patron of Huffman Chapter #1112, current seated Worthy Patron of Cleveland #465. The Board of Directors has submitted this Constitutional Amendment and for reasons that we've been approached by members of the Order inquiring about if this could be possible. While the Board of Directors each will vote their own conviction, we do offer an Amendment to this Constitutional Amendment. It has been signed by the Board of Directors and has been on file with the Grand Secretary.

**WGM:** Bob are you amending this?

**Brother Bob Royall:** Yes ma'am. We are proposing an Amendment to the Constitutional Amendment #1.

**WGM:** Okay.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Do you want me to proceed?

**WGM:** I do.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Sisters and Brothers, on the second Whereas there's a word, or a term, "etc." Some of the membership having approached the Board of Directors would like that word "etc." removed. So, we propose that it be removed and that specifically, Events, Grand Chapter, Round-ups, Multi-State Exchanges be specific. Additionally, down in that Amendment we are asking that it be amended to read under A. also delete the term in the Amendment and then add a B. that says "The entity or business serving the alcoholic beverages and liquor shall have liquor liability insurance to include at least 1 million dollars (\$1,000,000) and primary liability coverage at least 2 million

dollars (\$2,000,000) in general aggregate liability coverage, unlimited defense coverage and at least 5 million dollars (\$5,000,000) excess liability coverage. We would also like to add a C. Which would state that alcoholic beverages shall not be sold or served by the Grand Chapter of Texas itself. This Amendment to the Constitutional Amendment #1 has been printed and signed and is on the Grand Secretary's desk.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the Amendment to the Amendment. I'm not going to go over all of it but basically, it's taking out the word "etc." and it's adding that they have to have the liquor license and all the coverage up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000), etc. that goes with that. And adding a C. that Grand Chapter of Texas will not serve the alcoholic beverages. In other words, it has to be served with someone with the liquor license. Now is there any discussion? And this one is for in the Northwest and the Southwest is against.

**Brother Jerry Saunders:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jerry Saunders, a Past Patron of Port Neches Chapter #677. You have to understand that liability insurance is great, but it's been served at a Grand Chapter function or whatever else associated with Eastern Star. What happens if someone gets in a wreck or kills someone coming from that meeting and it is the name of Eastern Star that is going to be brought into it. It doesn't matter who pays the liability. It comes back to the name if they were consuming alcohol at an Order of the Eastern Star function. So, there's where your liability lies not so much in money. Now if you take a quote from the Bible, we have to be in the world, but we do not have to be of the world. And as I understand, part of this is to be able to facilitate Grand Chapter to get better room rates, better meal rates, then I suggest we go to other venues and get out of Dallas, get out of Houston, and go to other places and think of the annual income of the average members of Eastern Star because not all of us are wealthy. Most of us are on fixed incomes because we are aging. So, let's start thinking about the members and quit thinking about Grand Chapter. But by bringing it down then we improve it for all of our membership and not just a few. Thank you, ma'am.

**WGM:** Thank you sir. I recognize the Northwest.

**Brother Jerry King:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. I want to ask one question. (State your name) Uh, sorry, I thought everybody knew who I was. I am Jerry King. I am the Worthy Patron of Adah Chapter #49 of Helotes, Texas which is near San Antonio. Sisters and Brothers, I have one question. How many of you feel that the expenses of the Grand Chapter Banquets are too high? (Lots of yelling) How many of you would attend more if they were less? I have one other question. Do you know someone in this room that will sometime during this Grand Chapter, not at this event, partake in an adult drink? I saw at the bar, at the hotel, several of us sitting around having social functions. No associated with the Eastern Star but we are all members of the Eastern Star. That income that the hotel is receiving, a portion of it could have helped offset your cost. Now this is not a challenge to our traditions. This is not a challenge to your way of life. This is an avenue of revenue that we can tap into that is currently available and remains available even if you vote no. I ask only that you support this Amendment this year so that we can have a year of discussion to find out is this the future of the Order. Thank you.

**WGM:** I recognize Sister Brenda Whitehead in the Southwest.

**Sister Brenda Whitehead:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Brenda Whitehead. I am a Past Matron of Hemphill Chapter #375. I am the current Worthy Matron of said Chapter. This was discussed in our meeting that if this Amendment passed that my Chapter would not be because we are such a small Chapter and most of my members are at least 50-year members and they said that no matter what that they would not be an Eastern Star Member if this passed. We enjoy our Banquets and our functions that we have but if we have drunk members, it's going to take the enjoyment away from those that are not drinking. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy a drink every once in a while, but I'm not going to have it in a Banquet situation. If we pass this, there's going to be many small Chapters that feel the same way I do that we will be losing these members as well. So, this is why I'm against this Amendment. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. I recognize Sister Debi Fincher in the Northwest.

**Sister Debi Fincher:** I am Debra Fincher. I am Past Matron of Franklin Chapter #311 and I am here to speak in favor of this Amendment. Many of you know my past background is in law enforcement as a Police Officer for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. I have served as an expert witness in "Dram Shop" litigation which is what happens when someone leaves a bar and they go get killed or they kill someone else and the bar has been sued. I have spoken and testified in court on many of these cases and I've never lost one. Thankfully had good attorneys. But I just want to speak in favor of this as a revenue source. We are not going to be responsible. There is also no state requirement or law that says licensees such as a hotel, have to have this insurance. There is no requirement anywhere that requires them to have liability insurance. I think it is a good measure to put in for an appeasement for this body, but I dare say that there's not going to be anybody in here that is going to be wasted and walking drunk at a Banquet after one or two drinks. I will also dare say that staying up late at night and getting up early in the morning poses a more serious driving hazard at Grand Chapter. (Laughter) I mean it's true. So, I just want to support this Amendment and just let you know from a professional perspective and expert witness who has testified in these cases that I think this is a good idea for Grand Chapter. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. I recognize the gentleman in the Southwest corner.

**Brother Kenneth Larsen:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Kenneth Larsen. I am a Past Patron of Leander Chapter #73. And I am in opposition to this Amendment as it is currently proposed. While I am not opposed to the addition of the overall use of bars and libations for the Banquets, the way that it is written provides a problem for the Subordinate Chapters. If the financial benefits are afforded to the Grand Chapter, why are the same opportunities for financial benefits not afforded to Subordinate Chapters. The Fund-raising Events, Banquets, Special Events have the same opportunity for a Subordinate Chapter if we were to host a larger Banquet for Fund-raising efforts we could gain the same opportunity to decrease our cost. And yet, it works at Grand Chapter and not at the local level. So, in its current proposal I cannot



support that. While we all agreed that the Grand Lodge has restricted alcoholic beverages from Lodge properties, taking our Chapter out and hosting a Banquet or hosting a dinner for our wives, widows, orphans and not allowing them to partake at a restaurant because the Amendment also contains the word "consume" causes an issue on the level of the Chapter. So, in its current state, I cannot support that.

**WGM:** Thank you, sir. I recognize the lady in the Northwest.

**Sister Carolyn Dixon:** Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Sisters and Brothers. I'm Carolyn Dixon, the Worthy Matron at New Caney Chapter #1093. And as Worthy Matron, I felt it was my duty to ask our membership how they want me to vote at this Grand Chapter. Overwhelmingly they voted yes for Amendment #1 and also the Amendment for increasing our Per Diem. So, I'm speaking in favor of this Amendment based on my membership's request. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. I recognize the lady in the Southwest.

**Sister Tracy Maynard:** Good Morning Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Tracy Maynard. I am a Past Matron of Leander Chapter #73. Like the previous speaker, I am not opposed to libations however, the second portion of this that restricts the serving or consumption at an activity. Is it true that if we have a Past Matrons or Past Patrons function we can not order a drink with our dinner? If we were to have a wine crawl and go out to the wine country, we couldn't do a wine tasting?

**WGM:** Brother Bob are you in here? Can you answer her question? Please.

**Brother Bob Royall:** I'll try Worthy Grand Matron. I'm still Bob Royall, current Worthy Patron of Cleveland Chapter #465. This Amendment, the original Constitutional Amendment when it was proposed was brought to the Board of Directors only address those alcoholic beverages, it's not required, but may be available for consumption at those specific events that are listed in the Amendment. So, it did not cover Subordinate Chapters or any of their activities.

**Sister Tracy Maynard:** My concern is that there are social activities that we could have as Subordinate Chapters; Painting with a Twist, things like this. We are not serving alcohol, but you could certainly have a glass of wine while you paint. That's not being served in the Chapter, by the Chapter, no liability to the Chapter. They have people for that. Could we make it a motion to omit the second portion of this? That alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed at any activity sponsored by a Subordinate Chapter. Can we make that Amendment? If we put it in writing?

**WGM:** Just one moment. We're talking to our help. Okay, Tracy here's the rule. Right now, we have to vote on Bob's Amendment to this Amendment. Once that is done then you can amend this but this must be submitted in writing and we have the typewriters and someone back there to help you, in the back corner by the Grand Secretary's table and turned in with three copies and then you can amend this original Amendment for what you want after we vote on what Bob has Amended.

**Sister Tracy Maynard:** So, if his passes then we can do this but if his fails this is mute.

**WGM:** You could still amend it, but I can only do one part of business at one time. I can't have two Amendments on the floor at once.

**Sister Tracy Maynard:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** I recognize Gerry Sturtz in the Northwest.

**Sister Gerry Sturtz:** I'm Gerry Sturtz, Past Matron of Sugarland Chapter #1107. My question in this and it is a question. Does General Fund or Grand Chapter receive any portion of the liquor or what is the advantage to Grand Chapter?

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Patron would you preside for a minute and I'll try to answer her question.

**WGP:** I certainly will, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** Okay, Sister Gerry, what these locations are asking for now is like this facility is free this week. Not all the sound and not all the other stuff you're getting but we did not have to pay to rent the building because we did over \$80,000 in food and beverage. We were sweating bullets towards the end. We did make it over \$80,000 but not by a great amount of money. So, what would happen is at the location which would be their servers, their license, we have nothing to do with it, they can cut people off. I recently went to a Banquet in Salt Lake City where they limited you to two drinks. There was an open bar, but two drinks and you were done. That was at the particular Banquet. You see what I'm saying? So, as food becomes more expensive, Sisters and Brothers we can go to Timbukto for Grand Chapter, but food is going to continue to get more expensive. Also, less people come, less members. So, therefore, to help us meet whatever that number is and in this case for me it was \$80,000 what that would do is go to offset that \$80,000 we had to pay. We would have had to pay if there had not been \$80,000. Does that make sense to you? At the hotel level, if you are a good negotiator, you can actually negotiate with the bars and get a portion of that revenue back for the alcohol that was sold to your members. You know, right now the hotel is giving you a discount on your food, I don't know if you know that but if you show them your badge, I don't have mine on but if you show them your badge and are registered for this convention you get a 10% discount on your food at the restaurant. Which saves you the tax and a little more because the tax is .0825%. So, therefore, if we could also get some percentage, the Grand Chapter would get a percentage of beverages sold at the bar, that would actually go to offsetting the cost of the rooms or however you negotiated it with the facility. Does that help answer your question?

**Sister Gerry Sturtz:** It does to a point. But my question is will General Fund get any portion of this?

**WGM:** It could get it from the...it could. Depends on how you negotiate the contract. We've never gotten to do this before. And that comes into your negotiations with the contract if you would rather have money back. It's kind of like

we negotiated our contract to get so much back for every room that is sold under Housing. If you contacted Housing. I will tell you Sisters and Brothers, this hotel right across the street wasn't finished because it was supposed to be a certain Hotel and it got purchased so now it's a Weston and it was a year delayed in being built. They came to us and said they were going to give us this much per room which does go back to Grand Chapter, we're going to give you this much. So, we're getting a lot more money back this year simply because that Hotel wasn't finished. So that you could have just come across the street. Send some good people in to negotiate, you don't know what you can get from these people. So, yes part of it could go back to Grand Chapter if it was negotiated that way.

**Sister Gerry Sturtz:** Okay, thank you.

**WGM:** I recognize the lady in the Southwest.

**Sister Priscilla Locke:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Priscilla Lock, I am Past Matron of Glen Rose Chapter #171 also Rio Vista #343. I am against this, but I have a question. Does this mean that people at the Banquet normally would be served something or do they have to go purchase the alcohol?

**WGM:** They have to purchase it. There would be an open bar. Typically, at the ones I have been to in other states, the bar is set up outside the Banquet room, you have to go out there purchase your drink, whatever you are having and come back in with your drink and sit at the table.

**Sister Priscilla Locke:** Okay I just wanted to say that there are diabetics in here and there are a lot of us don't need alcohol at all.

**WGM:** I recognize the lady in the Northwest.

**Sister Diane Wilson:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Diane Wilson, I'm a Past Matron of Lewisville #935. I am speaking in favor of this Amendment. I belong to Daughters of the Nile and we go all over Canada and the United States for our conventions. And yes, they are expensive, however, we have the choice when we go to our Banquets and most of the time they are in excess of \$60.00 a ticket. So, Ladies and Gentlemen we are getting off a little less expensive here. But we have the choice to purchase well drinks or wine. Well drinks are normally \$9.00 a drink and wine is usually \$7.00. I have yet to see anyone drink in excess of two drinks at a Banquet. We all live on a fixed income and it doesn't matter if you are retired or you are working. You know how much money you have every month coming in and how much money you have every month going out. So, we are all on fixed incomes. We live in the United States where it is a choice, a personal choice whether we partake of alcoholic beverages or not and everyone is different, everyone knows their own medical diagnoses and limitations. So, Brothers and Sisters, let us help one another by giving us the choice to purchase alcoholic beverages at our functions. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. I recognize Sister Karen Morgenthaler in the Southwest.

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Karen Morgenthaler, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. I am against the Amendment. Thank you.

**WGM:** I recognize Sister Sherry Dieckmann in the Northwest.

**Sister Sherry Dieckmann:** Hello, my name is Sherry Dieckmann and I'm a Past Matron of Ransford #135. And I think we have heard both wonderful reports on both sides, but I think that we are all very educated people here and I call for the vote.

**WGM:** Okay, Sisters and Brothers, you have heard that we are calling for the question. At this time, we are going to vote on the Amendment to the Amendment. Do you guys remember what that was? That Brother Bob Royal talked to us about. Do you are do you need him to read it one more time? Brother Bob would you mind reading that one more time? Listen carefully.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I'm still Bob Royall, Worthy Patron of Cleveland Chapter #465. In your Advanced Reports, the second Whereas there is a word following Multi-State Exchanges, "etc." We had some members ask that we be more specific, so we requested to delete that term "etc." And down in the Amendment where it says Section 6, be amended to read: Section 6, we would also like to delete for consistency to delete after Multi-State Exchanges "etc." again. And then we recommend adding if this is going to pass, "The entity or business serving the alcoholic beverages and liquor shall have liquor liability insurance to include at least 1 million dollars (\$1,000,000) in primary liability coverage, at least 2 million dollars (\$2,000,000) in general aggregate liability coverage, unlimited defense coverage and at least 5 million dollars (\$5,000,000) excess liability coverage. We are also requesting if this is going to pass, that we would also like to add a C. Which would state that "alcoholic beverages shall not be sold or served by the Grand Chapter of Texas itself." Anything else Worthy Grand Matron?

**WGM:** Thank you Brother Bob. First, we are going to vote on whether we can vote, so...all of you in favor of us voting on this, please raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed? Motion carries. \* Now we are going to vote on what Brother Bob just read to you. The Amendment to the Amendment. Do you understand? Okay, all in favor of the Amendment to the Amendment raise your orange cards. Cards down. Opposed? Motion passed. Now, Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to declare this ballot closed \* and we are going to vote on the Amendment as amended by ballot. And the reason I'm doing that is this is a very sensitive subject, you could tell that by the discussion we just held. And so, I want you to have the ability to vote the way your really want to vote.

We are going to use ballot "F", the green one, Vi Griffin's color, green. Don't put it on anything else. If you are approving or for this Amendment circle yes. If you are against you circle no.

**Brother Fred Maynard:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Fred Maynard, A Past Patron of Leander Chapter #73. Shouldn't we also open the floor up to other Amendments to this Amendment before we start voting?

**WGM:** Even if we pass this, she can still write the Amendment she's wanting to write.

**Brother Fred Maynard:** So, it can be done next year?

**WGM:** No, it can be done later in this Grand Chapter Session. Do you see what I'm saying?

**Brother Fred Maynard:** Yes, but I don't think it's right.

**WGM:** This one would have to pass anyway before we could even consider hers.

**Brother Fred Maynard:** We just voted on the Amendment.

**WGM:** I understand what you're saying. Okay, because I have an Amendment on the floor and they have called for the question, I have to clear this out. But it does not mean, if it passes that she still cannot amend it later on today. I can still entertain an Amendment to this if it passes.

**Brother Fred Maynard:** Okay, Thank you.

**WGM:** Now, everybody got it? We're using green. Think green. Letter "F" as in Frank. Just in case you didn't hear me, I'm going to declare the ballot closed again \* so we can proceed to vote. Deputy Grand Matrons, I direct you to go get your boxes...the doors are locked now and secure. You cannot leave this room until we...

**GW:** Worthy Grand Matron, do we need to make that announcement?

**WGM:** No, I just did. If they didn't hear me, don't let anybody in or out. And the only people we are going to call in are the people that are out there, the Credentials, Arrangements, First Aid and Lost and Found. They are the only people that will be allowed to come in and vote. Oh, and the Assisting Grand Sentinels. Okay, because it's close to lunch time for the lunches, we are going to use all four tables. So, Deputy Grand Matrons you will go to every single table to deposit your ballots. You are going to stand there and wait until I tell you to sit them down and voting delegates, please place your ballots facedown in the ballot box and Deputy Grand Matrons please make sure that only one ballot per person is placed in the container. And Brother Grand Warder and Brother Grand Sentinel, no one is to enter or leave while the ballot is taking place other than those I have said. So, they can begin to collect the ballots. Okay, so while they are collecting ballots, can we have just a little music? Just play us something really pretty. Don't deposit your ballots on the tables until I tell you to. You stand and hold your box. And you need to divide up so there are equal numbers of you at each table. Okay, Brother Grand Warder will you please inform the Grand Sentinel that we need to call for the Vendors, and Registration, Credentials and First to come in and stand. There's someone there that are ready to collect their ballots. So, you guys are just going to stay here, Deputies, until we get the ballots in from the Vendors, Registration, and Credentials...okay. No one can enter the room other than those people I just called for. Okay, are y'all listening to me? There seems to be questions about the Chapter Representatives vote. That vote is not taken until the second reading. So, on this one, you would not vote as a Chapter Representative with your purple card because of the fact that this is just the first reading. Next Grand Chapter then you will be called upon to

vote. Do you understand? Any other questions? Is my Credentials and Registration and First Aid, Information, all back there and voting? I need to tell them what they're doing. Are they back there? Yes, no, yes. Okay, we are voting on Amendment #1 which is the one on the alcohol if you've read your Amendments. It has been amended to add to it and that passed so now we are voting on passing the Amendment itself. And the change to it was that they would have to have the liability insurance, liquor license to sell, the liability insurance, up to \$2,000,000. Are there any questions, otherwise, y'all vote. And we're using the green ballot. If you brought your ballots with you, green, "F", circle yes or no. Yes, would be for and No, would be against. Deputy Grand Matron have they all voted? I can't see you unless you say yes or no. Okay, thank you. Have all ballots been collected? Is she there yet? Oh, here she comes. Okay, all the ballots have now been collected, correct? Having all been collected, I now declare the ballot closed. \* The Deputies please deposit the ballots on tables.

**GW:** Worthy Grand Matron?

**WGM:** Yes.

**GW:** May we release the doors?

**WGM:** Yes, you may release the doors. Okay, Sisters and Brothers, we are going to continue on with some reports. I recognize Sister Willie Mae Shaw of the By-Laws Committee to please bring her report.

MRS. WILLIE MAE SHAW. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers.

It is my pleasure to introduce the members of this committee: Sisters Anita Durden, and Nancy Hardy, both District 1. Thank you, Ladies, for serving on this committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you, for the privilege of serving on the By-Laws Committee as Chairman. It has been a great experience working with so many Chapters throughout the state.

Received were 45 requests for By-Laws amendments. Two (2) chapters submitted two requests each for amendment. A total of 43 requests were approved. Two requests which could not be completed will be passed on to the 2018-2019 By-Laws Chairman. They are: Round Rock #316 and Friendswood #1131.

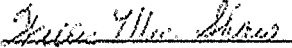
The amendments approved by this By-Laws Chairman and the Worthy Grand Matron as of May 18, 2018, were furnished to the Worthy Grand Matron for inclusion in her Advanced Report. Therefore, the names of these chapters will not be called. However, a complete list is attached to this report including those By-Laws amendments processed after May 18 as a Supplemental List. This supplemental list includes the following Chapters:

- Vashti #32
- Alice #61
- Brazoria #74
- Lubbock #76
- Floresville #271
- Hemphill #375
- Cleveland #465
- Prospect Hill #817
- Blum #931
- Hallsville #995 (Second Request)
- Balch Springs #1132
- Groveton #1035

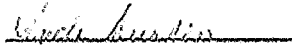
The majority of the By-Laws amendments pertained to fees and dues.

The most common problems, which created delays in the approval process, were the lack of required duplicate original signed copies of the proposed amendment or the lack of Form 106-S, "Request for By-Laws Approval Certificate" as required in COL Article 265.

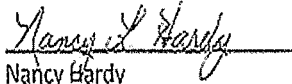
A complete list of Chapters to be approved by this Grand Chapter is attached.



Willie Mac Shaw, Chairman



Anita Durden



Nancy Hardy

Attachment

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



2017-2018 Chapter Bylaws Approved

CHAPTER NAME & NO.

Bowie #16  
Wimodausis #141  
Garland #156  
Lockhart #210  
Eastland #280  
Jacksonville #377  
Burnet #425  
Marble Falls #435  
Odessa #447  
Iola-North Zulch #458  
McKinney #518  
Linden #576  
Belton #589  
Bandera #643  
Anahuac #649  
Quitman #695  
Plano #703  
Woodbine #738  
Woodbine #738 Second  
New Braunfels #771  
Queen Esther #833  
Tomball #838  
Whitney #930  
Buna #968  
Hallsville #995  
Gatesville #1005  
Waller #1047  
Nederland #1079  
Roy Stanley #1086  
Sugar Land #1107  
Lonnie L. Blake #1116

SUPPLEMENTAL LIST

Yashti #37  
Alice #61  
Draordin #74  
Lubbock #76  
Floresville #271  
Hemphill #375  
Cleveland #465  
Prospect Hill #817  
Blum #931  
Hallsville #995 Second  
Balch Springs #1132  
Groveton #1135

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion to approve the By-Laws Committee Report. Is there any discussion?

**WGP:** Second.

**WGM:** Oh, you are so good, and I just forgot. I'm sorry. You've heard the motion now and the second that we approve the By-Laws Committee Report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Sister Willie Mae, thank you for all your wisdom and your knowledge. You have consistently provided me information when I asked questions and you will never know how much I appreciate all that you have done. I appreciate all your hard work and Sisters Anita Durden and Nancy Hardy, thank you for helping keep us keep everything straight! I appreciate all three of these ladies very much! Ladies are you still up here? Well, come up here for a picture, will you? (Picture)

I recognize Sister Cindy Brisko, Chairman, Educational Fund Committee, who will present their report.

**Sister Cindy Brisko:**

**Educational Committee Report  
2018 Grand Chapter  
Cindy Brisko, District One, Chairman**

On behalf of the members of the Education Committee, we want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for our appointments. It has been a most rewarding experience and an honor and privilege to serve our Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Chapter in this capacity. I would like to introduce my co-workers on this committee. They are... *Sisters:*

Peggy Ledinski – District Two

Carolyn Mietzner – District Three

Jeanette Melton – District Four

Janlen Waclawczyk – District Five

And I am Cindy Brisko – District One, Chairman

The application deadline for the Educational scholarship was March 1, 2018. Committee members met on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Grand Chapter office in Arlington. We were greeted by a very friendly and helpful staff who took us to the meeting room where we began to process the box of applications. The Grand Secretary's office had dated and numbered the applications with the date when they were

received in the office. There were 39 to review. We divided them up and proceeded to open and review each one of them.

Of the 39 applications, 11 did not meet all requirements of the scholarship. The remaining 28 met all requirements. Of those 28, eighteen were first time applicants and ten were returning applicants. Much to our enjoyment, honor, and the membership's generosity, we were able to give a \$1,000.00 scholarship to very deserving students for a total of \$ 28,000.00. A letter was sent to each recipient with the good news and instructions to verify all information regarding the school they would be attending and the address, along with their school ID number or last four digits of their social security number. I also congratulated them on their accomplishments and wished them continued success in their future endeavors. A list of all recipients was sent to the Grand Secretary's office with their college ID number and address where the check should be mailed.

It was wonderful to read the goals and ambitions of these young people and to see such diligence in achieving these goals for their education. We especially enjoyed reading the essay that was part of the application.

The money donated to the Education Fund went to colleges all over the great state of Texas ...from Lubbock to Houston to Alpine to Nacogdoches to Waco to San Antonio and everywhere in between, plus two colleges out of state. Your money went to a total of 17 different colleges and universities. Many thank you notes have been received in the Grand Secretary's office expressing sincere appreciation for the generosity of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Because of the charitable donations to the Education Fund and approval by the Board of Directors, we were able to assist with these 28 students' educational goals by helping them to continue to "shine bright with their own bright light."

Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Brisko  
Education Committee, District One Chairman

\*I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP:** I second that.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion from the Educational Fund Committee to adopt their report. Is there any discussion? All those in Favor, raise your orange card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. \* Sister Cindy, thahave worked hard. There are always so many qualified recipients I know it is hard to choose. Know I love you and your Committee for the out-standing job that they did. Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to thank her? You have words.

**WGP:** Hold on. I don't have my book. (Laughter) Cindy, thank you very much.

**WGM:** Moving right along. I recognize Sister Nancy Jo Estell, International Headquarters Chairman who will present her report

**Sister Nancy Jo Estell:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Installed Grand Officers, General Grand Chapter Members, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers & Friends of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

May I ask by a show of hands how many members have had the privilege of visiting our International Eastern Star Headquarters.

If you can...now is the time to visit the International Headquarters. Dr. Bill Bane gives the best tours and will show you every inch of the building. It's also nice to get to visit with one of our own Past Grands RWGS (pro-tem) Alma Bane.

At the Sixteenth Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter held in Seattle, July 1919. Plans to request contributions of \$1.00 from each member to finance the purchase a suitable building for International Headquarters.

At the Twenty First Triennial Assembly held in Tampa, Florida in 1934 a committee was appointed and given the power to select a site and proceed to build a Temple or select a suitable building for the International Headquarters & furnish it ready for occupancy at a cost not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars.

The Belmont Mansion built in 1909 became available. Mr. Belmont a Master Mason wanted the mansion to be in good hands, and felt that our Order would safeguard the building and keep its beauty intact. We were able to secure the title for one hundred thousand dollars, the site and building cost Mr. Belmont over one and one-half million dollars. It was almost a gift.

A lot of repairs had to be made, plumbing, walls cleaned and painted, electric wiring was replaced, the building was sanded and cleaned on the outside, and every room was put in order.

The Dedication of the Temple was held on the twenty-fourth day of February, 1937.

Our Headquarters cannot be described, it has to be seen to appreciate the beauties contained therein. In the shadow of our Nation's Capitol, it is surrounded by Embassies of many other nations. It is fitting that an Order such as ours have its Headquarters in the Capital City of the world, Washington, D.C.

A continuation of the plan to ask each member of the Eastern Star to contribute \$1.00 until each member has made an investment of that amount and has become a part owner of the Temple is being carried on. At the 48th Triennial Assembly in Pittsburg, PA it was voted to raise this amount to \$2.00 per each person initiated.

It is a Shrine for all members of the Eastern Star, and a Shrine of which you may be justly proud. It is greatly admired by every one who visits our Headquarters.

Travelers of the world, who come to Washington, D.C. and visit the Dupont Circle Area see a magnificent structure completed in 1909 and beautifully maintained today. It says we care and we are here. To see the Mansion will make you more proud of the Order we love and enjoy. I have been privileged to visit the Headquarters several times over the past sixty years.

The history of our order is in fireproof vaults and records of chapters all over the world, historical mementos and valuable books are kept here.

An office and residence of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary is provided in the building and by law the Right Worthy Grand Secretary must reside in the building. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary is the keeper of the keys to the International Headquarters...but we are the owners of the house.

At the 45<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly in MN the International Temple name was changed to the International Headquarters of the Eastern Star.

September 13, 2009 The Belmont Mansion was 100 years old. A Centennial Celebration was held and all Eastern Star members were invited to attend. I was so happy to be able to attend the celebration. All who attended were given a gold ornament of the Belmont mansion.

In 1972 it was designated as a historical site by the United States Government.

In 1997 significant restoration began. Maintenance and upkeep of our lovely International Headquarters is essential and constant. A new roof, 9 air conditioning units replaced with energy efficient units, lawn sprinkler system repaired, pipe organ parts replaced.

In 2007 repairing, modernizing and beautifying the 15 bedrooms on the top floor where officers stay (15 bedrooms and 1 bathroom.) Cleaning of the outside of the building, etc.

In 2012 the Right Worthy Grand Trustees approved the 1618 Project. Phase I to replace the 1909 Otis Elevator. This was the first elevator in a private residence in the District of Columbia in 1909. Phase II replacement and restoration of roof and built in gutter system on the upper level.

The District of Columbia Preservation League awarded General Grand Chapter their stewardship award for the preservation and restoration of the Belmont Mansion in 2015.

The 1618 Special Projects are for the Preservation and Restoration of the Belmont Mansion. There will always be a significant need for regular and continuing donations to maintain this historical treasure in which we are privileged to have our International Headquarters office.

Let's keep up the good work by each of us making a donation to the 1618 project. For a donation of \$20 or more you will be

given a ribbon (blue, yellow, white, green or red) and for a donation of \$100. You will receive a pin, certificate and one ribbon.

Our beloved Order of the Eastern Star is an organization of members literally encircling our world today and we are blessed to have our beautiful International Headquarters here in our Nation's Capital. How proud are we of that. We have been given the task of taking care of what we own. Others are watching and we can show them that we care by maintaining the beautiful historic Belmont Mansion.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nancy Jo Estill

International Headquarters

Order of the Eastern Star

**Sister Nancy Jo Estill:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP:** Second.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion from the International Headquarters Chairman to adopt her report. Is there a second? Oh, you already seconded it. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your orange cards. Cards down. Opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Sister Nancy for your work on the International Headquarters I know how excited you were when you got this job and please know how much we all appreciate you. Okay, Sisters and Brothers you've been very patient with us and we appreciate it. We are going to go ahead now that the ballot...well I declared it closed. I need to eat lunch. So, we're going to go so they don't get upset that we're late and we can be back on time and we will give you the results after you come back in. Now, people at the tables, don't leave yet. We have to close the Bible. Please come back to the tables. There will be more ballots on the Amendments. So, when you come back from lunch, please do. Brother Jerry, our Grand Choir Director, thank you for directing the music today and thank you for singing my song. Y'all did an outstanding job and we'll listen to it again. Thank you. If you get a chance to go to the Vendors, please go see them during the lunch hour. The Yearbooks are back in the back and the Grand Secretary's package, the packages are large so if your Secretary is not here, please somebody from your Chapter pick those up. Also, Sister Anna Amaya, the Grand Secretary needs to see you.



Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling the "A Day of Hope" Session from LABOR to REST and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged. Sisters and Brothers, you are going to have to sit down. We'll go after we close. Sisters and Brothers, we need to close the doors.

**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:** Alright, Sisters and Brothers, so you don't have to go to lunch wondering. Amendment #1 passed. There were 483 Yes's, please be respectful to everyone's vote. 383 No's for a total of 866 votes cast. Thank you. Thank you very much. Okay, the number was 483 Yes's, 383 No's for a total of 866. This must lay over and will be voted on again at Sister Carolyn Martin's Grand Chapter Session. Brother Bill Crews, you will now lead us in our Benediction. \*\*\*

**Bill Crews:** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the opportunity to meet freely to take care of the business of Grand Chapter. Also, for the time to renew friendships and meet new friends. As we leave this place to refresh our bodies with nourishment, we ask your blessings on the food and those who prepared it. All these things we ask for thy name sake, Amen. (Amen)

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

### **Closing of the Bible**

**WGM:** I now call the "A Day of Hope Session" from LABOR to REST until 1:30 P.M. on Friday Afternoon. \*

**WGM:** Brother Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**(End of Friday Morning Session)**

**“The Future of Hope”**  
**Friday Afternoon Session**  
**Convention Center Las Colinas**  
**Irving, Texas**  
**August 17, 2018, 2:00 p.m.**

**136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter of Texas Session**  
**“The Future of Hope”**  
**Friday Afternoon Session**  
**Convention Center Las Colinas, Irving, Texas**  
**August 17, 2018, 2:00 p.m.**

**1:45 PM Musical Prelude**

**Mrs. Trecea Huston**  
**Humanitarian, District 1**

**2:00 PM Organist Opening**

**Dr. Daniel Caldwell**  
**Grand Organist**

**2:00 PM Call to Order**

**Mrs. Mary Ruth White**  
**Regenerative Medicine, GGC**  
**And PGM of Texas**

**Mr. Art Drescher, Jr.**  
**First Responders, Chairman, GGC**  
**And PGP of Texas**

**PGM Mary Ruth White:** Good afternoon, my Sisters and Brothers. It is an honor to be here in this place and to open this afternoon Session of Grand Chapter. Together with my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., we call to order this “The Future of Hope” Session of the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

**PGP Art Drescher:** We thank Brother Daniel Caldwell for the beautiful music that set the mood for our afternoon business Session. Let us join together in expressing to Brother Daniel our appreciation for his beautiful music. (Applause)

**PGM Mary Ruth White:** Sister Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, their Grand Officers and Personal Pages, to enter the Grand Chapter room for their “Melody of Love” drill under the direction of our Grand Marshal, Sister Pam Dean. We’re not doing the drill? Scratch that from the script. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will lead your Grand Officers into 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. (Applause) \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege to present Sister Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Grand Officers, you will take your respective stations. \* Worthy Grand Matron, through your very kind invitation, my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., and I have the privilege of once again standing together in the Grand East and sharing the honor of calling to order this “The Future of Hope” Session. For this privilege and courtesy, we are very grateful, and we thank you. Our paths of service have crossed many times in Eastern Star during the time we have been members, but our friendship was cemented even more fully when you served as Grand Examiner during Arthur’s and my term of office. You are a steadfast and true friend and your kindness to others and gentle ways have endeared you to the membership. We have many important decisions to make this afternoon and

I wish for you a wonderful session. Worthy Grand Patron, you have traveled many miles and attended almost every function with your Worthy Grand Matron this year. You have served your Chapter and our Grand Chapter in many different ways of service. You have brought honor and distinction to all the titles you have held. You have been a brother, gentleman, and friend to all, and we appreciate your dedication and efforts. This week of Grand Chapter brings to completion many hours of plans and hard work. Brother Arthur, would you like to greet our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron?

**PGP Art Drescher:** Thank you, Sister Mary Ruth. I also would like to express my appreciation to Sister Melissa and Brother Rick for the privilege of assisting in opening this "The Future of Hope" Session of the 2018 Grand Chapter of Texas here in Irving, Texas, and to have the privilege of serving in the East again with my own Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Melissa, our paths first crossed in 1987 – 88 when you and Marty were serving as first time Worthy Matrons. I knew then you were a very special person. Over the years, I have enjoyed listening to your beautiful voice when you would sing solo or with Sister Kay. As Grand Examiner, I saw the love and caring you have for our membership and the kindness you have shown them. I truly feel that I have had the good fortune of watching a duckling turn into the beautiful Swan you are today. Brother Rick, (Laughter) well, what can I say. As Associate Grand Patron, one of the duties I was given was to help Sister Mary Ruth find good members for her appointments. A Past Grand Matron I truly love, told me to keep an eye on you. But alas, you were not a Past Patron. So, I decided just to keep watching your progress. When you and Sister Lou were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, you had the good sense to ask Sister Mary Ruth and me to be your installing officers, most likely Sister Lou's idea. That night, we got to see the real "Jester". By the way, I'm going off script, I am from District One and there is another clue; it's not a teddy. (Laughter) He will explain that sometime. During that year, you not only took care of your duties as Worthy Patron, you traveled to many Schools of Instruction and kept asking questions to learn about the workings of Grand Chapter. While there is a time to be serious, this year you have also tried to bring fun into the mix and I applaud you for this.

**PGM Mary Ruth White:** Arthur we are going to have to talk about going off script. (Laughter) Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, during this "The Future of Hope" Session may we remember that the Order of the Eastern Star exists today because of the interest, the dedication of our members, and their belief in the purposes upon which we were founded. In the closing hours of your term of office, may you look back with pride and satisfaction upon the harvest of your labors. Worthy Grand Matron, I know that the members will support you with their love as you preside this afternoon and it is with respect and love of a Sister and personal friend that I place in your capable hands your gavel to proceed over the business of our Grand Chapter.

**WGM:** Sister Mary Ruth and Brother Art, thank you so much for opening this Friday afternoon session. Sister Mary Ruth, I have so many fond memories of traveling with you when you were Worthy Grand Matron...I'm off script now but one of them was in the middle of the night and they called me and said, "She wants to see you." And it was 11:00. But she is a sweetheart and it had nothing to do with Eastern Star by the way, and I was Grand Examiner. You are a delight to travel

with. In addition, I have known you and your husband, Joe, for many years and I love you both. Brother Art, your wife, Sister Marty, and I were Worthy Matrons together the first and second time. I got to know you through her. You have always been so supportive of me and I thank you for that. Your devotion and contributions to Eastern Star in Texas are many. Each of you are much loved by both my husband, Richard, and me. I appreciate your opening this Session so much. Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to greet our friends.

**WGP:** Well, Worthy Grand Matron. After he mentioned that teddy I don't know if I really should be saying anything to the membership. (Laughter) Oh, yes, Sister Mary Ruth and Brother Art, you were both part of my and Sister Lou's installation the first time that we went to the East. It was because of you two that both of us became interested in becoming more involved with Eastern Star. And you can see what that has led to. Thank you for being part of our Grand Chapter and for opening this Session.

**WGM:** Thank you. 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 George Gwaltney, Past Grand Patron, will bring our Invocation.

**PGP George Gwaltney:** Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father; we come to you this afternoon requesting that you remind us to trust in a "Future of Hope"! We implore you to give us your grace as we continue your work and to give us the strength and wisdom to be the example for our fellow man. Remind us that the strength of our future resides in our youth and the leaders of this Grand Chapter. We ask that you bless and illuminate the way for those who have been chosen to lead. Give them the knowledge and wisdom to provide the proper path for our organization. Permit them to be free of strife and the unpredictable

erratic actions of our world! Now, oh Lord, let us consider the business of Grand Chapter. Guide us as we explore changes to our laws and consider those who will be our new leaders. Give us your wisdom that we may realize the best course of action in each situation. Grant the membership the knowledge and the insight to accept the changes with kindness and forbearance. Go with us now through this Session and throughout the remainder of our time together. Give us peace and understanding as we hope to do your work. We ask these favors in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe. Amen (Amen)

**WGM:** I now declare the "The Future of Hope" Session called from REST to LABOR. Brother Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel. \*

**WGM:** Thank you, George for your prayer. It is indeed good to always have the strength of God with us. We will now have more reassurance from our Scripture reading. Brother Billy Clabaugh I invite you to come and give our Scriptures for this afternoon.

**PGP Billy Clabaugh:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. The Scripture that I will read is Romans 2:11: "For God shows no partiality." 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."

**WGM:** Thank you, Brother Billy, for the reading of our Scriptures. God's Word is very near and dear to me and the Scripture reading is good to hear when we have our prayer and Scripture for the afternoon. Thank you. Okay at this time before we move on to other reports and continue with the legislation we have some people who are here with us today but could not be here yesterday, so we did not get to introduce them. So, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I invite you to, you can announce who they are Sister Grand Conductress, you can invite them to come in for introductions by category. Thank you.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce this Past Grand Patron of Another Grand Jurisdiction. Brother Carl Larsen, Past Grand Patron of Connecticut, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** Brother Carl, we're so happy to have you here today. You came to Texas then you went back home. But we are so happy to see you here at this Grand Chapter. God has revealed his kindness to us through you as you have opened your heart and let His love shine through. Your prayers for encouragement, your passion and grace left God's goodness with a smile on his face. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to address our Worthy Grand Patron from another Grand Jurisdiction.

**WGP:** My Brother, we really appreciate you being back here in Texas with us. I know that you missed us, but you had to go back to Connecticut but well, you're home again so thank you for coming back.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will be escorted to the East. (Applause) \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present this Past Grand Patron of Another Grand Jurisdiction. You will join me in saluting him with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given). Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will remain in the East. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present one of Texas' own Past Grand Matrons...and Past Grand Patron at the altar.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce this Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron and Brother Billy Clabaugh, Past Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** Sister Yvonne and Brother Billy, we're so glad that you could be with us today. Brother Billy, I would never forget you, I'm sorry I didn't say that. Faith goes up the stairs where love is made and looks out the window that hope has opened. I want to thank you for your service to our beautiful Order and I want to thank you very much for being here today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet these distinguished guests.

**WGP:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Yvonne and Brother Billy, you look very distinguished lined up there at the altar. And I look forward to joining you ranks in the very near future, within 24 hours. (Laughter) Thank you for your support, your service, your devotion and your love for the Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** They will be escorted to the East. (Applause) \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my pleasure to introduce Texas' own Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will return to their seats in the Chapter room. \* Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you can present the next person, I don't know what she is...

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing this Representative of Texas in another Grand Jurisdiction. Sister Donna Larsen, Grand Representative of Texas in Connecticut, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WGM:** Sister Donna, we're very glad that you could be here with your husband this week and we are very happy to see you. Moments spent listening, playing, talking and sharing together may be the most important times of all so, we hope you have a good time this week getting to visit with all your Texas friends. Thank you so much for being here today. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to... (Mic cut out) It's your turn. (Laughter)

**WGP:** Well, thank you for whatever you wanted me to do. As a Representative of your Grand Chapter, you have traveled many miles. We are honored to have you travel here and being with us in Irving. Welcome.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort her to the East. We want y'all to be well entertained. (Applause) \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers it is my pleasure to introduce this Grand Represent of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in saluting her with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will remain in the East. \* (Applause) Okay Sisters and Brothers, some issues have come up, so I want to try to answer those. First of all, there were questions about the Amendment that we said passed, didn't pass because it required a 2/3 vote and that is not true. Please refer to you Constitution, page 47, Article XIV, Section 1a, First Hearing. "The Amendment proposed must be presented at an Annual Session and after being heard, discussed and if so ordered, amended in writing and if it is then approved by a majority of the voters present, it shall be entered on record and printed in the proceedings as amended." We had a majority vote. It goes on to say in b. Second meeting, next Grand Chapter, next August "At the next Annual Session it shall be read in full and if so ordered and amended or added thereto, and then voted on by members and Chapters taken separately and if a majority of the members present and a majority of the Chapters represented vote in the favor, the Amendment shall be recorded as part of this Constitution and shall become effective from and after the adjournment of that Session at Grand Chapter." Now that is pretty clear to me. Does anyone have any questions? Sisters and Brothers, it's very disheartening when you hear that people are upset and yet they haven't raised their hand and asked the question that they don't understand. So, I'm going to ask you that in the future if you are confused about something, go to the microphone and ask a question. We have the people up here on the stage who will be able to answer your question. In addition, I've heard it's really noisy back there with the people coming in and out and with people talking. There are seats over here, plenty of them if you want to be closer. When those doors are secured for the next voting, all in and out goes out this door over here. This door right here is only going to be for Credentials, Registration, First Aid and somebody else who I can't think of right now. Oh, Information, Lost and Found. So, therefore, if it's a bother to you, we have plenty of seats up here that can be sat in. But, mostly I would ask you to please listen quietly and not talk and it would be a lot quieter and maybe you would hear what was going on. Now, moving on...I have also been told that TMRC is going to go home about 3:30. And tomorrow they may not be with us, well, part of them will be and part of them won't because some of them are tired and they need to rest. And I get that so as soon as I find my place, we are going to present the members of TMRC. So, if they would like to be getting themselves ready back there to be brought in then we will do that. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our members of TMRC in back of Esther's Station. (Applause)

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor and privilege to present as requested our wonderful, loving Sisters and Brothers who are members of TMRC.

**WGM:** My sweet Brothers and Sisters, you look so pretty back there, and Sisters and Brothers let's give them a big hand. They're so many of them. Thank you so much. (Applause) I have visited with you at TMRC many times and I love to come call Bingo for you. That's my favorite thing to do and it was so

much fun, and we had such a good time. And I am so happy to see all of you today. I want you to know that 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, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, I have enjoyed visiting with you during the several occasions we had, playing Bingo, although sometimes you all get a little vicious with Bingo, eating lunches with you, and several meetings in your Chapter. Sister Lou and I look forward to visiting with you again in the near future.

**WGM:** Now I'm going to let you decide. I would love to bring you to the East, do you want to come up here or would you rather not, it's your choice? Just shake your head...no? no? No. Then I'm going to ask the membership to stand \*\*\* and show these members how much we love them and those of you that come back tomorrow, we will be so glad to see you. But we are so happy that all of you were here today. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be returned to their place in the Grand Chapter room. Thank you. Help me thank my Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. (Applause) Thank you so much. Okay Sisters and Brothers, it's back to business. I recognize Brother Bill Wyatt, Chairman of the Finance 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'm sorry if you can't hear me, I'm about to lose my voice so, I'll try to do the best I can. I have enjoyed the last 3 years serving on this Committee. Sisters and Brothers, this report is going to lead into some of what Brother James Parker reported on in his Report #11 this morning. So, some stuff you are going to re-hear but we've worked together. Sisters and Brothers, in 2015-2016 Sister Jerre Lucas appointed myself and Brother James to a task to determine the amount of restricted funds and how these funds were restricted. In 2016-2017 Sister Sharon Mosmeyer reappointed us to this Committee to search and our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa for 2017-2018 for us to continue also. If you all will take a look at the insert in your "Advance Annual Report" you will find a copy of the report with the account names with reference of where to find each in the Code of Laws. This will be in the Auditors report from our CPA firm each year. Our CPA has approved the numbers and they are to be in his report. The Board has also reported and our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have reported these figures. Any changes going forward will be updated on an annual basis. Please note that the 501-C-8, the "Grand Chapter of Texas Endowment Fund", requires additional research to determine the amount of Grand Chapter restrictions and the amount of donor restrictions. I hope this task will continue to arrive at the restrictions amount of each one. I want to thank the Board of Directors, the Grand Secretary, Sister Ellen and the Grand Treasurer, Sister Greta for continuing to work with us this year. There were others that helped with research needed and I appreciate and thank each of you also. I want to thank Brother James Parker who has continued to work with me this year. We have continued to search records looking for trust documents, endowment documents and wills. We were able to collect a lot of

information to continue to assist with this process. We also have been able to obtain legal advice from a financial attorney concerning this matter at no cost to the Grand Chapter of Texas. I was able to make most of the Board meetings and I am glad to report that our figures match with JP Morgan, our investors and Ratliff and Associates, our CPA firm. I want to thank the members who served on the Financial Investment Committee for the last 3 years for their support and help. At this time, I would like to thank, those who served with me this year who was Larry Tucker, who was unable to be with us today, and Sister Cheryl Albrecht. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP:** Second.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion from the Financial Investments Committee to adopt their report. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. \*

**WGM:** Brother Bill, I want to thank you and your committee for your efforts in looking out for the investments of Grand Chapter. I know the membership of Grand Chapter appreciates all the hard work. Because this is the year that Brother Bill rotates off the committee, please help me thank him for a job done well. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to thank him?

**WGP:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you. Brother Bill, thank you for your work on this Committee. I'm sure they are going to miss you and your expertise.

**WGM:** Thank you. Thank you, Brother Bill. Okay, we are now going to return to our Amendments. Sister Betty Benham, I recognize you to read Amendment #3.

**Betty Benham:** Good afternoon. Our Amendment #1 went by so quickly let's try for a number 2. And as was stated, John Creel, our Chairman, stated to you this morning that we are presenting as the second Amendment, but it is really Amendment #3. And that is because the Constitutional Amendments should be together and the Code of Laws because Code of Laws are in place and if it is voted on then it becomes active at Grand Chapter. Under your Constitutional ones, which #1 was it has to wait for the second reading at next year's Grand Chapter. So that brings me to it's on page 61, I believe, in the Advanced Annual Report. And it is in proper form for consideration but as I said it will require a second vote at the 2018-2019 Session. And the rational is to be amended to read: PUBLICATION. The Official publication of the Grand Chapter shall be designated "Official Bulletin, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star," shall be published through the office of the Grand Secretary, and a printed copy be provided for each subordinate Chapter in Texas.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard Amendment 2, located on page 61 in the Advanced Annual Report. Is there any discussion? I recognize Sister Rosemary Berry.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. After presenting that Amendment, we now have an Amendment to the Amendment and we are very pleased. Do we read this back here? You all have a copy.

**WGM:** Yes, I have a copy.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Do you want us to read that to the membership?

**WGM:** Your Amendment? Yes, please.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Amendment to the Amendment. I invite Gerry Sturtz.

**WGM:** I recognize Sister Gerry Sturtz in the Northwest.

**Sister Gerry Sturtz:** My name is Gerry Sturtz, Past Matron from Sugarland Chapter #1107. I move for an Amendment that says: PUBLICATION: The Official Publication of the Grand Chapter shall be designated "Official Bulletin, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star" and shall be published through the office of the Grand Secretary and a printed copy be provided for each Subordinate Chapter requesting a printed copy."

**WGM:** Okay, is that it?

**Sister Gerry Sturtz:** That's it.

**WGM:** Okay, do you understand Sisters and Brothers what it is saying? A Chapter requests a printed copy then one would be printed from the Grand Secretary. Okay, any other discussion?

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Sister Alma Lynn Bane would like to speak for this please.

**WGM:** Okay, yes ma'am.

**ARWGS Alma Lynn Bane:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Alma Lynn Bane, Past Matron of McLennon Chapter #639 and Stephenville #801. I speak in favor of the original Amendment and the Amendment to it. Like many in this room, I thought when we voted to put the funds back into the budget that the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries would once again receive a complimentary copy for their Chapter. On page 61 in the Whereas' I draw your attention to #3, #4 and #5. They express the very important reasons for this Amendment. The lack of good communication has been the downfall to relationships, companies and organizations. The Grand Secretary is like the hub of a wagon wheel. With the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries forming the rim. The spokes are the line of communications and without it, the wheel will not turn. Our Subordinate Chapter Secretaries are hard-working, dedicated volunteers who give of their time and resources to fill their awesome responsibilities. Asking them to have a computer system, internet connection and printing resources is an additional expense. And it's not possible in some cases. It was stated that the electronic subscription had a revenue of over

\$500. This is a win/win situation. If you are currently subscribing for a printed copy and you have the ability to change to an electronic version, the revenue would help to offset the cost of a Subordinate Chapter copy if requested. Thank you Worthy, Grand Matron.

**WGM:** Thank you. Brother Darryl Albrecht, I recognize you in the Southwest.

**Brother Darryl Albrecht:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Darryl Albrecht, Past Patron of Crescent Chapter #820. And I understand what Alma is saying over there but Ladies and Gentlemen, we have been losing money on the Bulletin for years. The less copies that we print, the report that I gave you this morning, those numbers rise. We drop below \$200 on the Publications then we have to go on a first-class stamp. Every time postage goes up, our cost goes up. We spend over \$8,400 on the Secretary's database. This report, the Publication is available to all Secretaries on that database. There is no requirement that I am aware of that forces any member of the Chapter to print out the Publication. And I happen to know that just about everybody in this room has a cell phone, they get email, you can pull it up and read the parts that you need to read at your Chapter meeting. Nothing requires you to print it out. We as a Board are trying to save this Grand Chapter any funds. If we do, and I can't speak to the Amendment that y'all just put in because there's no way for us to put a cost on that because we don't know how many are going to ask for theirs and who's not. But if we give it to every Chapter Secretary a printed copy, it would cost us over \$12,000 a year to send them a copy. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** Thank you, Brother Darryl. I recognize, I can't see is that Joyce?

**PGM Joyce Nicklas:** Yes, it is.

**WGM:** I'm sorry, I can't see nothing. In the Northwest.

**PGM Joyce Nicklas:** I understand. I've been there. Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joyce Nicklas. I am Worthy Matron of Graham Chapter #668. I'm speaking in favor of this Amendment because we don't ask for much, but we are asked to give a lot. And we give and we give and we give and Worthy Grand Matron, you know, we support every Committee that our Worthy Grand Matron has and we're pleased to do that. We're 100% in Humanitarian, some are 500% but our members are going down. Some of our Secretaries have served for 25 years. They do not have a computer. They need that hard copy. We paid for a three-year subscription to the Bulletin and we're happy to do that. We've got it, but we want to get a little something back from Grand Chapter and that Bulletin would go a long way. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** Thank you. I recognize the lady in the Northwest.

**Sister Colleen Asaro:** Colleen Asaro, Past Matron, Canyon Lake Chapter #1103 in Canyon Lake, Texas. For the last two years I have purchased a hard copy for our Secretary to be able to thumb through find the pages and the information sheets she needs to read. I have also purchased copies for two of

our members who are homebound and that's their only OES communication. I personally, \$5.00 a month for something I really want, the OES Bulletin in hard copy, \$60.00 a year. I would be willing to do that for the two ladies that I am currently doing that for and my Chapter. My personal use, since I'm not an Officer, I am getting it on the computer. We recently opened it up for ads to people who sell things to us. Down the road maybe we wouldn't have to pay \$5.00 per copy. But I'm sure that doubling our price, instead of \$25.00 per year, make it \$50.00 that we would be able to cover the cost of printing and sending the Bulletin in hard copy to all who want it and free to our Chapters. I thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. Is there any further discussion? I recognize the gentleman in the Northwest.

**Brother Ken Larsen:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ken Larsen, Past Patron of Leander Chapter #73 and the current Secretary for our Chapter. While it is true that the electronic version is made available to the Secretaries through the database it should be pointed out that those copies are not archived by Grand Chapter currently on the Grand Secretary's database if you log in. You have access to this month and the previous month and in preparation for Grand Chapter this year, I found myself needing to go back and refer to a previous version that was not available. Secondly, we do have some members that have expressed that they have paid for a published version and have still not receive those in the mail. So, I stand in support of this motion as amended.

**WGM:** Thank you. Is there further discussion? Okay, then Sisters and Brothers, if there is no further discussion I declare the ballot closed. And we are now going to vote on the Amendment to the Amendment. Does everybody remember what it was? I know but do you remember? If you want it read again, please say yes. (Yes) Sister Rosemary, would you please, whoever read it. I think it was Gerry Sturtz if you could be just have somebody re-read that. What they are wanting to do, I'll tell you my, and they can tell me if I'm wrong, if a Secretary calls the Grand Secretary and requests a printed copy, they would go on the list to receive a printed copy. Otherwise, you would still continue to operate as you are operating now. Now do I understand that correctly?

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm going to read what they are amending rather than...

**WGM:** Okay.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** PUBLICATION: The Official Publication of the Grand Chapter shall be designated "Official Bulletin, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star" and shall be published through the office of the Grand Secretary and a printed copy be provided for each Subordinate Chapter requesting a printed copy."

**WGM:** Okay, now does everyone understand? Yes? No? You're good.

**(Male voice):** For personal clarification, this request is it by any Chapter member or is it just by the Secretary.

**WGM:** I believe it says, does it not Sister Rosemary, that the Secretary would be making the request? His question is, is it the Secretary or any member of the Chapter. I don't know.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Worthy Grand Matron, it doesn't say. I think the intention and the assumption is that the Secretary would request a printed copy for her Chapter. But it doesn't say that, dear one.

**WGM:** Are there any other questions? Well, I've already declared the ballot closed. Are there any more points of clarification before we vote? Okay we are going to vote on the Amendment to the Amendment. Please raise your orange cards for...If you are for it raise them high. Thank you. Cards down. Against same sign. The Amendment to the Amendment has passed. \* We will now vote by ballot on the Amendment as Amended. Now we are going to use Ballot "G" which is orange which is my color so, remember you are orange now. Okay, Sister Rosemary, they are asking me the part where you are changing if you wanted to put in another Amendment, so it would say not just Chapter but the Chapter Secretary. That's what they are asking me.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Surely, we can do that Worthy Grand Matron. It will take just a minute. Can we insert the word or what do we need to do?

**WGM:** You can insert the word.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Okay and Worthy Grand Matron, would it be possible for you to reconsider to allow this membership just to vote by ballot instead of a paper ballot. I feel like most of the members know how they want to vote, however, that's your call.

**Parliamentarian Janet Travers:** Sister Rosemary. We are going to need an Amendment from you that says that you would like to insert the word Secretary after the word Chapter and before the word receiving. That way it insures that the Chapter Secretary is the one receiving the printed copy.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Alright and may I come forward up there with you all to be sure this is done correctly?

**Parliamentarian Janet Travers:** Yes ma'am.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Thank you so much and I'll be right there but I'm older. It will take a minute. (Laughter)

**WGM:** Thank you. While you are on your way, Sister Grand Secretary.

**GS:** Worthy Grand Matron, as long as they are changing this could I...can you hear me?

**WGM:** No, you have to speak into it.

**GS:** Could we please add that they request that by a letter, in writing? I don't want to have to depend on a phone call. Or even an email? Thank you. Yes, from the Secretary. Thank you.

**WGM:** Okay, we are at this time, while they are fixing that, going to have another report and that will be the report of Grievance and Appeals and I recognize Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, Chairman of that Committee. And I also need Sherry Dieckmann up here to give her report on the Museum next.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Let my Committee get here. It will take just a moment. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all. This is the report of Grievances and Appeals Committee. I would like to introduce first those who served with me on this committee this year:

Brother Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr., Past Grand Patron, District 1

Sister Jayne Yenger, Past Grand Matron, District 3

And I am Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron, District 1

It is with pleasure that I give you the report for Grievances and Appeals Committee that no grievances or appeals were received by the committee this past year. Respectfully submitted: Jimmie Lee McMahon, Chairman; Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr; and Jayne Yenger. I move the adoption of this really short report. (Yea! And Applause) And our Worthy Grand Patron seconds it, Worthy Grand Matron. This is a Kodak moment.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion from the Grievances and Appeals Committee to adopt their report. Is there any discussion? Actually, it is a Committee and doesn't have to be seconded. All in Favor, raise your orange card. Cards down. Same sign if you are opposed. Motion carries. \* I have something to do that's fun and right now I need to have some fun. Would y'all like to have some fun? (Yes!) One minute, I'm going underneath. (Laughter) I would like for my Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress to please present the following people in back of Esther's station. Sister Sandra Zipp, Emily Biddler, and Wendy LaGrone. Wendy is back here, Sandra is coming back and there is Emily. Wendy you want to run back there with Emily? I love all of you. I'm just not good with names, never have been. But I can remember words to songs. And Grand Choir Director, after we do this I want to hear from the choir. You pick something nice, peppy and fun for when I call on you.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present as requested, Sister Emily Biddler, Sister Wendy LaGrone and Sister Sandra Zipp.

**WGM:** My Sisters, I have surprises for each one of you. These are for Grand Representative Commission and I want you to know how much I love each and every one of you. So, they are like Commissions and I'm going to read you just one. Whereas, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Blank, and the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star of Texas seeking to promote fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection be strengthened, the prosperity of the Order promoted, its unity, integrity and strength be protected and its utility and honor confirm by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforementioned Grand

Chapters to the other. Therefore, let it be known, that as evidence of our trust and confidence we by these present, do constitute and approve...you want to know the where? Okay, Sister Emily Biddler, North Carolina. Sister Wendy, where is my state? Give me the envelope, it's written on here. Wendy LaGrone, South Dakota. Now Sister Sandra, yours is in a different language and I couldn't read yours at all but to Italy. I am so proud of these ladies and if they're significant others are here and if they want to come pin them, otherwise we'll pin you. (Applause) But, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be escorted to the East. Sister Emily, I have known you and Mike for many years and never fail...I'm going to cry now...to do whatever I ask you to do. You were one of my Deputies when I was District Deputy and it is such a pleasure to present you with this Grand Representative. Brother Mike I'm going to let you pin it on her. And this state likes her, they sent her a nice thick envelope. Okay, I'm going to have to do it apparently, they're having problems. Would you like to say something?

**Sister Emily Biddler:** I'm utterly speechless. I had no idea about this at all. And this is something that is so appropriate because we have a second home in North Carolina. And we were planning on going to their Grand Chapter next year anyway so, this is just perfect. And I love Melissa for thinking of me to do this. (Applause)

**WGM:** Sister Wendy, it is my pleasure to do this for you. And you are a pleasure to know and I'm appreciative of the pictures that you take but I know it is time for you to do something else by representing the state of Texas. So, it is my honor to present you, what did she do with your pin? Oh, Sister Jayne is going to pin it on her. It was missing in action. Would you like to say something?

**Sister Wendy LaGrone:** I don't know what to say. Thank you, that says it all. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Okay, Sister Sandra, I'm looking this way. You and Ron are very special friends to Richard and me and it is such a pleasure to give you this Grand Representative. Just please promise me you'll go.

**Sister Sandra Zipp:** I'm going! (Laughter) But you're going with me.

**WGM:** Okay, I'll go with you. (Applause)

**Sister Sandra Zipp:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. It's such an honor for you to bestow upon me. I feel like I don't deserve it. But, I'm very happy and Ron's going to be elated because we were wanting to plan a trip to Italy in the near future because he really wants to go to the Vatican, so this will be great. And we are going to enjoy it. Thank you.

**WGM:** You're welcome. (Applause) \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, will you please join me in saluting these new Grand Representatives with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (Applause) \* Okay, Brother Jerry, what would you



like to sing for us? Oh, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, thank you so much. You may return to your stations. (Laughter and Applause) Now we can hear from our Grand Choir.

**“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”**

**Grand Choir**

(Applause)

**“Sing the Wondrous Story”**

**Grand Choir**

(Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you Grand Choir Director. Would you please invite Credentials, Registration and First Aid and the Lost and Found to come in? I want them to hear what we are going to read to them before we have any more discussion. While we are waiting for you to collect all of those people, I would like to call on...and the Assistant Grand Sentinels that are outside need to come in, close the door behind them then no one else can come in. No one can leave. If you ladies are wanting to leave, you’re not going anywhere right now, sorry. Because this is on the floor. So, would the...the Assistant Grand Sentinels need to come in and close the door, shut the door and stand there so no one can open the door and we’re in the process of getting the others. When everybody is back there you need to wave at me. If you want to leave, you can leave. But after you leave you may not come back in until these ballots have been taken and we have re-opened the doors. So, it’s your decision. Sister Rosemary, I recognize you. I’m going to have you read that now that y’all work that once they are all inside. Is that okay?

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Yes, ma’am.

**WGM:** Thank you. Is everybody in back there? Who are you waiting on? Is she in First Aid or out and about? Yea! Now Sister Rosemary everyone will listen. We are voting on Amendment #2. It’s been amended once. It passed, and we are going to amend it again so, please listen. You are going to be in here for a little bit. I hope you brought your orange ballots. Close the door. The door cannot be opened, I’m sorry. Now Sister Rosemary.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I first want to thank Sister Janet Travers, the Parliamentarian and our Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell. They helped me word this. This is an Amendment to Amendment #3. PUBLICATION: The Official Publication of the Grand Chapter shall be designated “Official Bulletin, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star” and shall be published through the office of the Grand Secretary and a printed copy be provided for each Subordinate Chapter Secretary requesting a printed copy by letter, under Chapter seal.”

**WGM:** Are there any questions back there? Do you understand? Any questions raise your hand and come to a microphone. Okay, and I’m going to do this \* and we will proceed to vote on the Amendment to the Amendment as what was read to you. Everyone in favor raise your orange card. Cards down. Everyone opposed, orange card. The motion carried. \* Now don’t leave. Now we have the

Amended Amendment and we are going to vote on that. So, everyone in favor of the Amendment, please raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* This Amendment having been passed will be voted on a second time at the Grand Chapter in 2019. Thank you very much. And you can open the doors not. Okay, Sister Betty. Okay, my bad, is there any discussion on the original Amendment as Amended? We have beat this sucker to death but any discussion. I recognize the gentleman in the Southwest.

**Brother Stewart Shaw:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Stewart Shaw, Past Patron of Adah Chapter #49. Looking at the Amended Amendment, it begins with a lot of Whereas and seems to bring up the value of this Bulletin. It seems to be an important document. Towards the end, it seems to imply to me that it's an important document, but the members of a Chapter don't need to have it. Why I say that is a Chapter has 18 Officers. If you want to meet and actually transact business you're going to have 7. Out of that 7, one of them has to be the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron or Associate Matron or Associate Patron. So, at your meeting you have 7 members of your Chapter. So, the Bulletin is not important to them? So, this important document that they don't have, it's not important to them? You say it is important to you. Which is it?

**WGM:** Is there any further discussion? This is on the Amendment as Amended. Any further discussion? I recognize the Northwest, Brother Richard.

**PGP Richard Ochs:** Yes, ma'am. I'll be really faster than I usually talk. (Laughter) It's comments on the Service Dogs in this Amendment #4 that he was talking about, correct?

**WGM:** No, we're talking...we're still on Amendment #3.

**PGP Richard Ochs:** Thank you.

**WGM:** You're welcome.

**PGP Richard Ochs:** I'm confused as usual, but I didn't understand what was going on. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. That was on Amendment #3. Okay, because...we're going to vote one more time. This is on Amendment #3 as Amended to say what has been read to you several times. All those in favor, raise your orange cards. Cards down. Those opposed same sign. The motion carries. \* And we will vote for the second time at Grand Chapter in 2019. Now Sister Betty Benham. Betty Benham, now you can go to Amendment #2.

**PGM Betty Benham:** Which is actually #3. Okay Sisters and Brothers. This is being presented as Amendment #3. ARTICLE 60, page 67, in the Code of Laws, and I think on page 60 of your Advanced Report. And the rationale of this is under Article 60. Correspondence. "a. She shall, under the direction

of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, or the Grand Chapter, conduct all correspondence of the Grand Chapter.” And this is what is the change and we’ll come back to that exception a little bit later. “With the exception of printed copies of the Official Bulletin, she shall issue, under such direction, all circulars, memorials, invitations, programs, and notices of special meetings intended for distribution and shall mail a copy of such to each Subordinate Chapter, Grand Officer, Board Member, Past Grand Matron, and Past Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction. b) NO CHANGE. c) She shall make available to each subordinate Chapter Secretary, via the Chapter Secretary Interface, an electronic copy of the Official Bulletin along with the items that need to be read in Open Chapter.” With the exception is what they inserted that what will be done which means the electronic copy that the Secretaries would receive in the Chapter.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard Amendment 2 which is now 3, it’s actually a Code of Laws located on page 60. Is there any discussion? Yes, ma’am, Sister Rosemary.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** I need a little guidance here, but I think this Amendment should be defeated because we just in the Constitution voted to allow the Chapter Secretaries to receive a printed copy if they requested it. Am I misunderstanding, or can this Amendment be defeated, wiped out, not needed?

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Patron, could you preside a minute and I’ll speak a second. I think that what could be taken out of it Sister Rosemary is the part that says “With the exception of printed copies of the Official Bulletin” because the Grand Secretary would still, am I right Grand Secretary, put on the Grand database for those who are using it, the Bulletin. If I am understanding right. Is that correct? She says I’m correct. So, we would need to, somebody, that one needs to be amended to strike the part that says, “With the exception of printed copies of the Official Bulletin.”

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Does that need to be in writing?

**WGM:** It probably does. Yes ma’am. (Laughter)

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** Okay, we’re to say...what are we to say?

**WGM:** Grand Secretary, help me if I’m wrong. But, what I understood was for the part in a) that really what was changed was to say, all this other stuff we mail anyway. Circulars, Memorials, Invitations and Programs, they just really added “With the exception of printed copies of the Official Bulletin”. Now, Board help me a little if I’m wrong. Then in c. they put that part about “Make available to each Subordinate Chapter Secretary, via the Chapter Secretary Interface...” It’s going on the Interface anyway, it’s not going to stop going there, for the Chapters to use that. So, I didn’t write this but that’s what I see. Grand Secretary is there any place in the Constitution or the Code of Laws that refers to that, your Bulletin will be on the database?

**GS Ellen Pickrell:** Worthy Grand Matron, there is not. There is nothing in the Constitution about the database.

**WGM:** So, I'm just telling you what I understand. But again, I'm not sure. Who wrote this? Who was it written by? Okay, Brother Bob, I recognize you. Would you like to speak?

**Brother Bob Royall:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm still Bob Royall, Worthy Patron of Cleveland Chapter #465. This was written back in mid-May. I was not aware of the Constitutional Amendment being presented by Sister Rosemary and this was an attempt by the Board of Directors working with the Grand Secretary to go paperless. That's the reason it says "With the exception of" that of the Bulletin. We did want to add c. which is right now the Grand Secretary willingly puts the electronic Bulletin on the Secretaries Interface. But we wanted to make sure that that became "Law", if you will. So, if this needs to be amended, I'll visit with the Board and I would be willing to go back and write up an Amendment that would take out those first few words.

**WGM:** Okay, is there any other discussion or is that alright with everybody that they'll go work on this and we will move on to another one. Everybody that is for that, please raise your orange card. All opposed same sign. Motion carries, and we'll come back to this one. Thank you, Sister Betty.

**PGM Betty Benham:** Worthy Grand Matron do you want us to proceed with the next one or do you have something...

**WGM:** Yes.

**PGM Betty Benham:** It is my very happy pleasure to present Brother Trey Smith who will present #4.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Thank you Sister Betty, I think. Sisters and Brothers, we've gone from alcohol this morning to the dogs this afternoon. (Laughter) I will be presenting Amendment #4. This is on page 62 in the Advanced Annual Report. This is regarding Page 56: Code of Laws Division IV, Chapter 4, Article 17. Appointment Committees. This Amendment is in proper form for your vote. It will add a new Subsection as follows: ARTICLE 17, w. Service Dogs Committee. It shall be composed of six or more members, one from each District as a District Chairman and a General Chairman with as many members as necessary for a term of one (1) year. Members may be reappointed. Worthy Grand Matron. The Committee finds this in proper form to be voted upon.

**WGM:** Is there any discussion? Yea, Sisters and Brothers, you have heard Amendment #4 located on page 62 in the Advanced Annual Report. All in favor, please...oh, I'm sorry. Okay Richard.

**PGP Richard Ochs:** I was trying to sit clown. I'll be reading fast because my comments...I am Richard Ochs, Worthy Patron of Kingsland Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. I personally, very strongly support the Amendment as proposed in the Amendments #4 and #6 especially since the Texas Grand Chapter is diminished substantially compared to 35 years ago. Many ladies,

approximately 80 were in our Home and I as a Trustee elected at that time for about a five-year term and we have now combined everything. Now we only have 8 ladies at TMRC that we pay daily care for, yet I strongly believe that we the Grand Chapter of Texas should fully support the Service Dog Project of the General Grand Chapter who provides our copywrited Ritual. Also, I believe we, the Order of the Eastern Star, THE Order of the Eastern Star, should be using our correct copywrited name of our Organization per the Ritual and in all future documents to avoid any argument, agreements and/or written understandings in referring to the Service Dogs Projects and/or fundraisers to avoid confusion with other organizations that use similar verbiage having different organizations not associated with General Grand Chapter we are a part of. I desire not to discuss those that I am aware of that use the name Eastern Star, Order of Eastern Star and OES that are not a part of our Grand Chapter. I would like to refer you to the recent edition of our Rituals Table of Contents under Constitutional provisions, sub-headed in the later part of the Ritual, as General Regulations, Rituals of the Past Adopted in 1931 with the sub-heading "Title: This organization shall be known as "The (with a capital T) Order of the Eastern Star". And thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. I recognize Sister Jimmie Lee McMahan in the Northwest.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron in this Amendment to the Code of Laws we are only referring to what happened at the other meeting at General Grand Chapter. We are not adding to our Constitution or taking away from our Constitution in the description of the Amendment. The Amendment actually starts at "Add new Subsection as follows:" the description is of the or an a was left out, it still does not change the meaning or the purpose of the Amendment. The Service Dog Committee is the reason we wanted to add this because it is a visible, viable, advertisable, mentionable, wonderful program for The Order of the Eastern Star to be involved in and Texas is number 1 in anything they ever do for The Order of the Eastern Star. Service Dogs will help not only veterans, it can be used in any classification. The reason we only put the Amendment to say Service Dogs, then it would be the Worthy Grand Matron's choice of where she wants to designate the money to go to. We are trying to promote Eastern Star with our little friend on the stage to remind us that Henry's here and we want to help. If we left a "the" out, we apologize. But the "the" will not be changed in our Constitution. Only Article 17 w. Thank you Sisters and Brothers and I promote this Amendment.

**WGM:** Thank you. Is there any further discussion? I recognize Sister Jerre Lucas in the Northwest.

**PGM Jerre Lucas:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Jerre Lucas, Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. I call for the question.

**WGM:** Okay, Sisters and Brothers you have heard that we call for the question. All those in favor raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed, like sign. Motion carries. \* Now we must vote on, you've heard Amendment #4 located on page 62 of the Advanced Annual Report. All in favor of Amendment #4 raise your orange cards. Okay, cards down. All opposed. Motion carries. \* You may continue to Amendment #5.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Amendment 5 is on page 63 of your Advanced Annual Report. This concerns PAGE 107: CODE OF LAWS, DIVISION VI, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 152-G, this is the Educational Fund Committee. If Article 152-G is passed, it becomes law at the end of this Grand Chapter Session. It is in proper form for consideration. Article 152-G, the Educational Fund Committee shall perform the following, to wit: (be amended to read):

b. This fund shall be good for the purpose of awarding funds for education to members of the Order in good standing in a Texas Chapter in the form of scholarships and to spouses, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, great-nieces, great-nephews or orphans who are/were in good standing in a Texas Chapter, so that said members or their spouses, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, great-nieces, great-nephews, and orphans shall acquire additional education after receiving a High School Diploma as accredited by the State of Texas. Only one scholarship will be given to any one person for any one year.

1. (no change); c. (no change); d. (no change); d 1. (no change); d 2. (no change); d 3: **(which now reads)** The scholarship shall be given (unless designated otherwise by a trust fund or last will and testament) only to members, spouses, children, grandchildren, and orphans of members whose legal residence is/was in Texas. **(be amended to read)**

3. The scholarship shall be given (unless designated otherwise by a trust fund or last will and testament) only to members, spouses, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, great-nieces, great-nephews and orphans of members whose legal residence is/was in Texas.

4. (no change); 5. (no change); 6: (no change); 7: (no change); 8. (no change); e. (no change); f. (no change). Worthy Grand Matron this Amendment is in proper form and is ready to be voted on by this body.

**WGM:** If this passes it will become effective at this end of this Grand Chapter. Is there any discussion? I recognize the lady in the Northwest.

**Sister Alys Newsom:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Alys Newsom, I'm a Past Matron of Richardson Chapter #921 and of Garland Chapter #156. I would like to speak for this Amendment. We are an aging group. We are past or many of us are past, our grandchildren, our children and/or grandchildren are going into college or graduating from high school. We are in the midst of great-grandchildren, great-nieces, great-nephews who wish to pursue further education. This would allow them to be eligible. It also gives effect to the many, many, many schools and/or home-schooled children, private school, home-schooled children who are not currently eligible. I personally have two nieces who are in private school, not by their choice but by the choice of their parents. One just recently graduated and is not eligible to even apply for a scholarship. This was not her choice, but her parents' choice and we would like to reach out to our younger generation. We have Rainbow, we have DeMolay, we have many organizations that we can promote The Order of the Eastern Star if we would just reach.

**WGM:** I recognize the lady in the Southwest.

**Sister Beverly Luce:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Beverly Luce. I'm the Worthy Matron at Adah Chapter #49. I really just have a point of clarification and want to ask the Sisters and Brothers sitting in this room. We just passed an

Amendment that says we're going to do Service Dogs and yesterday I saw a donation given to Disabled Vets. I am a Disabled Veteran. I have served in two branches of the military but with military our children travel and just as the last Sister said, her nieces I believe it was, didn't have a choice. Just as my Army brats did not have a choice where I came. And so, for me when I see, a high school diploma as accredited by the state of Texas, I then am concerned. Are we really helping our military and our Veterans and the children of those that are members here if we have the state of Texas, whereas if it were just an accredited high school. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. I recognize the lady in the Northwest.

**Sister Leah West:** My name is Leah West, Past Matron, Linden Chapter #576 and I'm just kind of confused about something. In the original Article 152-G, and orphans of Eastern Star members who are/were in good standing in a Texas Chapter. The Amendment says orphans who are/were in good standing in a Texas Chapter. So, are we saying that it's the orphan that's in good standing or are we saying their parent is in good standing?

**WGM:** Sister Alys, did you write this? Could you answer her question?

**Sister Alys Newsom:** Worthy Grand Matron, those words were inadvertently left out and I can get that amended if I need to. It's probably going to be tomorrow.

**WGM:** Well, if we are going to vote on it, it probably need to be done to say the right thing. Can you do that for me.

**Sister Alys Newsom:** I can get that done.

**WGM:** Thank you so much. Okay, Sisters and Brothers, we're going to stop the discussion on this right now while Sister Alys makes the corrections and then we will resume when she has the proper corrections made. So, Brother Trey, you can move on to the next one that you have.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Thank you ma'am. Okay, Amendment #6 which is on page 65 in the Advanced Annual Report. Page 115: Code of Laws, Chapter 10, Article 152, this is regarding a Standing Committee of Grand Chapter. If Article 152 is passed it becomes Law at the end of this Grand Chapter Session. Add new Subsection as follows: Article 152, w. Service Dogs Committee. It shall be composed of six or more members, one from each District as a District Chairman and a General Chairman, with as many members as necessary for a term of one (1) year. Members may be reappointed. Members to be knowledgeable, informative, and well-spoken regarding service dogs. Service Dogs Committee, under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, shall promote and encourage support of the widespread recognition of our primary and permanent identifying charity. The General Chairman of this committee shall give an annual report at the Grand Chapter Session. It is in proper form, Worthy Grand Matron and waits for the vote of this body.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, if this passes it will become effective at the completion of this Grand Chapter Session. Is there any discussion? I recognize Brother Richard Ochs in the Northwest.

**PGP Richard Ochs:** I am Richard Ochs and as stated previously I very, very strongly support the intent of the program. As I said previously that I won't repeat, as initially stated I do strongly support but no matter what is done in this Grand Chapter I will continue to support Service Dogs for various ones. As a previous Contract Administrator, I have been involved in disputes where a contract or a memorandum of understanding was not signed and also, I have been reprimanded, chastised, commented about, lied to and lied about in various places. As a result of the various disputes of others being about to use Eastern Star, Order of the Eastern Star and there are several. Our copywrited name is very important to avoid any disputes. And I have experienced some of them. Thank you very kindly and as I voted before on #4, I will vote for this because it's important thing to continue to do service projects as The Order of the Easter Star that we are a part of. Thank you very kindly.

**WGM:** Thank you Brother Richard. I recognize the lady in the Northwest.

**Sister Linda Crawford:** My name is Linda Crawford. Harlandale Chapter #750. Basically, I agree with the Amendment, the only thing that concerns me is the statement here that "members be knowledgeable, informative and well-spoken regarding Service Dogs." Is this an indication that before someone could be considered for the Committee, they must in some way be able to demonstrate that they are knowledgeable, informative and know a lot about Service Dogs or is there maybe going to be some training provided for the Committee?

**WGM:** Sister Jimmie Lee McMahan, where are you? Oh, behind me. Can you answer her question?

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan:** My name is Jimmie Lee McMahan, I got corrected a while ago and I belong to Duncanville Chapter #1014 and a Past Matron and I belong to Midlothian #234. I wrote this Amendment, I believe in this Amendment and I believe that the membership of Texas is intelligent, they're smart, they're loving and if they are appointed to the Service Dog Committee, I feel sure that they will research the Committee that they are working on. I feel that the Worthy Grand Matron will give them instructions as to which charity she has chosen as the viable charity to receive the money. Because there are several charities in Texas that train animals for service work. And I feel sure that they will have gotten all their research done before they bring it to Purposes and Policies and they will send that information out to their Chairmen, their General Chairmen's who will inform the membership of their intent for where the money is going, where the money will be earned and it will be going only to that particular training center.

**Sister Linda Crawford:** Thank you. So, what you are saying then is they are not going to need to go through special training before being considered for the Committee.



**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** No, there will not be any training for the members on the Committee. They will be given instructions as to where the money is going and that will be their knowledge of what they need to know.

**Sister Linda Crawford:** Thank you very much.

**WGM:** Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Okey, Dokey. We will proceed to vote on this Amendment. All those in favor, raise your orange cards. Cards down. Those opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* I guess, have they fixed that one for you, otherwise it's the next person's turn.

**PGP Trey Smith:** Wonderful. (Laughter) And it is with much, much pride that I invite Sister Vi Griffin to present the next Amendment. Thank you. (Laughter)

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you Brother Trey. Sisters and Brothers, we are ready to consider Amendment #7 which is found on page 66 in your Advanced Annual Report. It deals with Division V; Chapter 13; Article 159, of our Code of Laws. Revenues. Your Jurisprudence Committee has ruled that this Amendment is not in proper form to be considered by this Grand Chapter. It is in conflict with Article 166. Article 170a of our Constitution, our Code of Laws, excuse me, deals with the filing and timeframe for our Amendments. Article 170b deals with the method of the Amendment. And I will read to you "Each Amendment shall be on a separate sheet of paper and shall include the following; the rationale for its submission, the law, legal code or form as it presently reads and the quotation of the Law, Legal Code or form as it will read if so amended and shall be signed by two members". Sisters and Brothers, we cannot change another Law in our Code of Laws simply by making a note at the bottom of an Amendment.

**WGM:** Thank you. You may continue with Amendment #8.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you. So now we are ready to move on to Amendment 8 which is found on page 65 in the Advanced Annual Report. It deals with DIVISION V; CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 163, THE GENERAL FUND (6). I'm sorry, John's 8 looks like a 5. Page 68 or your Advanced Annual Report. Your pen skipped. ARTICLE 163 (6) Twenty-five percent of all money raised by this Grand Chapter from the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds to the General Fund for administrative expense. This twenty-five percent shall not apply to the following funds: the Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund – 501(c)(8), Endowed Membership Trust Fund, ESTARL Fund, Educational Funds, Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund Sub-Account, and the Eastern Star Home of Texas Trust Fund - 501(c)(3) and if this is passed to be added to those exceptions, **or to a fund raising program used by the Worthy Grand Matron for the express purpose of reducing costs for members to attend the Grand Chapter Session.** This is in proper form and ready for your consideration.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, if this passes it will become effective at the completion of this Grand Chapter. Is there any discussion?

**WGM:** Hearing none, Sisters and Brothers, Amendment 8 is located on page 68 in the Advanced Annual Report. All in favor, raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Sister Vi, you can continue to Amendment #9.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Thank you. We are ready to go to Amendment #9 is found on page 69 in the Advanced Annual Report. It deals with Division V, Chapter 13, Article 165-A, Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund Sub-Account. If it is passed, it becomes Law at the end of this Grand Chapter Session. The rationale is that the Board of Directors would like to use some of the dividends earned on the Grand Chapter sub-account to help support the financial requirements of the General Fund. It would add the words, "and dividends" to the current Law. It is in proper form and ready for your consideration. Will you turn the Worthy Grand Matron on? (Laughter)

**WGM:** I knew what you meant but they need to get their mind out of the gutter. Okay...moving right along. (Laughter) Is there any discussion about this Amendment? Hearing none, Sisters and Brothers, Amendment #9 is located on page 69 in the Advanced Annual Report, all of you in favor, please raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \*

**PGM Vi Griffin:** It is my pleasure to invite Brother George Gwaltney to present Amendment #10.

**PGP George Gwaltney:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Along the same thing, Amendment #10 deals with the same type of issue. It is located on page 70, in the Advanced Annual Report. Page 124, CODE OF LAWS, Division V; Chapter 13, Article 165 c. Grand Chapter Endowment Fund – Interest. If this Amendment passes it will become Law at the completion of this Grand Chapter Session. Worthy Grand Matron, we find this in proper form and it is to be amended to read: c. O.E.S. Grand Chapter Endowment Trust Fund - **Interest and Dividends**. That is in four different places and that is the substance of this Amendment. Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** As he told you, if this is passed it will become effective at the completion of this Grand Chapter. Is there any discussion? Okay, moving on, Sisters and Brothers, Amendment #10 is located on page 70, in the Advanced Annual Report. All in favor, raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* You may continue to #11.

**PGP George Gwaltney:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Amendment 11 is on page 71 in the Advanced Annual Report and deals with pages 127-128, CODE OF LAWS, Division IV, Chapter 14, Article 172, a & b. Other Forms of Entertainment Prohibited. This Amendment would delete Article 176 in its entirety. It deletes: a. Wrestling or boxing matches cannot be held in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star, as the dignity of the Order cannot be maintained thereby. (Decision 1947)

b. For other forms of entertainment and other matters prohibited in the name of the Eastern Star, see Article 271, Governing Subordinate Chapters. This Amendment is in proper form and is ready for consideration, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the reading of the Amendment. If this vote passes it will become effective at the completion of this Grand Chapter. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Hearing none we will proceed to vote on Amendment #11 located on page 71 in the Advanced Annual Report. All in favor, raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed like sign. Motion carries. \* Continue to Amendment #12.

**PGP George Gwaltney:** Moving right along, Amendment 12 is located on page 72 in the Annual Advanced Report and deals with Pages 136 – 137, CODE OF LAWS, Division V; Chapter 1, Article 187. **Arrest of Charter**  
Be amended to read: Article 187: A Charter may be arrested by the Worthy Grand Matron with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron, for willful violation of the laws of Grand Chapter, for failing to hold a Stated Meeting at **least once every three (3) months** or for failure to pay Grand Chapter Dues for two years. In order for the arrest to be final, there must first, be the approval by Grand Chapter of her action. The Committee finds this Amendment in proper form for consideration, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** If this vote passes this will become effective at the completion of this Grand Chapter. Is there any discussion? I recognize the lady in the South-west.

**PGM Joyce Nicklas:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Matron of Graham Chapter #668. I need some clarification because there's a lot of Chapters in Texas, some of those members drive a hundred miles to a meeting and sometimes the weather doesn't permit them to get there. Even in our neck of the woods, if we have bad weather, we may not have a quorum for that meeting. We'll have six there and we can't have a meeting. And then the next month we had a freak sleet storm. Nobody showed up. What do we do if we miss three, are we completely out? Just clarify that.

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Patron, you're in charge. I'll try to clarify it, right now it's six months. We had Chapters who hadn't met in that length of time during my year. I would hope that whoever is holding this job, it would be at their discretion. You can't control the weather. But, if they just didn't have enough people and they went and there was no reason why they couldn't go and couldn't have a meeting for three months. That's what we are trying to say. Isn't that long enough? I don't know, it's your vote. But that's what we were looking at. But, it would be at the discretion of whoever was your Worthy Grand Matron, not just to run in and take it because if we had three months of bad weather, none of us might have gone anywhere depending on where we live. But, right now if it's six months, in our opinion that was too long. We have a Chapter right now that meets once every five months because they have to. In order for them to go in and do something, not because the weather is bad, not because somebody was sick, and they couldn't be there, and they couldn't get a quorum, they meet once every five months because they can. That's what we were trying to do is get the six months reduced.

**PGM Joyce Nicklas:** Okay, I understand Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you. But, the Worthy Grand Matron who is serving that year, she's going to take all

of that into consideration. So, she can use her own prerogative as to how to handle it.

**WGM:** That's correct. Is there any further discussion? I recognize the gentleman in the Northwest.

**PGM Joyce Nicklas:** Worthy Grand Matron, I just want to know, will you state that in this Amendment? Under discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron?

**WGM:** We can do that and just not vote on it until we get it added in.

**PGM Joyce Nicklas:** Okay, thank you.

**WGM:** Yes sir.

**Brother John Irvin:** I'm John Irvin. I'm Worthy Patron of Gun Barrell City Chapter #1114. And it's a minor point, being an English Nazi, in the final sentence of the Amendment the commas need to be stricken as they are not necessary.

**WGM:** The comments, read me exactly what you think needs to be stricken.

**Brother John Irvin:** The commas. They are not necessary.

**WGM:** Oh, okay. Thank you. I recognize the lady in the Northwest.

**Sister Terri Reynolds:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Terri Reynolds, Past Matron of Alamo Heights Chapter #734 in San Antonio. I would just like to point out that it very clearly says "may be" so that indicates that the discretion is already there.

**WGM:** It also say "with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron" so she's not doing it on her own.

**Sister Terri Reynolds:** Yes ma'am. Thank you.

**WGM:** Is there any further discussion? In order to keep from people being confused because I know things are subject to interpretation, we'll look at this with Brother George and come back to it about adding those words. So, we will now proceed to Amendment #13.

**Brother George Gwaltney:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, it is my distinct pleasure to then turn it over to Brother John Creel, the Chairman of the Committee.

**WGM:** Okay wait a minute Brother John. I have to vote to postpone #12. All those in favor of us postponing it raise your cards. Cards down. All those opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* One more moment. Go back to Amendment #5 on the Education where we are having them change that also. Do

you have it changed Sister Alys and all the copies turned in? Do these people up here have them? (Not yet) Okay, #13. If she doesn't get it up here I'll do the vote to postpone it. Go.

**PGP John Creel:** Worthy Grand Matron, Amendment 13 presented by John Creel, myself, located on page of 73 in your Advance Annual report. Page 148, CODE OF LAWS, Division V, Chapter 4, Article 204, Affiliation, (d) Plural Membership (8) Procedure For Making Plural Chapter The Parent Chapter. If this Amendment passes it will be amended to read: (d) (8) Plural members may designate their Parent Chapter by completing and submitting the Designation of Parent Chapter form along with a \$10.00 fee to the Grand Chapter of Texas. The Grand Chapter will change the name of the Parent Chapter designation in the Membership Database and send notifications to all Chapters involved. Worthy Grand Matron, the Committee has found this in proper order and we invite the vote.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, Amendment 13 is located on page of 73 in the Advance Annual report. Is there any discussion? Yes ma'am.

**Sister Christina Christopher:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Christina Christopher, Past Matron of Alamo Heights #724. I just need some clarification because I moved her from out of state. My Parent Chapter is in Washington, but I've been told that here I have to have a Parent Chapter in Texas.

**WGM:** No, I don't think so. Sister Grand Secretary? You do not have to have a Parent Chapter in Texas. Is there any other discussion? Then we will proceed to vote on Amendment #13 located on page 73 of your Advanced Annual Report. All in favor, raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Brother John, you can continue to Amendment #14.

**PGP John Creel:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Amendment 14 has been received by the Jurisprudence Committee and found not in proper order. Therefore, there will be no vote on this. It is by Article 228 and should have been written to amend to cover Article 223 and it was not.

**WGM:** Thank you Brother John. Is Amendment #5 now do you have copies of? Do you have it? Okay. Brother Trey. Okay, Sister Alys. Would you now like to read to us what you changed? So, this will be an Amendment to the Amendment.

**Sister Alys Newsom:** That is correct, Worthy Grand Matron and thank you. The wording will state instead of what is in the Advanced Report, it will state "This fund shall be for the purpose of awarding funds for education to members of the Order in good standing in a Texas Chapter in the form of scholarships to spouses, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, great-nieces, great-nephews or orphans (we are adding these four words) **of Eastern Star members** who are/were in good standing in a Texas Chapter, so that said members or their spouses, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and orphans may acquire additional education after receiving a High School Diploma. Only one scholarship will be given to any one person for any one year."

**WGM:** Thank you. Is there any more discussion before we vote on this? I recognize Sister Tonya Smith. Wilson. I must have known a Tonya Smith at some time. I'm changing your last name.

**Sister Tonya Wilson:** I'm Tonya Wilson and I'm a Past Matron of Silsbee Chapter #298. Where it says "accredited by the standards by the state of Texas" this does not have to be a public school. As long as they are accredited with a diploma or the requirements that the state of Texas gives, it can be a home-schooled student, it can be from any private school or any public school. So, where it states accredited by the state...

**WGM:** It states, "accredited by the state of Texas".

**Sister Tonya Wilson:** Yes, as long as it follows their guidelines whether it's home-schooled, public school or private school they would qualify because that is an accredited diploma.

**WGM:** I recognize...does anybody else want to talk about this? If you do, walk to the microphone. I recognize the lady in the Southwest.

**Sister Rachel Rowland:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Rachel Rowland, Past Matron of Crowley Chapter #1125. I'm just wondering why this is being extended to great-grandchildren, great-nieces and great-nephews. If we would concentrate in getting our children, our nieces and nephews then wouldn't this Article apply as it's written? Thank you.

**WGM:** Sister Alys, would you like to address that question?

**Sister Alys Newsom:** I apologize Worthy Grand Matron, but other people were speaking with me, so I did not hear.

**WGM:** Which is what we do Sisters and Brothers. I love you all but please, please don't have private side conversations when we're trying to talk about something and we have to go back and repeat it. It wastes my time and yours. She asked the question of why we have to go all the way to great-grandchildren, great-nieces, great-nephews and if we concentrated on what we have, would we not have enough. I know you had explained once will you please explain that to us again.

**Sister Alys Newsom:** Our organization is aging. At this moment, my grandchildren, I'm 63, I don't mind saying it, I'm 63 and my grandchildren are 19, 20 and 21. My 21 year-old is soon to be married or my understanding is. (Laughter) But we do have members that have great-grandchildren already that are in high school or above. We have members who have great-nieces and great-nephews who their grandparents were not members and they need the assistance. I have one member in Garland Chapter that her brother passed away and she's trying to sponsor her great-niece. We have to address these. Number 1, it's for the good of our Order. Number 2, it's for the public. It's for our younger generation to come in. We've got to be able to bring the younger generation in or we are going to die.

**WGM:** I recognize Paul in the Southwest.

**Brother Paul Garner:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Paul Garner and I'm a Past Patron from Spring Chapter #1105. It's just clarification. I'm neither for or against. I want to clarify that when she re-read the Amendment to the Amendment, she said in the last two sentences "great-nephews or orphans may acquire additional education after receiving a High School Diploma." She stopped there and then went on to the next sentence. Are you striking the words "as accredited by the state of Texas"? That's how you read it.

**Sister Alys Newsom:** We are striking that because...

**Brother Paul Garner:** Thank you for the clarification.

**WGM:** Is there further discussion? Melanie is that you? I recognize you.

**Sister Melanie Rayner:** Yes ma'am. I'm Melanie Rayner, Past Matron of Cedar Bayou #11. I am a bit disturbed that we are taking out the word "accredited". I am an educator and I know that there are children who are home-schooled. A properly schooled home-schooler, and I know this because my God-Children were home-schooled. A home-schooled child does receive accreditation by the state of Texas if it is...I forgot what it's called, they are getting their curriculum from a church or some other group that is being met by the state of Texas. And a home-schooled child that is properly home-schooled is going to have accreditation. And I feel that it is very important that that child receives an accredited High School Diploma because most colleges in the state of Texas will not have a child as part of their campus if it is not an accredited high school.

**WGM:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, I know we have more discussion on this and so...Okay, I recognize...did you wish to speak in the Northwest?

**Sister Shirley Brown:** I'm Shirley Brown. I'm from Springtown, Texas, Chapter #498. It is my understanding that we are not debating an accredited diploma. It "of Texas" but I think she took Texas out so that people who are in the military and that their children have from another state a high school diploma could ask for this help. Am I correct?

**WGM:** I'm not sure. Sister Alys you need to answer that question.

**Sister Shirley Brown:** I mean to me they just want Texas but that doesn't take care of our military families.

**WGM:** I understand. I just need to know her intent, she wrote this.

**Sister Alys Newsom:** Worthy Grand Matron, that is correct. It is to assist those people who are traveling for their jobs who are members of a Texas Chapter for their children and/or grandchildren to be eligible to apply for a Grand Chapter of Texas scholarship.

**WGM:** I recognize the lady in the Southwest.

**Sister Jean Graham:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Jean Graham from Corsicana #118, currently serving as Worthy Matron. I'm speaking for myself at

this time. Due to the fact that the term “as accredited by the state of Texas” was taken out, I have a problem with the word diploma. Many of you may realize that there are equivalencies to diplomas. And they are as good or better than many diplomas in today’s world. Having been a military family member, I also want to let you know that I attended 15 different schools in 12 different jurisdictions during my growing up years and so I appreciate the fact that they are wanting to add something that covers kids who have been in lots of different places, lots of different schools. Including the home-schooling much of which they are advertising now days, is good public education. It’s just formatted for at home students. And I think that should be adjusted, amended to include the high school diploma equivalent to accreditation in the state of Texas for wording.

**WGM:** I recognize the lady in the Northwest.

**Sister Pricilla Locke:** I’m Pricilla Locke, Past Matron of Glen Rose Chapter #171 and I was a home educator. In order to get accepted in college, you have to pass your SAT and if you have done your job as a home-schooling mom, your children can pass that test and there’s nothing wrong with being home-schooled and it is accredited.

**WGM:** I recognize the gentleman in the Southwest.

**Brother Rex Kessel:** Rex Kessel, Past Patron, Killeen #490. It was said up here that we are dying because we can’t get our great-grandchildren into Eastern Star. We are dying because we are not getting our children and our grandchildren into Eastern Star. Instead of opening it up to be for so many people, why don’t we get the parents, get those grandparents, those uncles and aunts to join Eastern Star. If so many people can benefit by this by extending it to great-grandchildren, great-nieces and great-nephews, at what point does it become a benefit? It’s now open to the public. With membership comes benefits. If we open it up to everybody, it’s not a benefit. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. I recognize Sherry Dieckmann in the Southwest.

**Sister Sherry Dieckmann:** My name is Sherry Dieckmann and I’m a Past Matron of Houston Ransford #135. I am an educator myself and I do know that anybody can go online and get a certificate if they want saying that they graduated from any school they want. I have worked with accreditation of schools. I’m a former Principal and I do know that we do need to be accredited. Texas does recognize the military accreditation and by taking that out we are opening ourselves to kids that can just go print it right off of the computer and say, “I have a diploma”. We need to put the accredited back in there, that is not prohibiting our military children from getting a scholarship.

**WGM:** I recognize the gentleman in the Southwest.

**Brother Rich Hancock:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I’m Rich Hancock, a Past Patron of Marlin #286, Bellmead #980 and a Past Patron and current Patron of McLennon #639. I’m opposed to the whole thing. The



problem is, I don't think we have enough money to give out scholarships that are well deserved already. Now, we open this up and every time you have to turn down a scholarship you hurt somebody's feelings. Especially if you have been a member for 40 years and it's your great-niece, well you've been 40 years, your great-niece deserves it. But we don't have funds to donate to this bunch of the scholarship. And I think we would just be turning down some many more scholarships and causing more hard feelings because they had to be turned down because we don't have the funds for it. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** Thank you. I recognize the lady in the Northwest.

**Sister Liz Cherry:** My name is Liz Cherry. I am a current and Past Matron of Lonnie L. Blake Chapter #1116. I call for the question.

**WGM:** And which question are you calling for? (Laughter) For us to vote, for us to postpone or...

**Sister Liz Cherry:** Let's vote. Worthy Grand Matron, as written.

**WGM:** Thank you. Okay, you've heard the question has been called for. So, first we're going to vote on the previous question. All those in favor raise your orange card. Okay, what I'm telling you is we are voting on stopping debate so you understand. Put your cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Now we are going to vote on the Amendment to the Amendment. Do you understand? Yes? No? Okay, all in favor of the Amendment to the Amendment, raise your orange cards. All opposed. Motion is defeated. \* Now I'm going to ask you to vote one more time on the original Amendment. All those in favor please raise your orange cards. All those opposed. Motion is defeated. \* Okay, I need you to be quiet and listen up very carefully. Is Bob Royall in here? Have you turned in your paperwork? So, who has it? Grand Secretary has the paperwork. And this is on Amendment #3. Okay, this is Amendment #3 and we wanted them to take out the part that talked about them sending the Bulletin that they tried to put that in there. And now all it is adding is c. which reads "She shall make available to each Subordinate Chapter Secretary, via the Chapter Secretary Interface, an electronic copy of the Official Bulletin along with the items that need to be Read in Open Chapter". That's putting that in there for the Chapters who just want to continue to get it on the database. You've already passed the other Amendment which allows them to write to the Grand Secretary, Secretary to Secretary for them to get the paper copy. Do you understand what we are voting on? I really don't see good so say yes or no. Alright, all those in favor of this Amendment to the Amendment. I'll let Betty read that. Read the Amendment Betty.

**PGM Betty Benham:** Well, I'd like to if I had one. (Laughter) Alright...read all of this or just what we...

**WGM:** I would you could go back and just read what it...originally what we took out was "with the exception of printed copies of the Official Bulletin" where it says "she shall under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron or the Grand Chapter conduct all correspondence of the Grand Chapter with the exception of printed copies of the Official Bulletin" they took out "with the exception of the printed copies of the Official Bulletin". So now there is no change to a. All they are doing is adding c.

**PGM Betty Benham:** And c. states "She shall make available to each Subordinate Chapter Secretary, via the Chapter Secretary Interface, an electronic copy of the Official Bulletin along with the items that need to be Read in Open Chapter."

**WGM:** So now Sisters and Brothers, we are going to vote on what she just read to you, the Amendment to the Amendment. All those in favor raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed like sign. Motion carries. \* Now we are going to vote on the Amendment. All those in favor raise your right hand, your right hand...raise your card with your right hand. (Laughter) Cards down. All those opposed like sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Hold on a minute. Okay, first let me thank these people who patiently sat at these tables. We will thank them, and we will take up more business tomorrow and they will return to their tables tomorrow for our actual elections. But help me thank them for being here and helping us get through this afternoon. (Applause) Now, what we are going to do because I need to let my Humanitarian Chairman and my Fraternal Correspondent do their Drills. We are going to close this Grand Chapter. Not close it but call it from Labor to Rest. So, Brother Grand Warder, before he does this, if you people have tickets to Rob Morris, if you will just stay with us a minute we'll be finished, and you can actually get out the door. You must have your ticket in your hand if you want to eat. No ticket, no food. We have a huge crowd, so you must have your ticket. Your ticket will be taken from you at the food line and you can't go back through the food line other than you can get something extra to drink but you don't get to eat more than once. So, please be sure you bring your tickets to Rob Morris. Okay. Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in calling "The Future of Hope" Session from Labor to Rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

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

**WGM:** Brother Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas, will now lead us in our Benediction. \*\*\*

**PGP Jerry Martin:** Please take the hand of those that are near you and let's bow our head and talk to God. Almighty and glorious Heavenly Father, through whom all things are possible. Gracious God, we know that You are omnipresent, and therefore have been, and will be with us throughout this 136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session. We ask Your guidance as we continue to work through the business and social activities of this Grand Chapter and see that we conduct ourselves in a manner that would be in accordance with your laws, especially that of love one another. Gracious God, we thank you for all the blessings you bestow upon us, and most of all, we thank you for that most excellent gift of grace given to us by the death of your son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen (Amen)

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

### Closing of the Bible

**WGM:** I now call the “The Future of Hope” from LABOR to REST until 8:00 AM on tomorrow morning. \* Brother Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**WGM:** I now recognize, Officers you may be seated, \* Sister Cathi Cannon, Fraternal Correspondent, for her Grand Representatives’ Presentation and Report. Will the Arrangements people please move the tables? We need to have them out of here for the Drill. If you are marching in the Grand Representative Drill and carrying a flag would you please go to the back and that would include all of the Deputy Grand Matrons and you will be used where you are needed. But if you have a flag, please go back there by your flag. I really wish y’all would stay and watch this it is really pretty, and we don’t go to Rob Morris until 7:00. Arrangements, the altar is left but the chairs all need to be moved so, you may move to the sides Star Points. Chris Puckett if you are here will you please come to the East. Pedestals, chairs, everything but the altar.

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Good afternoon! Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected board Members, and all my sisters and brothers.

What a pleasure it has been to be Fraternal Correspondent this year and get to interact with all the Grand Representatives of Texas, making acquaintance with friends I hadn't met yet and old friends I hadn't seen in a while. About half of the commissions are available for the WGM to award each year as the 2- or 3-year commissions expire. There aren't very many qualifications for the job – one is to love the order and work for your chapter and the other is a good knowledge of the alphabet. That last one saves some time during introductions.

There is an old hymn entitled "In Christ There is No East or West" which to me sums up the relationship with not only our Eastern Star sisters and brothers in general, but the Grand Representatives in particular "In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth." Wherever you go throughout your commission, you have the opportunity to find more people to love and appreciate. Whatever differences there are in customs, language, or dress give you a chance to learn something new, and understand more about a culture.

The state of Texas has connections to about 60 other states, provinces and countries through the Grand Representative program. It is my honor to recognize the Grand Representatives who are here to present the flags of their commissions.

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| Alabama           | The Yellowhammer State              | Lela Hunn         | N/A                       |
| Alberta –         | Wild Rose Country (TX of the North) |                   |                           |
| Arizona           | The Grand Canyon State              | Janet Kramer      |                           |
| Arkansas          | The Natural State                   | Donna Caddenhead  | Pat Woodall               |
| Australia 6/30/18 | Land Down Under                     | Pete Araiza       | Cindy Araiza              |
| Bolivia           | Tibet of the Americas               | Vickie Matthews   | John Turner               |
| BC & Yukon        | B/C Splendour w/o dimishment        | Richard Hudman    | Escort                    |
|                   | Yukon Land of the Midnight Sun      |                   |                           |
| California        | The Golden State                    | Becky Dunn        | William Dyer              |
| Colorado          | Centennial State                    | Mary Brunet       | N/A                       |
| Connecticut       | Constitution State                  | Jim Leftwich      | Donna Larson, GR TX in CT |
| Delaware          | The First State                     |                   |                           |
| D. of Columbia    |                                     | Diane Flanagan    | Herman Flanagan           |
| Florida           | Sunshine State                      | Melba Jean Hanna  | N/A                       |
| Georgia           | Peach State                         | Patricia Price    | Escort                    |
| Idaho             | Gem State                           | Ms. Lynne Huckaby |                           |
| Illinois 1/31/17  | Prairie State                       |                   |                           |
| Indiana           | Hoosier State                       | Pat Bruce         | Rick Delaney              |
| Iowa              | Hawkeye State                       | Beverly Baumann   | Julius Baumann            |
| Italy 6/30/18     | Bel Paese (Beautiful Land)          | Terry Littlepage  | Monette Littlepage        |
| Kansas            | Sunflower State                     | Susan Smith       | Doris Kammeer             |
| Kentucky          | Bluegrass State                     | Debra Rice        | Claude Ervin              |
| Louisiana         | Pelican State                       | Elizabeth Grayson | Mike Biddler              |
| Maine             | Pine Tree State                     | Gary Mosmeyer     | Sharon Mosmeyer PGM       |
| Manitoba          | Glorious & Free                     | Diane Davidson    | Jerre Lucas PGM           |

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| Maryland          | Old Line State                                      | Barbara Grosvenor   |                      |
| Massachusetts     | Bay State                                           |                     |                      |
| Michigan          | Great Lakes State                                   | Marcia Olson        | Jim Olson            |
| Minnesota         | North Star State                                    |                     |                      |
| Mississippi       | Magnolia State                                      | Jane Hudson         | N/A                  |
| Missouri          | Show Me State                                       | Linda Hugo          | Helen Lecount        |
| Montana           | Treasure State (Big Sky)                            | Randy Martin        | Susan Martin         |
| Nebraska          | Cornhusker State                                    | Larry Pettit        | Pat Pettit           |
| Nevada            | Silver State                                        | Jack York           | Alma York            |
| New Brunswick     | The Picture Province                                | Sam Cooper          | Debra Blake          |
| New Hampshire     | Granite State                                       | Mae Bruce           | at her Grand Chapter |
| New Jersey        | Garden State                                        |                     |                      |
| New Mexico        | Land of Enchantment                                 | Margie Lowery       | C-Wanda Brown        |
| New York          | Empire State                                        | Yvonne Wunsche      | N/A                  |
| North Carolina    | Tar Heel State                                      |                     |                      |
| North Dakota      | Peace Garden State                                  | Barbara Gant        |                      |
| Nova Scotia & PEI | NS-Land of Evangeline<br>PEI-The Garden of the Gulf | Jewel Horne         | Bill Hileman         |
| Ohio              | Buckeye State                                       | Nadine Wilson       |                      |
| Oklahoma          | Sooner State                                        | Nancy Reynolds      |                      |
| Ontario           | The Heartland Province                              | Jerre Miller        | Trey Smith PGP       |
| Oregon            | Beaver State                                        | Catrina Christopher |                      |
| Pennsylvania      | Keystone State                                      | James Turner        |                      |
| Puerto Rico       | Island of Enchantment                               | Sharon Cobb         |                      |
| Quebec            | La Belle Province                                   | Glenda Murphy       | Tom Murphy PGP       |
| Rhode Island      | The Ocean State                                     | Marilyn McDonald    | Escort               |
| Sao Paulo, Brazil | Land of Palms                                       | Brenda McDaniel     | Nelson Campbell PGP  |
| Saskatchewan      | Land of the Living Skies                            | Mary Brown Watkins  |                      |
| Scotland          | The Bonnie Land                                     | Paul Garner         | Regina Garner        |
| South Carolina    | Palmetto State                                      | Sammy Peach         | Patty Peach          |
| South Dakota      | Mt. Rushmore State                                  | Cladette Allen      | Garvid Wilson        |
| Tennessee         | Volunteer State                                     | Martha Isbell       | James Walker         |
| Utah              | Beehive State                                       | Janet Gilbert       | Larry Gilbert        |
| Vermont           | Green Mountain State                                | Donna Kay Perkins   |                      |
| Virginia          | Old Dominion State                                  | JoAnne Barrett      |                      |
| Washington        | Evergreen State                                     | Jimmie Raybon       |                      |
| West Virginia     | Mountain State                                      | Sylvia Chafin       | Escort               |
| Wisconsin         | Badger State                                        | Gene Cannon         | Sally Dresch         |
| Wyoming           | Equality or Cowboy State                            | Carolyn Garon       | Herb Garon           |

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for participating in our drill and creating that beautiful cross. Also thanks to the deputies and others who have acted as escorts for these Grand Representatives.

And back to the hymn "In Christ there is no East or West", there is also a verse that says

"Join hands then brothers of the faith whatever your race may be; who serves my Father as a son is surely kin to me." I am so thankful for this organization that has given me this most incredible extended family and this remarkable fellowship of love.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much.

Cathi Cannon  
Fraternal Correspondent

**WGM:** Thank you, Sister Cathi, for that drill and report. What a sight it is to see the flags of all the Grand Jurisdictions. I cannot tell you how grateful I am to have you for a friend and for taking this position. I want you to know that I love you and your husband, Gene. We will adopt your report during tomorrow when we are open. I now recognize Sister Elinor Humphreys, Humanitarian General Chairman, for the Humanitarian Drill and Report.

**Sister Elinor Humphreys:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Grand Marshal we will now have our Humanitarian Drill 2017-2018. Would all of our Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons behind your respective Districts. Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pride that I present the 2017-2018 Humanitarian Drill "Grace is Sufficient". Would all of our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons please come in.

**(Humanitarian Drill)**

Sisters and Brothers, thank you very, very much. Worthy Grand Matron I wanted you to see a big star in honor of you and hope that you look out and see all of these lovely folks that are your Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. Thank you all very very much.

**WGM:** I want to thank you for your service to your Chapters and thank you so much for staying to do this Drill. It is beautiful, and I can tell what it is. And I wish we could take a picture from up above but thank you, thank you, thank you so much for staying with us to do this.

**WGM:** Thank you, Sister Elinor, for that wonderful report and thank you to the membership for your generous donations. Thank you to each of the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons; Junior Past Matrons and Patrons for that drill. Your kindness will always be with me and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Now, please join us tonight for the ROB MORRIS "Schmoozing and Cruising" Banquet that starts in exactly 45 minutes. We'll see you either up there or tomorrow morning. Thank you.

**(End of Friday Session)**

**“On the Wings of Faith, Hope and  
Love”**

**Saturday Session**

**Convention Center Las Colinas  
Irving, Texas**

**August 18, 2018, 8:00 a.m.**

**136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter of Texas Session**  
**“On the Wings of Faith, Hope and Love”**  
**Saturday Session**  
**Convention Center Las Colinas, Irving, Texas**  
**August 18, 2018, 8:00 a.m.**

**7:30 AM Music Prelude**

**Mrs. Joyce Gilbert**  
**Necrology, GGC, and PGM**  
**Dr. Daniel Caldwell**  
**Grand Organist**

**8:00 AM Grand Organist**

**8:00 AM Call to Order**

**Mrs. Jayne Yenger**  
**Ambassador to Germany, GGC, and PGM**  
**Mr. Trey Smith**  
**ESTARL, GGC, and PGP**

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** \* Good Morning. On this “Wings of Faith, Hope, and Love” Session of this Grand Chapter, let us remember that this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for extending us the privilege of opening this Session of our Grand Chapter. Brother Trey, it doesn’t seem that long ago that we stood in this place. Has it really been four years? May we have the Faith that we will conduct our business efficiently, hope to convey to the membership our love and support. And we thank you for allowing us this time together. Brother Trey, would you please bring greetings at this time?

**PGP Trey Smith:** Thank you Sister Jayne, the time has flown by for sure. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Rick, thank you for this privilege of assisting my Worthy Grand Matron in opening this Saturday morning Session. I will never forget the feeling of this morning four years ago. I was nervous, anxious and very excited. On this morning many lives will change. It was only four years ago I got to declare you, Worthy Grand Matron, the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter and I know your life changed forever. I can’t imagine what Rick was doing that morning! It was really only a guess. It was also a morning of mixed emotions for me as our time was coming to an end. May both of you enjoy the day, mixed emotions and all as your term of service is winding down. Enjoy it and may you both look back with fondness of your memories of these past years. God Bless you both and keep you always!

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** 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 “Melody of Love” drill.

**“Melody of Love” Drill**  
(Applause)

Under the direction of Brother William “Bill” Wyatt, we will now have the precision drill to set up the Chapter.

**Precision Drill**  
(Applause)



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...in a minute. You will 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 East. (Applause) \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with Grand honors. (Grand Honors given) Worthy Grand Matron, it is now my honor to present you with your gavel.

**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 have enjoyed our friendship over many, many years. I know you both have contributed much and are devoted to the Order of the Eastern Star. Sister Jayne, just your great smile, sense of humor, and overall attitude is contagious. I really wish we could all be like you. Brother Trey, thank you seems so little to say for all you have done for me. Know that I love you, and your wife Lesa, and your continued support. To you both, you will always be in my heart. Thank you so much for your continued friendship and for opening this Session of Texas Grand Chapter. Sister Joyce, thank you for the music this morning. Your way with music has added much to our meeting today. WGP would you like to thank these?

**WGP:** Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Jayne and Brother Trey, it has been a pleasure getting to know both of you better. Sister Jayne, I can't look at a penguin without thinking about your fun night in San Antonio. We still have those costumes and if you need I bet we can still come do that program. Maybe for Brother Trey's birthday or something. Brother Trey, I have always admired how you approached being Worthy Grand Patron. Your sense of humor and the way the membership looked up to you are still legendary. You are my role model. Thank you both very much for agreeing to open this Session of our Grand Chapter. Thank you, Sister Joyce, thank you very much for the beautiful music.

**WGM:** Brother Grand Warder.

**GW:** 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 "On the Wings of Faith, Hope, and Love" Chapter Session from REST to LABOR and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**G 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.

**G Sentinel:** There will be no interruption, Brother Grand Warder.

**G Warder:** The doors are secure and there will be no interruption, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** It is well, Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of our Order.

**(Proving the Chapter)**

**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 Nelson Campbell, PGP of Texas.

**PGP Nelson Campbell:** Dear God, Our Heavenly Father, we pause this morning thanking you for Your Love and many Blessings. We thank you, Lord, for our Fraternity and the fellowship we enjoy with our Sisters and Brothers. As we begin this morning Session, we ask for thy guidance in all that we say and do, that our actions may be pleasing in Thy sight. Give us courage and wisdom to make the best decisions for our Order. We ask a special blessing on the leaders of our nation, as well as our Order. Give them strength and courage to endure whatever adversity they may face. Protect our sons and daughters on foreign shores and in harms' way as they defend the principles of freedom and democracy. Comfort their families while they are away and return them to us safely. Touch those who are in pain and sorrow with Thy healing powers. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus, Amen. \* (Amen)

**WGM:** To Begin our Day, Sister Joyce Nicklas, PGM, will read our scriptures.

**PGM Joyce Nicklas:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the pleasure and an honor. These are the scriptures for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron: **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." **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." **Proverbs 15:13** "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart, the spirit is broken."

**WGM:** Thank you Sister, Joyce, for our beautiful Scripture reading this morning. Sisters and Brothers, to avoid delays later, I would ask for any chairmen giving reports to be seated in the East. The ones that we still have and the others we didn't get to yesterday. They are listed in your Session program. Also, closer to 10:00 a.m., those who will be nominated for an office and the person nominating them, need to come and sit in the East.

**WGP:** Worthy Grand Matron, can I go off script just a second?

**WGM:** Go right ahead.

**WGP:** First you are probably wondering why I'm wearing these gloves. It's because Brother Burley told me in the back that if I wore these gloves, the

membership would clap for us and you heard all the clapping they gave us when we walked in. So, obviously Brother Burley was correct. So, I'll take them off right now and Brother Jim Leftwich you can claim your gloves at the Secretary's desk. Also, if you don't mind. Do you mind if I get into something just a little more comfortable for the rest of the day? Would you mind? Thank you.

**WGM:** You knew he couldn't resist. It's his last opportunity. (wow! Oohs and aahs over his outrageous flashy jacket)

**WGP:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, you may continue now. (Laughter)

**WGM:** Thank you. Yesterday We had the Fraternal Correspondent report and drill. I now call on Sister Cathi Cannon to come forward, so we can adopt her report. She's coming.

**Cathi Cannon:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of the report of the Fraternal Correspondent which was given yesterday.

**WGP:** I second that.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the Fraternal Correspondent report. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Sister Cathi and don't go away. You know how much I love you and I thank you for your hard work and I know it wasn't easy this year. The membership enjoyed reading about the trips that the Grand Representatives made during the year. I know this has been a difficult year for both of us, but I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I invite Sister Elinor Humphreys to bring her final report.

**Sister Elinor Humphreys:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, my beloved Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you so much for your confidence in me, and the opportunity to serve in this capacity for our beautiful Order. Thank you for these five lovely ladies, who have shown GRACE under fire, and their work for the Order. I had the pleasure of getting to know three teachers, a title abstractor, and a flight attendant. We learned new skills, correct titles, and flew high, all at the same time. Thank you, ladies, for making this a special year for our Order and me. We will hear from our five District Chairmen, who will report their District's contributions. A supplemental report will be made to the Grand Chapter Secretary for any additional donations received for the 2017-2018 year. I will now introduce the five District Chairmen who will report their District contributions:  
Sisters Treaca Huston, District 1;  
Chris Puckett, District 2;  
Sherry Thompson, District 3;  
Regina Garner, District 4; and  
Susan Neuenschwander, District 5.

**Sister Treaca Huston:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Star Bright Patron. Thank you so much Worthy Grand Matron for giving us this honor

to be a part of this great Order. As serving as Humanitarian Chairman for District 1. It's been so rewarding to see everyone, and old acquaintances become new acquaintances. And it has been fantastic.

Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Patron, it has been an honor and privilege to serve our Order as Humanitarian Chairman for District One. Thank you for this important appointment. It has been so rewarding renewing friendships and making new ones. With the arrival of Hurricane Harvey in August and our other components, the generosity of our membership in District One truly gave aid to their Sisters and Brothers in their misfortune. It was a great year to be filled with "GRACE!". Thank you all for the courtesies shown to me during our District One Schools. Our Deputies, words are inadequate to describe this outstanding group of ladies. My pages were more than helpful in every possible way. A special thank you to all the secretaries, who were always kind and helpful. They are the core of our organization. Thank you, Sister Elinor Humphreys, for your patience, guidance, and answering our questions in a timely manner.

I am proud to report the percentages of the Chapters in District One:

|    |                  |                                                  |
|----|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 30 | Chapters at 100% |                                                  |
| 25 | Chapters at 200% |                                                  |
| 9  | Chapters at 300% |                                                  |
| 3  | Chapters at 400% |                                                  |
| 3  | Chapters at 500% | Nash #320, Henderson #597, and Duncanville #1014 |
| 1  | Chapter at 504%  | Lonnie L. Blake #1116                            |
| 2  | Chapters at 517% | Cuddo Mills #82 and Loyal #648                   |
| 1  | Chapter at 545%  | Omaha #997                                       |
| 1  | Chapter at 576%  | Leah Elliott #1119                               |
| 1  | Chapter at 609%  | Boyd #897                                        |
| 1  | Chapter at 643%  | Mabank #921                                      |
| 1  | Chapter at 800%  | Princeton #1126                                  |
| 1  | Chapter at 3085% | Beckville #273                                   |

Our "GRACE" Donation totals are:

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| G - General Fund             | \$2,263.60  |
| R - Religion - ESTABL        | \$1,629.60  |
| A - Aid (benevolent aid)     | \$3,663.52  |
| C - Care for our Ladies      | \$751.60    |
| E - Education (scholarships) | \$2,635.10  |
| Harvey Relief                | \$3,771.55  |
| Total                        | \$14,714.97 |

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Chris Puckett, District 2 Chairman.

Respectively Submitted,

Treaca Huston

## Sister Chris Puckett:

Thank you – Treaca  
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron –

I would like to thank you for this appointment. Serving this year as the Humanitarian Chairman for District Two has been such a joy! I have been Graced with a chance to spend more time with my Sisters and Brothers and so amazed by their continuous generosity and love. This has been a wonderful position of service and I am so pleased to have been in this place at this time.

Members of District Two - Thank you for all your support of the Grace of Giving Humanitarian Program. Your loving generosity and willingness to help others was such a blessing. I loved the time spent in your company enjoying our friendships.

Thank you to Elinor, our fearless leader. You were always there to remind me or answer questions. Yours is a huge responsibility, and you have handled it with such grace.

I am pleased to report the percentages gained by our District Two chapters in their contributions this year. We had :

7 chapters at 100%

2 chapters at 200%

4 chapters at 300%

1 chapter at 400%

2 chapters at 500% being Norman Read 1010 and Queen Esther 833

1 chapter at 600% being Midland 253

And 1 chapter at 1000% being Seminole #855 Unfortunately this chapter with only a few members with very big hearts has had to demise, but still need to be recognized for all they did.

The overall average for District Two is 294% per chapter.

The District Two totals for the GRACE Humanitarian Program for 2017-2018 are:

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| G – General Fund             | \$545.20   |
| R – Religion – ESTARL        | \$959.20   |
| A – Aid (benevolent aid)     | \$521.20   |
| C – Care for our Ladies      | \$342.70   |
| E – Education (scholarships) | \$1,856.70 |
| This gives us a donation of  | \$4,225.00 |

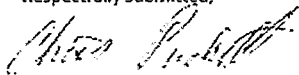
In addition to the regular Humanitarian Program, because of the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey, our Worthy Grand Matron put in place an additional area for giving. The chapters in District Two donated \$742.00 to the Hurricane Harvey Fund.

The 1677 members in our small but generous District Two gave total donations of \$4,967.00 for the 2017-2018 Grace of Giving Humanitarian Program.

District Two, your generosity this past year, was inspirational. I loved bringing the Worthy Grand Matron's program to you. It was certainly my pleasure to have been able to work for you.

Sisters and Brothers – it is my pleasure to introduce, Sister Sherry Thompson, Humanitarian Chairman for District Three.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Puckett  
Humanitarian Chairman District 2

## Sister Sherry Thompson:

2017-2018

District Three

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for allowing me to serve Grand Chapter as Humanitarian Chairman for District 3. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with our General Chairman, Elinor Humphreys, and the wonderful membership of District 3. By the Grace of God, we have been able to support the programs for this year and have gone one step further by overwhelmingly giving aid to those in the path of Hurricane Harvey.

All 58 Chapters of District 3 participated in this year's program and their percentages are as follows:

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| 33 Chapters | 100%  |
| 8 Chapters  | 200%  |
| 5 Chapters  | 300%  |
| 4 Chapters  | 400%  |
| 2 Chapters  | 500%  |
| 1 Chapter   | 600%  |
| 1 Chapter   | 700%  |
| 1 Chapter   | 900%  |
| 2 Chapters  | 1000% |

and

1 Chapter was 2000% - Taylor Chapter #578

Our totals for the "GRACE" Humanitarian Program for 2017-2018 are:

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| G General Fund | \$1,610.50 |
| R ESTABL.      | \$1,748.34 |

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| A Benevolent Aid   | \$1,448.33  |
| C TMRC             | \$ 552.00   |
| E Education        | \$1,908.83  |
| Harvey Relief Fund | \$5,122.25  |
| TOTAL              | \$12,390.25 |

District 3, it was truly your generosity that has made this year a success and allowed me the chance to work for you.

Respectively Submitted,

Sherry Thompson

Humanitarian Chairman

District 3

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to introduce. Sister Regina Garner, Humanitarian Chairman, District 4.

## Sister Regina Garner:

### District 4--2017-2018 Humanitarian Report

Thank you, Sister Sherry

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron-I would like to thank you for this appointment. It is an appointment that was a lot of work, but it was rewarding to see the generosity by our Chapters and Members who gave to the Humanitarian Fund. I enjoyed getting to know the Worthy Matrons and Patrons, Secretaries and Treasurers of each District 4 Chapter. I also enjoyed every District 4 School and the Deputies in each section were talented, thoughtful and were excited to serve their sections. Thank you, ladies, for the meals, the room, the love gifts and the Certificates of Appreciation- it created memories I will never forget. What can a person say about Elinor Humphreys-you were so patient and kind, you had our backs, gave us advice, answered our questions-you have the kindest heart-and also had the hardest job of taking 5 reports each month -getting totals, making corrections-and you never complained-I love and treasure your friendship and the word Thank you does not seem enough.

I am pleased to report the percentages of the Chapters for District 4:

100%-49 Chapters

200%- 17 Chapters

300%-7 Chapters

400%-7 Chapters

500%-3 Chapters

800-1 Chapter

1000%-1 Chapter (West Columbia)

1100% 1 Chapter (Spring)

Our Grace Donation totals are:

General Fund-\$1,240.25

Estari-\$3,724.09

Benevolence Aid-\$3,346.21

Harvey Relief-\$4,363.26

Care For The Ladies-\$1,907.33

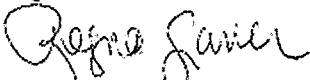
Education-\$2,744.33

Total-\$ 17,325.47

Thank you again Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and District 4 for your generosity.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Susan Neuenschwander -H. C. from District 5

Regina Garner-Humanitarian Chairman, District 4





**Sister Susan Neuenschwander:**

It has been my great privilege and honor to serve as the Humanitarian Chairman for District 5 this year. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me this opportunity to serve this wonderful Order. I am continually reminded just how great our membership is and how unselfishly the members of District 5 responded to every component of this year's Humanitarian Program. It was impressive to see the generosity and involvement from the Chapters affected by Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath. Every Chapter in District 5 has demonstrated their faithfulness to the Obligation of the Order and their concern for others through their contributions.

Thank you, Sister Elinor, for all your assistance, guidance and patience with me. You were a wonderful General Chairman and I appreciate you helping at every step of this journey.

I am pleased to present the District 5 Humanitarian Report.

Number of Chapters in District- 50 with 3625 Members

Number of Chapters Participating 48

100% Chapters- 23

200% Chapters- 8

300% Chapters- 2

400% Chapters- 2

500% Chapters- 6

600% Chapters -1

700% Chapters- 1

800% Chapters- 1

1000% Chapters-3( Austin #304,Amistad #1115 and Waelder #1023)

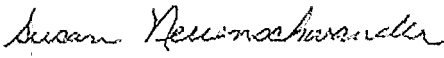
1100% Chapters-1 (Floresville #271)

Contributions by District Five were:

- G-General Fund- \$1306.55
- R-ESTARL Fund- \$1661.05
- A-Benevolent Aid-\$2065.80
- C- Care for our Ladies-\$393.55
- E-Education Fund-\$1757.05
- Harvey Relief- \$3064.00

For a TOTAL contribution for the 2017-2018 GRACE Humanitarian Program for District Five- \$10248.00.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Neuenschwander  
Humanitarian Chairman District 5

**Sister Elinor Humphreys:** Thank you, Thank you, for those beautiful words, my wonderful District Chairmen! It was an absolute pleasure working with all of these ladies.

As you know, at the start of our year, we added an extra column to our "GRACE" program for Hurricane Harvey donations as many of our members and others were affected by this hurricane. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, as you came through with flying colors.

Our totals for the "GRACE" Humanitarian Program for 2017-2018 are as follows:

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| G - GENERAL FUND                   | \$6,953.60  |
| R - ESTARL                         | \$9,722.28  |
| A - AID TO OTHERS (Benevolent Aid) | \$11,057.56 |
| C - CARE for our Ladies in TMRC    | \$4,469.68  |
| E - EDUCATION FUND                 | \$11,151.01 |
| and our additional one:            |             |
| HARVEY                             | \$16,291.56 |
| GRAND TOTAL                        | \$59,645.09 |

Thank you, again, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you, my dear Sisters and Brothers, for your benevolence and love for our Order. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP:** I second that motion.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the Humanitarian Report. This comes from a committee so, no second is needed. (Laughter) Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Sister Elinor, for you 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 that this committee does. Thank you to each of our Humanitarians! Membership, please thank this hard-working committee. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Sister Elinor, thank you for everything you and your committee members did for Grand Chapter. We started the year off with a challenge following land fall of Hurricane Harvey. You all worked hard to solicit funds to help out not only with this charity, but all the rest of the WGMs charities. Congratulate yourselves on a job well done. (Applause)

**WGM:** We had a very inspiring and beautiful ESTARL and Memorial Program and if you missed it you really missed a beautiful program. We need to adopt their report at this time. I recognize Sister Susan Bigham, ESTARL Chairman.

**Sister Susan Bigham:** Thank you Sister Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished members, my Sisters and Brothers, all. I would like to recognize the ESTARL Committee District Chairmen: Kathyjo Kuenzle, District 1; Carol Knutson, District 2; Donna Noe, District 3; Janice Langford, District 4 was unable to be here today; Brenda Miller, District 5 also sends her regrets. She was unable to attend because of illness. My Committee members and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Worthy Grand Matron, Melissa Hudman and our Worthy Grand Patron, Richard Skidd, for the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter in this meaningful way. We learned a whole new way to spell fun. It's E S T A R L. A total of 11 applicants were successfully completed and as the Humanitarian Program of this year we received \$9,722.28. With ESTARL funds carried over from last year and because of the support of the membership and our beautiful Order, we were able to award 11 Scholarships of \$1,000 each. Your generous donations of \$2,460 Thursday evening have us on our way to another successful year. Thank you all. A list of the recipients is attached to my report. (List is included in Thursday night proceedings) Respectfully, Susan Bigham. 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. Since this report comes from a Committee, no second is needed. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your right hand with your orange card. (Laughter) Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Sister Susan, for taking on this responsibility. You and your committee have done an OUTSTANDING job. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Susan, thank you for all the work you and your Committee did. The candidates that you chose are outstanding and are well-deserving of the scholarships they received. Thank you very much.

**WGM:** At this time, we're going to go back to our General Budget. We had postponed voting on that until this morning and I would like to invite Brother Bob Royall, a member of the Board of Directors to come forward.

**Brother Bob Royall:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. Yesterday we presented a number of the Board of Directors reports to you. This will be Report #2, which there was a request from the floor to postpone pending some new legislation. The numbers still remain the same, Sisters and Brothers. As I pointed out yesterday, this budget is in the positive of \$34,260. Worthy Grand Matron, since nothing has changed in this report, I move the adoption of this report.

**WGP:** Worthy Grand Matron, I second that.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second that we adopt the report and adopt the General Budget. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote. All those in favor please raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Board of Directors. At this time, I would like to recognize Sister Vicki Smith, Grand Chaplain for her report on the Memorial Program.

**Gr. Chaplain Vicki Smith:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, my Sisters and Brothers, all. I move the adoption of the Memorial program from Wednesday night. (Was actually Thursday)

**WGP:** I second that.

**WGM:** Thank you. Since she's a person of one. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second to adopt the report of the Grand Chaplain on the Memorial. Is there any discussion? All those in Favor, raise your orange card. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Sister Vicki. You have done a beautiful job this year as Grand Chaplain, as I knew you would. I've known her for a long time. I knew you would do a gorgeous job. The Memorial Program was very touching. Please know how much I love and appreciate you.

**WGP:** Sister Vicki, thank you for agreeing to be our Grand Chaplain this year and for your Memorial program the other night. It was extremely moving.

**WGM:** At this time, we are going to continue on with the Legislation. We have one piece of Legislation that we did not get to yesterday. Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon do you have anything you need to tell us before we talk about this Legislation?

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Sometimes we skip around in the book. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. Guess what? I'm back. (Laughter) Worthy Grand Matron, I have the privilege of giving you instructions on what we are going to do when the Elections start. But I have a question. You knew I would. I want to know how many of you are voting for the first time in Grand Chapter? Look at that. We do have some new ones,

Worthy Grand Matron. I want you to stand up. (Applause) Wonderful. Wonderful. Now guess what? These instructions are for you and all other voting delegates. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the opportunity to serve you, the membership. Before beginning with elections, may I state that the ballots will be counted. This is under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron to save on printing, time and money. The printing cost and the use of the machines is very expensive. Sisters and Brothers, the Code of Laws contains specific instructions concerning elections. Let me briefly review them. When making a nomination for a candidate, the name, number, location of the Chapter to which the candidate belongs and the office for which they are nominated shall be given. No member of this Grand Chapter shall be nominated for more than one office at any one Grand Chapter Session. If only one candidate is nominated, the election may be by acclamation which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated the election will be by ballot upon the official forms furnished to the voting delegates during registration. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. If on any ballot no candidate receives a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In the case of two or more candidates tying for the lowest number of votes and there are at least two other candidates receiving a higher number, then all candidates tied for the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. Subject to this regulation the election shall proceed until some candidate receives a majority of all votes cast. The results of the votes shall be declared by the Presiding Officer. Additionally, the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels have been instructed according to the law that no one is allowed to enter or leave the Chapter room while a ballot is being taken unless it is deemed an emergency. Please be cooperative and understanding in this regulation. And know that if you are caught outside during a ballot and are denied admission, our people are only faithfully performing the duties of which they were assigned to perform. Do not leave your seat without your credentials. This consists of your signed envelope, your ballot, your badge and your current dues card. You will need these to re-enter the Grand Chapter room just as you did this morning coming in. I would like to remind the Pages that all votes must be deposited inside the Chapter room. Members caught outside the Grand Chapter room after the ballot has been declared open will not be allowed to re-enter until the ballot is closed. The Assistant Grand Sentinels must step inside the room and cast their ballot. The ballot box must not leave the Grand Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside the doors, the Assistant Grand Warders in each case will open the door when the Pages approach the station. The Assistant Grand Warders in each case will open the door when the Page approaches and the Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step in, deposit their individual ballots in the ballot box then return to their station outside. Sisters and Brothers, we have some members who will be working up until the final reports before the election. At that time, they are requested and that is Registration, Credentials, Lost and Found and selling projects, join us in the Grand Chapter room. We will send someone to remind them to come and join us. First Aid is normally required to close and those will enter in the back of the room if you need one. But we have a member that has just joined Duncanville Chapter. She had dueled with us from Georgia and she is an RN and she has come in to take the nurses station, so they can vote just as you and I do and listen to all of the information. Now let me talk to you about the ballots. You were given a voting package which consisted of 11

total ballots. When voting for candidates, we must use A, B, C, D. When voting yes or no or a write in Candidate E, F, G, H, I, J, K. But we all know that we used F yesterday. So, there is no green one in your packet. We respectfully request that you try to keep the ballots as clean as possible. These are going to be hand-counted by our members. This will cut down on the time if you keep them clean and do not fold them. Your vote is important to you, to your Chapter and to the candidate and to the Order. Do not mark your ballot until instructed to do so by the Worthy Grand Matron. She will announce the letter of the ballot to be marked and the color and will declare the ballot open. At that time, you will mark your ballot by cirrrrrcccccilllling the name. To write in a name, write the name of your choice in the space provided at the bottom. A write in candidate can only be, please pay attention, a write in candidate can only be a Worthy Matron, a Worthy Patron, Past Matron, Past Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas to be counted. When voting for a candidate please vote for only one in each position. If you vote for two candidates for any one position, your vote will be void. Please do not fold your ballots. When the ballots are collected you will be asked that you simply place your ballot face down in the ballot box. Now, our Worthy Grand Matron has agreed as we did yesterday, the seats are so close the Pages will be allowed to pass the ballot box down the aisle just as collecting the collection in your church. So, as the ballot box passes in front of you simply place the ballot in the ballot box face down. We would ask that the Pages be the only ones in the aisles during the collection of the ballots. We will not open the doors until the Pages have all returned to the Grand Chapter floor and are located at the Tellers tables. When the ballot has been collected, the Worthy Grand Matron will declare it closed and the Pages will place the contents of their box in front of the Tellers. We have six tables. Three in the North and three in the South. In a short time, our Worthy Grand Matron will call for the Tellers that will be used. They were mailed a card to be in place at 10:00 a.m. If more are needed the Worthy Grand Matron has names in ready. Please let me repeat. No one can cast more than one ballot. Each ballot is to be placed face down for secrecy. No one can leave the room and ask another person to deposit their ballot for them. After the Presiding Officer declares the ballot open and nominations are complete, the Pages will begin their duties of collecting the ballots. They were assigned an area. When all ballots have been completed, they will proceed to the Tellers and place them in front of the Tellers. Sisters and Brothers, you may mark your ballot with a pencil, blue, black or red ink. There will also be monitor table Judges that the Worthy Grand Matron has designated. They will observe the processing of the ballots. We will review the ballots in an attempt to determine a voter's intent or if they changed their ballot. Sisters and Brothers, you may mark your ballot for one candidate and then change your mind and try to erase that circle and you didn't erase it enough. Some people would consider that two votes and it would be void. If we can observe that someone has tried to erase the one, then the vote for that candidate, we will consider that a valid vote. Please do not check mark. Only circle the name. But if we can intent and find that you have intended to vote for a particular candidate, we will count the ballot. If you write in, write in the name and circle it. Do not place more than one ballot in the box at a time. Sometimes we get multiple colors. If one or more positions require a second ballot, the voting delegates will be instructed as to which ballot to use. The name of the remaining candidates will be given

to you. In previous years we have tried to segregate the voting delegates from the non-voting delegates but our Worthy Grand Matron this year has decided that you can sit exactly where you are. The non-voting delegates can stay where you are, but you will not have a ballot when it is passed by. The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels remember that the non-voters do not have a voting envelope and their badge is clearly marked. Let me repeat, remember you may vote only one time in each race. The ballot which you were given in your individual packages is your ballot. It should always be in your possession and use it wisely. We are requesting that no one be in the back of the machine area. There are only going to be six people over there. And they are Mark Dieckmann, Leslie Forman, Jerry Peck, Julie Thomas, Jimmie Lee McMahan and Sherry Dieckmann. If there is a question regarding the counting in that area, there will be chairs designated for Nancy Brown and Doris Hester who will be serving as monitors. You will go to those individuals and relay to them your concerns. They will in turn come relay your concerns to me. Thank you very much for your understanding. All ballots will be counted twice by two different tables. They will be counted on one table and I will move the Tellers so that everything is done accurately and checked. Worthy Grand Matron if you will at this time designate your monitors to be used for the election and fill our tables. While she is coming up to do that, Tellers on the tables, your job has been made very easy. You will just place the same names together and count them. Placing the total on the sheets that will be provided to you. Let me remind you that you will be moving to another table to count votes and every vote is checked twice. In some cases, they may be checked again because if there is a problem, there will be a Past Grand stationed at every table. The Election Committee wishes all candidates good luck. Worthy Grand Matron, all things are now ready, and it is your turn to fill my tables.

**WGM:** For those of you that were in here and were at a table on Friday, would you just please get up and go to a table and I won't have to recall those names. I'm sure you are here today and the table Judges, you should know who you are. So, I will read this list because some of the people weren't here.

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| BILBY *       | Mrs. | CONNIE     |
| FOLLOWELL     | Mrs. | VALERIE    |
| TROUBLEFIELD  | Mrs. | KATHI      |
| DRENNAN       | Mrs. | LINDA      |
| LOUTON        | Mrs. | KAREN      |
| TALTON        | Mrs. | MARSHA     |
| SALAS         | Mrs. | VIRGINIA   |
| CAMERON       | Mrs. | MARTHA     |
| IVY           | Mrs. | MARY ANN   |
| INGRAM        | Mrs. | KATHRYN    |
| GRIGSBY       | Mrs. | LINDA      |
| BEAUCHAMP     | Mrs. | SHARON     |
| LACHNITT      | Mrs. | LIZBETH    |
| SKRABANEK     | Mrs. | MARY ANNE  |
| SMITH         | Mrs. | CHRISTI    |
| RUFFNER       | Mrs. | MELISSA    |
| ARMSTRONG     | Mrs. | CHRISTINE  |
| ELLIOTT       | Mrs. | LOU ANNE   |
| HOLLAND       | Mrs. | RHONDA     |
| HOLLINGSWORTH | Mrs. | WANDA      |
| BATCHELOR     | Mrs. | ELAINE     |
| CLEGG         | Mrs. | DORRIS     |
| ROGERS        | Mrs. | CINDY      |
| ISELL         | Mrs. | MARTHA     |
| BOND          | Mrs. | MARY       |
| RAYNER *      | Mrs. | MELANIE    |
| CHUBER        | Mrs. | PAT        |
| EVANS         | Mrs. | HENTRIETTA |
| PECK          | Mrs. | PATTY      |
| LUCAS         | Mrs. | CINDY      |
| KINSEY        | Mrs. | SUE        |
| OWENS *       | Mrs. | (LORRIE)   |
| KRAMER        | Mrs. | JANET      |



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| DIBRELL   | Ms.  | JO D       |
| BIDDLER   | Mrs. | EMILY ANN  |
| HARGIS    | Mrs. | LINDA      |
| NEWSOM    | Ms.  | ALYS       |
| COBB      | Mrs. | SHARON     |
| WILLIAMS  | Mrs. | LILLIE     |
| MC KIBBIN | Mrs. | PATSY JEAN |

I now recognize Brother George Gwaltney. We need to go back to Number 12, right?

**PGP George Gwaltney:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. Shall we go over it again?

**WGM:** Yes sir, please.

**PGP George Gwaltney:** Yes ma'am. Amendment Number 12 is on page 72 of the Advanced Annual Report dealing with page 136-137: Code of Laws; Division V; Chapter 1, Article 187. Arrest of Charter. It is in proper format. If this is passed it will become Law at the end of this Grand Chapter. It is to be amended to read: Article 187,

A Charter may be arrested by the Worthy Grand Matron with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron, for willful violation of the laws of Grand Chapter, for failure to hold a Stated Meeting at **least once every three (3) months** or for failure to pay Grand Chapter Dues for two years. In order for the arrest to be final there must first be the approval by Grand Chapter for her action. Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of Amendment 12 located on page 72 of the Advanced Annual Report. Is there any discussion? If there is there are microphones back in the West again. Hearing none, I will ask you to please raise your orange cards if you are in favor of this. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Brother George. Brother John Creel is there other business that needs to be taken care of? Is there any other legislation?

**PGP John Creel:** Worthy Grand Matron, this is the Resolution for the Amendment #2.

**Whereas**, Grand Chapter has passed the first reading of Constitutional Amendment regarding the distribution of the Official Bulletin. **Therefore**, it be resolved, that the incoming Worthy Grand Matron direct the Grand Secretary to provide a printed copy of the Official Bulletin if requested by the Chapter until the final vote of the Constitution is complete.

**WGM:** You've heard this Resolution read. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? I recognize Brother Darryl Albrecht.

**Brother Darryl Albrecht:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Darryl Albrecht, Past Patron of Crescent Chapter #820. Am I understanding that we are going back over the legislation that we passed yesterday?

**WGM:** This is a Resolution to make it effective now that the Worthy Grand Matron would have to mail them out until the final Amendment to the Constitution is passed or not passed.

**Brother Darryl Albrecht:** Okay, I understand that that would become Emergency Legislation, is that correct?

**WGM:** That is correct.

**Brother Darryl Albrecht:** Then I understand it has to be voted on by the membership here in order to be presented.

**WGM:** To be presented? Okay.

**Brother Darryl Albrecht:** Before we can consider it, I understand it has to be voted on by this membership.

**WGM:** It's not Emergency.

**Brother Darryl Albrecht:** Then it did not meet the deadline to be put in Advanced Annual Report if it's not Emergency.

**WGM:** Okay, so you just have a request that we do this?

**PGP John Creel:** A resolution, that's what it is.

**WGM:** Emergency Resolution?

**PGP John Creel:** Yes. No, it is not an Emergency. I'm sorry. Long day.

**WGM:** Sister Alma Bane?

**ARWGS Alma Lynn Bane:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Alma Lynn Bane, Past Matron of McLennan Chapter #639 and Stephenville #801. It is our intent on when this was submitted that it would be under the category "Emergency Legislation" and it is a Resolution.

**WGM:** Okay, let me see if I understand this Sister Alma. It was the intent that it be Emergency Legislation. Correct?

**ARWGS Alma Lynn Bane:** Correct and we realize since it was not published in a timely manner it would be under Emergency and it would require a vote of this body to allow this Resolution to be presented.

**WGM:** Okay. Alright, first we're going to vote. Before we can vote on this, if you are in favor of letting this be presented please raise your orange cards. Cards

down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Now it has been presented which I went ahead and let him do out of turn. So now is there any further discussion? I recognize Sister Debi Fincher.

**Sister Debi Fincher:** Good morning. I'm Debi Fincher, Past Matron of Franklin Chapter #311 and while I understand the purpose and the intent I guess of the individuals which are bringing this forth I do not believe this constitutes an Emergency. We just passed our budget. The amount that it is going to cost us next year to mail that out will be over \$12,000. We already offer it for free on the Secretary's database. This is not an Emergency, but they can't find out what's going on in Eastern Star. And I'm a relatively young, this is starting my 20<sup>th</sup> year in Eastern Star but ever since I've been here I've always heard "we have an aging membership", many of them don't have computers. And the other thing is, what kills an organization is a failure to move forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. So many of you already get the Bulletin, take it to your Chapter. Share it with your Secretary. Teach them how to get onto the Secretary's database and access it. It's already free. This is not an Emergency, we can vote on it next year. And I am speaking out against this Resolution. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Yes, Sister Alma Bane. Okay...

**Sister Kim Watkins:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Kim Watkins. Past Matron of Bullard Chapter #972. My Secretary does not have a computer in her home. We cannot find another member to take that position. Yes, we can get that Bulletin to her but we as a membership if I'm not understanding I thought last year when this came before us that we were voting to receive the Bulletin for our Subordinate Chapters. And that was not the case. So, I do believe that the membership is very much wanting this to be voted on again for it to be immediate. Thank you.

**WGM:** Is there any further...Sisters and Brothers please. We've asked you no hollering, no clapping. You are entitled to your opinion but only if you want to get up and talk at that microphone. Yes, ma'am.

**PGM Joyce Nicklas:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Matron of Graham Chapter #668. Yesterday I spoke for this Amendment and I'm still for it. Yes, we can wait until next year but there are some ladies that can't. Yes, some of us pay for the Bulletin for our Chapters but some of them the Chapters are so small that they can't afford it. Please. This is not much to give back to a Chapter. We give to Grand Chapter all year long. Please, give these Chapters this Bulletin. We can make up the money somewhere else.

**WGM:** Is there any further discussion? Yes.

**Brother Darryl Albrecht:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Darryl Albrecht, Past Patron of Crescent Chapter #820. I understand what they are trying to do, and I sympathize. They've made it a year without it. How did they make that year without it? I would like somebody up there in the East to explain to me what constitutes an Emergency.

**WGM:** I recognize Sister Vi Griffin.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** Sisters and Brothers, we don't consider, the Jurisprudence Committee does not consider this Emergency Legislation. It's not Legislation. It's not changing any Law. This Resolution is merely a directive or request to the incoming Worthy Grand Matron that she direct the Grand Secretary to send the printed copy to the Subordinate Chapters who request it.

**WGM:** Is there any further discussion? Yes ma'am.

**Sister Joyce Champion:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joyce Champion, Past Matron of Gilmer Chapter #355. Our Board is so concerned about us spending the money to give to our Secretaries. Why is it that it is given to Grand Officers, Board Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. If we cannot afford to give it to our Chapters surely, I don't see how we can afford to give it to anyone else. Thank you.

**WGM:** Is there any further discussion? Please, please, do not applaud or whatever. Yes sir.

**Brother Stuart Shaw:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Stuart Shaw, Past Patron of Adah Chapter #49 and I call for the previous question.

**WGM:** You've heard him call for the previous question. All those in favor raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Then we will proceed to vote on this Resolution. All those in favor please raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Passes. \* Thank you, Brother John. Does that conclude your business, Jurisprudence? Brother John, thank you so much for your work on this committee and for all the questions, problems and concerns that we talked about. I appreciate your friendship so very much. I know that many times this has truly been stressful for us both. Sister Betty, Brother Trey, Sister Vi and Brother George, to each of you I thank you for your work on this committee. Each of you have always had a special place in my heart and you each were selected because I knew I could trust you to do this task for the Good of the Order. I and the Grand Chapter membership appreciate your continued devotion to Texas. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Brother John, I also appreciate all the work that you and Jurisprudence have done this year to help us get through some of these very tricky Amendments. Thank you very much. I'm sure that the membership appreciates it. (Applause)

**WGM:** I was asked to explain, and it is true, no one other than the Grand Secretary has ever gotten the Bulletin free. The Board of Directors is not paid a salary, they get no money. I'm not sure where or why you think money is given. The only offices that receive any money at all is the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron and it is a very minimal amount of money. If you look at your budget, you can see what those are. So please, please, do not go away thinking that money is given to these people. It is not. All the money that we raise, that we make, is going to our Charities or to the General Fund to help run Grand Chapter. Yes ma'am.

**PGM Cheryl Albrecht:** Worthy Grand Matron, one thing I would like to clarify as a point. The Past Grand Matrons do not receive the Bulletin free.

**WGM:** No, they do not. No one receives it other than it used to go, for free, to the Chapter Secretaries. Nobody else gets a free copy. I pay for mine just like you pay for yours. Now, moving right along. What time is it? 15 til 10:00. We need some more people down here, don't we? Would Pat Powell please go to a table. I know she's here.

**PGM Jerre Lucas:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jerre Lucas, Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. I want to clarify what Sister Joyce Champion was speaking about. She was not speaking about those people receiving the Bulletin, it was the mailings that we receive for events and that type thing. I think there was a misunderstanding there. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. Okay. Bill Crews and Jayne Yenger, I need you at a table as table Judges. We're going to sing and dance up here for you. Grand Choir will you sing and dance, you don't have to dance but will you sing for us?

**“Victory in Jesus”  
Grand Choir**

**WGM:** We need one person at the table where they are raising their hand and I would like for Lee Stark if she's here and if she'll come down and go to that table. If that doesn't do it, wave at me and I'll call somebody else. While we are waiting for Credentials and Registration to come get here, Worthy Grand Patron, everybody wanted to kind of move around a little before we started. So, this is the only opportunity you are going to get.

**WGP:** Alright, so, Worthy Grand Matron, do you want me to go forward with that? Is that what you wanted? Alright Sisters and Brothers I know some of you came to me and said that you know, it's kind of hard on the derriere to be sitting here all this time and we're getting ready to do the elections so, we want to get that blood pumping. We want to get that breakfast from this morning moving through us. So, if we all will stand up please. Everybody standup. Alright, we're going to have a little contest here. We'll be looking from the East to see who does this the best. And over here we're going to play a little song and whenever you're ready... (Macarena music) I think everybody is ready for the elections. Got that blood flowing. I just want to say the winner of the contest...it was very very close, was Grand Adah and followed extremely close were all the deputies over there. Congratulate yourselves. Alright Worthy Grand Matron, I'm done.

**WGM:** Thank you. \*\*\* I need your attention. I have one thing that needs to happen, and we have a short period of time. I recognize Sister Joyce Gilbert, Chairwoman of Purposes and Policies to bring her report.

**PGM Joyce Gilbert:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, this is going to be short and sweet. If you want to read it all, look in the Proceeding next year.

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, and Brothers.

This is the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee for 2017-2018.

It is with pleasure that I present the five appointed members of this Committee. I am from District One. District Two - Bess Caldwell; District Three - Bill Crews; District Four - Mary Ruth White; and District Five - Jerry Trees. Also serving on the Committee are the eight elected Grand Officers; and the Board of Directors - Chairman and Vice Chairman.

One meeting was held during the year on February 3, 2018, at Floresville. At the time of the meeting no matters had been referred to the Committee other than that for which the meeting was called. The meeting was called to review plans of the Associate Grand Matron, Carolyn Martin, and Brother Burley D. Jones, Associate Grand Patron, in accordance with Code of Laws Article 152-J.

Chairman Joyce Gilbert called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and called on Jerry Trees to voice the Invocation. The Chairman announced the meeting was called for the purpose of hearing the purposes and policy plans for the coming Grand Chapter year. Carolyn Martin, Associate Grand Matron, and Burley Jones, Associate Grand Patron, were greeted and invited to present their plans for 2018-2019. They presented each one with a beautiful book listing their plans. The book was well organized with colored pictures of each project, a summary of each project with a description of purpose, and where the income would be distributed. The first group included the committees that would need funding. These include music, calendars, veteran's pins, key catchers, apple day award, book of celebration, poetry, history facts about our beautiful order, I love Texas pins, Texas Flag throws, and traveling Texas dues cards.

At the end of the year, there will be a CD with pictures and events of the year with the donations going to Susan B. Komen Cancer, Patriot Paws, proficiency stickers, and sweet treats for youth.

The plans include continuing ritualistic excellence, stuffed animals, and Texas Who's Who book. The apple will be the traveling plaque.

The Humanitarian Program is called "Harvest Blessings of Love and Kindness." The Humanitarian key word is "Apple."

A-----"Achievement" for TMRC  
P-----"Perseverance" for the General fund  
P-----"Prayer" to support ESTARL  
L-----"Love" to benefit Benevolent Aid  
E-----"Enrichment" for Education

Some discussion followed. They were thanked for all their work, that it is evident much planning was done, and that the plans sound great.

The Purposes and Policies Committee voted unanimous approval of the proposed plans.

Chairman Joyce thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished each one a safe trip home.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Benediction was voiced by Bill Crews.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, again the Committee thanks you for allowing us to serve Grand Chapter in this position.

Joyce Gilbert, PGM, District One  
Purposes and Policies Committee Chairman

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

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt this report. This is from a Committee and does not require a second. Is there any discussion? All those in favor please raise your orange card. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Sister Joyce and your Committee and I appreciate everything that each of you do for the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you very much. Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to thank these individuals?

**WGP:** I would, Worthy Grand Matron. I'd like to thank them very much for all the hard work that they have done this year. And enjoy the rest of the year off. (Laughter)

**WGM:** Thank you. (Applause) Sister Debbie O'Hara. Is she in here? I actually have her ballot, so she may be outside. She left them somewhere. Okay, it's 10:00 so we're going to go ahead and start on the elections. I recognize Mrs. Kathy McColly, Credentials Committee, Chairman, who will present their final report.

**Sister Kathy McColly:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all. Good morning. We have 1,243 registered voters. We have 126 registered voters who have not picked up their credentials as of 9:00 this morning. This means we have 1,116 votes for election. On behalf of the Committee on Credentials I would like to express our appreciation to you and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing us to serve on this Committee. I'm hoping that our work on this Committee is to the satisfaction of you and the Worthy Grand Patron and to this membership. At this time, I would like to introduce those that are here that served on this Committee who by the way, worked very hard at the jobs that they were performing. District 1, Sarah Coursey, Jo Ann Storie, District 2, Terry Browning, District 3, Neva Corbin and Sheila Nowell, District 4, Jeanette Cotton and Judy Tucker, District 5, JoAnn Drescher, Shirley Scholl and Mike Whiteside. I'd like to thank you for your help. I move the adoption of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the final report of the Credentials Committee. This report is from a committee and therefore requires no second. Is there any discussion? Yes ma'am.

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jimmie Lee McMahan and your election Judge. Will you please repeat the numbers for all of my Tellers.

**WGM:** We have 1,243 registered voters. This means that it takes 1,116 votes for an election. No?

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan:** It just means I can only have 1,116 votes cast. If it takes them all to get elected, we're going to be here all day. (Laughter)

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan:** Yes...re-add them.

**WGM:** Re-add them?

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan:** Yes ma'am. We have a discrepancy on this table and all these ladies back here say it doesn't add up. It's off by one.

**WGM:** What doesn't add up?

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahan:** It's off by one. So, I don't know if you have...

**WGM:** Oh, I see. Alright. 1,243, minus 126, equals 1,117. Are they happy now?

**All:** Yes ma'am.

**WGM:** Thank you. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in Favor of this final report please raise your cards. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. \* Sister Kathy, you and your Committee have performed your duties with diligence, courtesy, and kindness. Thank you for a job well done. I recognize Ms. Jackie Lemons, Registration Committee, Chairman, who will present their final report.

**Sister Jackie Lemons:**



Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I would personally like to thank you for giving me the important job for your Grand Chapter, and on behalf of the entire Registration committee we would like to thank the membership for the support they have shown us.

The Registration Committee Members are:

- District 1-Ethel Powell
- District 2-Betsy Sharp
- District 3-Dorothy Conder
- District 4-Christine Armstrong
- District 4-Ruth Clifton
- District 4-Vicki Hertenberger
- District 5-Lynne Huckabay
- District 5-Patty Peach

**Final Registration Report**

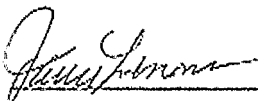
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| Total Pre-Registered Members      | 1352               |
| Total Registered at Grand Chapter | <u>94</u>          |
| Total Registration                | <u><u>1446</u></u> |

**Other Totals for Grand Chapter:**

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| Out of State Residents          | <u>57</u> |
| TMRC Residents                  | <u>18</u> |
| Grand Jurisdictions Represented | <u>22</u> |

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| Total Chapters Represented: | <u>238</u> |
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Respectfully Submitted.

  
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Jackie Lemons, Registration Chairman

We also had an Honorary Member, Sammy Peach who helped us carry our boxes back and forth, so we would like to thank him too. I would like to move the adoption of this report for Grand Chapter records.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, this motion comes from a Committee and needs no second. You have heard the motion to adopt this final report. Is there any discussion? All in Favor, raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. Sister Jackie, thank you and your Committee for the job you have done. You have gone above and beyond. I know this is a very tedious and complicated job and the membership in Texas appreciates you and your committee. Members, help me thank them.

Sisters and Brothers, it is Saturday, Election day. This is such an important day in the History of our Grand Chapter Session. We will be electing Officers who will preside over our future in Texas. You, the voting members, have the power that enables you to choose your leaders who will be making decisions on your behalf. Please stay with us until the close of the Session. I would like to remind you that we must maintain a Quorum in order to finish the business. Also, I have a few surprises you do not want to miss. So, that the preliminaries will be taken care of prior to the beginning of balloting, I need to know, are my tables good now? Yea, thank you. Sisters and Brothers, we want to be kind and courteous to each one whose name is placed in nomination for any office. I'm going to ask you for please, no cheering or loud outbursts in the Grand Chapter Room. The preprinted ballots have the names of those who have placed a resume in the OES Official Bulletin and in the Advanced Report. You received the instructions from Sister Jimmie Lee Mahon, Election Judge. We are going to begin. Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to begin the Elections. You will direct him and the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels to permit no one to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room during the Nominations and Balloting process. Is the door back here secure that goes into the Vendors because they were going in and out of it yesterday. Okay, it's locked now. 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 Melissa Hudman.

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Melissa Hudman, a Past Matron of Loyal Chapter #648. I place the name of Sister Carolyn Martin, a Past Matron of Palestine Chapter #395, for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter, for the ensuing year.

**WGP:** Sister Carolyn Martin has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Carolyn Martin for the office of Worthy Grand Matron say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Carolyn Martin, you have been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**AGM Carolyn Martin:** Worthy Grand Patron, it with honor and humbleness that I accept this position. I did think I was going to run...(Laughter) but no, I accept. Thank you.

**WGP:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you very much. 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 Rick Skidd.

**WGP:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Rick Skidd, a Past Patron of Adah Chapter No. 49. I place the name of Brother Burley Jones, a Past Patron of Cleveland Chapter #465, for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Brother Burley Jones 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 Burley Jones for the office of Worthy Grand Patron, say 'AYE'. All opposed 'NO'. Brother Burley Jones, you have been elected Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**AGP Burley Jones:** It will be my honor to serve this Grand Chapter. Thank you.

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Carolyn Martin, Past Matron of Palestine Chapter #395.

**AGM Carolyn Martin:** I'm Carolyn Martin, Past Matron of Palestine Chapter #395 and I would like to place in nomination for Associate Grand Matron, the name of Linda Winn-Christenson for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Sister Linda Winn-Christenson 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 Linda Winn-Christenson for the office of Associate Grand Matron, say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Linda Winn Christenson you have been elected Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**GC Linda Winn-Christenson:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a grateful heart to this membership and to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ that I do accept this membership. Thank you.

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Robert Orr, Worthy Patron, Spring Chapter #1105.

**Brother Robert Orr:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Robert Orr, Worthy Patron of Spring Chapter #1105. It is my honor to place in nomination Paul M. Garner, a Past Patron of Spring Chapter #1105 for the office of Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing Grand Chapter year.

**WGM:** Brother Paul Garner 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 Paul Garner for the office of Associate Grand Patron, say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Brother Paul, you have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Brother Paul Garner:** Worthy Grand Matron, with gratitude to this membership and a grateful heart, I accept and will be honored to serve. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Past Matron of Dal-Cliff Chapter #574.

**Sister Marlene Dibrell:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Marlene Dibrell, Past Matron of Richardson Chapter #921. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Dr. Ellen Pickrell, Past Matron of Richardson Chapter #921 for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**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?

**GS Ellen Pickrell:** Worthy Grand Matron it will be my honor to serve another year.

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Kay Gilmore, Worthy Matron of Greenville Chapter #189.

**Sister Kay Gilmore:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Mrs. Kay Gilmore, Worthy Matron of Greenville Chapter #189. I am honored to place in nomination Mrs. Greta Bane Spradling, Past Matron of Greenville #189 for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Sister Greta Spradling has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Greta Spradling for the office of Grand Treasurer, say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Greta, you have been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**GT Greta Bane Spradling:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am so honored and yes, I do accept.

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Linda Winn-Christenson, Worthy Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023.

**GC Linda Winn-Christenson:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Linda Winn Christenson, and it is my pleasure and honor to nominate Sister Terri Rozell, Worthy Matron of Groves, Port Arthur Chapter #953 for the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Sister Terri Rozell 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 Terri Rozell for the office of Grand Conductress say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Terri, you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**AGC Terri Rozell:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept, and I will be very honored to serve the Texas membership as their Grand Conductress.

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the Office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year. I recognize I recognize Sister Lara Nix, Past Matron, Mesquite #887.

**Sister Lara Nix:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Lara Nix, a Past Matron of Mesquite Chapter #887. I am pleased to place the name of Sister Phyllis Macon, a Past Matron and an Endowed Member of Mesquite Chapter #887 in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Are there any other nominations? I recognize Sister Lynda Klein, Past Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010.

**Sister Lynda Klein:** I'm Lynda Klein, a Past Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010 and I'd like to place in nomination the name of Susan Dormady, current Worthy Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010 as Associate Grand Conductress.

**WGM:** Are there any other nominations? I recognize Sister Virginia Franklin, Worthy Matron, Andral Vann Chapter #741.

**Sister Virginia Franklin:** Good morning Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Virginia Franklin. I am Worthy Matron of Andral Vann Chapter #741 and I am placing the name of Laura Sharp for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Are there any other nominations? I recognize Brother Bill Crews, Past Patron, South Ft. Worth Chapter #835.

**Brother Bill Crews:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Bill Crews, Worthy Patron of South Ft. Worth Chapter #835. I have the pleasure of nominating Sister Donna Noe, a Past Matron of South Ft. Worth Chapter #835 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

**WGM:** Are there any 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. Don't mark a ballot yet. We're not ready to vote. We are just going to introduce them to you. It is my pleasure to introduce:

Sister Phyllis Macon  
Susan Dormady  
Laura Sharp  
Donna Noe

Thank you, ladies, you may be seated. I now declare the Ballot open. \* We will use ballot "A", the red ballot. Please circle only one name on the Ballot for the Office of Associate Grand Conductress. Deputy Grand Matrons, I direct you to begin collecting the Ballots. After you have collected all ballots in your areas, go to tables 1, 2 and 3 and stand and wait until I direct you. Voting Delegates, please place your one ballot face down in the Ballot Box and Deputies, you will make sure that only one ballot per person is placed in the container. A reminder to the Warders and Sentinels, NO ONE is to enter or leave while balloting is taking place. Sisters, over there...1, 2, 3. Those are 4, 5, 6. We probably messed you up from yesterday. I'm sorry. Have all Ballots been collected? We need to invite the Sentinels inside...yes? They're done. Oh, good they're done. She's good. She's ahead of me. Okay if everyone has balloted, I now declare the ballot closed. \* Deputies you are to Deposit the ballots on Tables 1, 2 and 3. Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District One, for the ensuing year. I recognize Betty Morris, Past Matron, Lewisville Chapter #935.

**Sister Betty Morris:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Betty Morris. I am a Past Matron of Lewisville Chapter #935. It is with pleasure that I nominate Brother Tom Brisko, a Past Patron of Lewisville Chapter #935 for the Board of Directors, District One.

**WGM:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed \* and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Tom Brisko for the Board of Directors, District One, say 'AYE'. All opposed 'NO'. Brother Tom Brisko, you have been elected. Do you accept?

**Brother Tom Brisko:** Worthy Grand Matron, I humbly accept, and I am honored by this position and I ask for the memberships diligent prayers that I receive the gifts of discernment and wisdom in all my decisions. Thank you.

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District Two for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Sheryl Koltermann, Worthy Matron, Queen Esther Chapter #833.

**Sister Sheryl Koltermann:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sheryl Koltermann, Worthy Matron of Queen Esther Chapter #833 and it is my honor to place in nomination the name of Tamela Hennington, Past Matron of Queen Esther Chapter #833 for the Board of Directors, District Two.

**WGM:** Are there any other nominations, are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Tamela Henington for the Board of Directors District Two say 'AYE'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Tamela Henington, you have been elected to the Board of Directors for District Two. Do you accept?

**Sister Tamela Henington:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I accept with great humility and excitement.

**WGM:** Thank you. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District One for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Judy Mathison, Past Matron of Corsicana Chapter #118.

**Sister Judy Mathison:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Judy Mathison, Past Matron of Corsicana Chapter #118. It is my honor and my privilege to place in nomination the name of Kathy Paschal, for the office of Grand Examiner, District One for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Carol Brightwell, Worthy Matron of Beckville Chapter #273.

**Sister Carol Brightwell:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Worthy Matron of Beckville Chapter #273 and I would like to place the name of Becky Austin, a Past Matron of Beckville Chapter #273 in nomination for the office of Grand Examiner for District One 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:

Kathy Paschal  
Becky Austin

Thank you, ladies, you may be seated. I now declare the Ballot open. \* Sisters and Brothers, we will use ballot "D", it's yellow. If you are color blind, look for the "D". Please circle only one name on the Ballot for the Office of Grand Examiner District 1. Deputy Grand Matrons, I direct you to begin collecting the Ballots. After you have collected all ballots in your areas, go to tables 4, 5 and 6 and stand and wait until I give you further direction. Voting Delegates, please place only one ballot face down in the Ballot Box and Deputies, you will make sure that only one ballot per person is placed in the container. A reminder to the Warders and Sentinels, NO ONE is to enter or leave. Deputy Grand Matrons, have all Ballots been collected including the Warders outside the door? I now declare the ballot closed. \* Deputies please deposit the ballots on Tables 4, 5 and 6.

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Two for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Cassie Hobbins, Worthy Matron, Abilene Chapter #30.

**Sister Cassie Hobbins:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Cassie Hobbins, Worthy Matron of Abilene Chapter #30. I am placing the name of Audra Rowell, a Past Matron of Abilene #30 for the office of Grand Examiner, District Two for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed \* and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Audri Rowell for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Two, say "AYE", all those opposed say "No". Sister Audri Rowell, you have been elected as Grand Examiner of District Two of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Sister Audri Rowell:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a grateful heart that I accept this position. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Three for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister JoAnn Conner, Worthy Matron, Handley Chapter #617.

**Sister JoAnn Conner:** Good morning. My name is JoAnn Conner. I'm Worthy Matron of Handley Chapter #617. It is with pleasure that I nominate Sister Lesa Smith, Past Matron of Handley #617 for the office of Grand Examiner, District Three for the ensuing year.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Lesa Smith for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Three say "AYE", all those opposed say "No". Sister Lesa Smith you have been elected as Grand Examiner of District Three of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you Accept?

**Sister Lesa Smith:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am totally honored to be nominated and accept your blessing for the Grand Examiner position of District Three. Thank you.

**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Four for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Diane Flanagan, Past Matron, Waller Chapter #1047.

**Sister Diane Flanagan:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Diane Flanagan, Past Matron of Waller Chapter #1047 and I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Glenda Klemm, Past Matron of Waller #1047 for the office of Grand Examiner, District Four.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? Hearing none, 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'. Those opposed 'NO'. Sister Glenda, you have been elected Grand Examiner for District Four. Do you accept?

**Sister Glenda Klemm:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is indeed my honor to accept this position and I thank the beloved membership for this honor. Thank you.



**WGM:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Five for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Terry Miller, Worthy Patron, Canyon Lake Chapter #1103.

**Brother Terry Miller:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Terry Miller, Worthy Patron of Canyon Lake Chapter #1103. It is my honor to nominate Sister Joan Miller, Worthy Matron of Canyon Lake #1103 for the office of Grand Examiners, District Five.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Joan Miller for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Five, say "AYE", all those opposed, say "NO". Sister Joan Miller, you have been elected as Grand Examiner of District Five of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Sister Joan Miller:** Worthy Grand Matron, I thank the members of the Texas Grand Chapter for this confidence and I look forward to a wonderful year. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother James Walker, Past Patron of Farmers Branch #687.

**Brother James Walker:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is James Walker. I'm a Past Patron of Farmers Branch #687. I place in nomination the name of Shelley Walker, Past Matron of Farmers Branch #687 for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner-at-Large.

**WGM:** Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. I now declare the nominations closed \* and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Shelley Walker for the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner-at-Large, say "AYE", all those opposed say "No". Sister Shelley Walker, you have been elected as Grand Examiner-at-Large of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Sister Shelley Walker:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and thank you Sisters and Brothers. Yes, I do accept.

**WGM:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, we have now completed our ballots and we will continue with reports until we have election results. Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that the doors may be opened at this time. We will continue with reports while we await the ballot results. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your patience. Before we continue with reports, Brother Neuenschwander, can we please have some music?

**"Love Lifted Me"**  
**(Grand Choir)**

**WGM:** Thank you, Brother Jerry. Appreciate it. I would now like to recognize Sister Sherry Dieckmann to bring the report of the Museum Committee. Nevermind, she's busy. Oh, here she comes.

**Sister Sherry Dieckmann:** Could I have the Museum Committee Members please join me here on the stage? I am doing this report for Sharon Adams. She is having to take care of some personal family business and was unable to attend Grand Chapter this year and she asked if I would bring this as one of her Committee Members.

In the week following the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter Session in the Woodlands the Museum Committee began the New Year by returning a collection of the Worthy Grand Matron Dresses displayed at the Session in the Woodlands to the Museum in Arlington. Also returned at that time were the unsold Gorham sterling teaspoons that had been offered for sale to the Membership at the Museum's Vendor Booth. An accounting of the items sold was turned over to the Grand Secretary along with an inventory. All items were cleaned and neatly stored within the space provided for the Museum Collection.

The week was cut short as news of the approach of Hurricane Harvey made it clear that my home lay within the projected path of the storm. I made it back to a friend's house across town from my own and sought shelter there as the storm came on shore.

I would be remiss if I did not at this time stop, go off script and thank all of the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas as well as all the other Grand Jurisdictions and Masonic Organizations that worked together to send relief in the form of supplies and monetary donations to make life easier for those whose lives were upended by the storm. It brought hope and I will forever be grateful for the many kindnesses shown to me personally during that difficult time.

As a result of the storm progress at the Museum was put on hold until February of 2018 when at the request of the Grand Secretary we returned to the Grand Chapter Office and downsized the Museum Space from Two (2) rooms to One (1) thereby creating a much needed additional space for office staff.

The next week was spent moving the displays to multiple areas within the various offices and the Eight (8) Wardrobe Boxes containing the WGM Dress Collection was moved into an available closet. The remaining objects on display were cleaned and polished and left in good condition.

I am deeply grateful to District I Chairman, Mrs. Joyce Champion; District II Chairman, Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann; District III Chairman, Mrs. Margaret Wood; District IV Chairman, Ms. Melynda Giesenschlag and District V Chairman, Mrs. Linda Crawford for their support and understanding. As a Committee we are also very aware of the many courtesies extended to us by the Grand Secretary and staff and want to thank them for their endless thoughtfulness and hospitality while we work to make the Museum more accessible to the membership.

Lastly, we would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing us to serve on this very important committee.

Sharon Hill Adams  
Museum General Chairman

**Sister Sherry Dieckmann:** I move the adoption of this report.

**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 orange card. Cards down. All opposed raise your orange. Motion carries.  
\* Sister Sherry, thank you for bringing that report for me and I am so thankful that you are helping us today and it's always good to see you. And thank you to this Committee for all the hard work they do. Thank you, thank you. I would now like to recognize Sister Gerry Sturtz who is the Chairman of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee. 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 be 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 Carla Stringer; District 3, Brother Claude Erwin; District 5, Brother Ron Zipp; and I'm Gerry Sturtz from District 4. The outgoing committee members passed along the documents and information that we had to the new members of the committee. We acquired 5 maps from the Railroad Commission of the Top 20 Producing Oil and Gas Fields, Current and Historical Producing Oil and Gas Wells and Other Permitted Well Locations, Oil and Gas Division District Boundaries, Newark East aka the Barnett Shale, Wells Permitted and Completed in the Eagle Ford Shale Play Area. I had the Grand Chapter of Texas Map blown up and copied on Mylar so that it fit over any one of these maps, so we would know what Grand Chapter District was being addressed. Each Committee member received a copy of the maps and the Mylar Map of Grand Chapter Districts. In accordance with the Code of Laws...

**WGM:** Sister Gerry, can I interrupt you a minute? Sisters and Brothers, she's trying to give a report that actually is an important report and all I hear is a lot of whispering and talking going on. If you could please give her your attention, this Worthy Grand Matron would appreciate it. Thank you very much. Now please continue.

**Sister Gerry Sturtz:** In accordance with the Code of Laws, our committee held conference calls each quarter. Our conference calls were September 29, and October 18, 2017 and March 3 and June 6, 2018. Included in our Conference calls was Sister Cindy Echols, who is the Chairman of the Titles, Deeds and Properties on the Board of Directors. We went over how to use the Railroad Commission Public GIS Viewer. There were training videos available to us and with each member in front of a computer, we went through these videos. Our mission has been to keep lookout to be sure if a well is producing within our area, that we get the royalties due Grand Chapter. With the aid of our Grand Secretary, Dr. Ellen Pickrell, we have been able to establish API numbers for each lease. Dr. Pickrell informed me that we are receiving royalty statements from only 5 properties. These companies only pay quarterly and Dr. Pickrell has asked her office staff to send copies of these payments to me to distribute to the appropriate committee member. As I stated in the report last year, 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. Our Grand Treasurer is searching for the best solution to this problem. Because our data file is on the out-of-date Access file, we have no way of keeping up with the payments on the Assets files. An immediate objective next year will be to rearrange the Titles, Deeds, and Properties files. We had originally planned to use the Loaner Scanner from the Grand Lodge of Kansas to scan all of our assets. Since that scanner was never delivered, the scanning has not been accomplished at this time. Our understanding is that the printer we have at the Grand Chapter office can perform this function, so that will be one of our primary objects in the coming year. 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. I move the acceptance of this report.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt this report. This report, being from a committee requires no second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none we will proceed to vote. All in favor raise your orange card. Cards down. All opposed same sign. Motion carries. \* Thank you, Sister Gerry, and your committee, for a job well done. I know it's a very tedious and difficult task. I want you to know how much I appreciate all your committee's hard work. Thank you so much. Brother Neuenschwander let's have another song. Why don't y'all sing "Do You Really Care"? Maybe you've practiced now.

**"Whole World in His Hands"  
(Grand Choir)**

**WGM:** Thank you so much. At this time I would like to have our Board of Grand Examiners bring their reports. I recognize Sister Phyllis Macon, Board of Grand Examiners, District One, for her report.

**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 eight (8) Schools held during the 2017-2018 year as some sections were combined. With the help of those who offered their knowledge and time by assisting in the Examining room. I am pleased to make the following Report.

District One had an increase in Certificates from the prior year. There were 445 "A" Certificates and 1 "B" Certificate earned in District 1 this year. 39 members earned their certificates for the first time this year. . It is wonderful to have members becoming more proficient in their work and bringing enthusiasm to our Order.

I submit the following report for "A" Certificates:

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| Section 2       | at Sherman     | <u>47</u>         |
| Section 3       | at Caddo Mills | <u>41</u>         |
| Sections 9 & 10 | at Texarkana   | <u>74</u>         |
| Section 8       | at Carthage    | <u>48</u>         |
| Section 1       | at Lewisville  | <u>40</u>         |
| Sections 6 & 7  | at Athens      | <u>51</u>         |
| Section 5       | at Midlothian  | <u>69 A + 1 B</u> |
| Section 4       | at Richardson  | <u>65</u>         |

Additional exams administered in District 10

Exams taken in other Districts by District One members 18

District One began with 81 chapters; however, 4 chapters consolidated and 1 demised, leaving 76 chapters:

- Eustace #1062 with Gun Barrel City #1114 - 12/7/17
- Princeton #1126 with Farmersville #840 - 6/1/18
- Longview #610 with Hallsville #995 - 6/1/18
- Mike Thomas-Oak Cliff #951 with Ckrhill Delta Flora #794 - 6/12/18
- Belle Moon #930 - demised 6/5/18

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, and \$400.00 was donated to this project.

I was thrilled to present funds on behalf of District 1 to the Patriot Paws of Rockwall in the amount of \$1,200.00. 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: I enjoyed traveling the School Schedule with you and with our Grand Esther, Sister Lou and Brother Richard, when he was able to join us. Thank you for your service to our Order.

To my co-workers who so willingly supported each other at the schools, I say thank you. I especially appreciated the assistance provided by the Grand Secretary's Office and also the members of the Ritualistic Excellence Committee as we assisted each other at the schools. To Sister Becky Austin, 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 for the benefit of the membership. And my special thanks to each chapter for the Honorary Memberships and for every courtesy extended.

Serving my third year on the Board of Grand Examiners from District 1 has been yet another memorable milestone in my Eastern Star Life. Thank you, the entire membership of Texas, for this honor, to me and to my chapter, Mesquite Chapter No. 887.



Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Macon  
Grand Examiner - District 1

It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and co-worker, Susan Dormady, Grand Examiner, District 2.

**Sister Susan Dormady:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter family, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers, all. Good Afternoon and thank you for attending this session of Grand Chapter.

That was a great report from District 1. Thank you, Phyllis, for the work you do.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Hudman, I would like to take this time to thank you for showing this Grand Chapter how to be kind to one another. You have shown us how to be kind and have displayed your kindness throughout your year as Worthy Grand Matron. What a wonderful inspiration you have been to each of us.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Rick Skidd thank you for guiding us through this year. You have shown us that sometimes being a Jester is a good thing and you always allow time for being calm and ritualistic.

District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Medford, we have been working together for a long time now and I am always astounded at the things you do. You have been a great District Deputy

and are always a wonderful Sister in Eastern Star. I wish great things for you in your future.

I would like to thank all those special members who helped me in the examination rooms this year during the school schedule. You were a tremendous help and I really appreciate the time you spent in assisting me. The Proficiency Committee really stepped up this year in helping in the exam room. Thank you Bernell.

To this Board of Grand Examiners; Thank you for always being there to help where and when you could assist and thank you for allowing me to help YOU in your examining rooms. I always enjoy helping other members in their proficiency work.

And as always, Thank you membership for always being interested enough to receive your proficiency certificate. You have been kind to this Grand Examiner during the past 4 year and I thank 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 report of certificates of proficiency for District Two:



District II hosted 6 schools of instruction with a total of 158 "A" Proficiency Certificates earned and no "B" Certificates.

The statistical report by section will be published 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 \$275 to the Patriot Paws. Thank you so much for helping me support this cause.

The statistical report by Section, which follows, will be included in the Grand Chapter proceedings.

| Section | #of Chapters | "A" Certif | "B" Certif | Total |
|---------|--------------|------------|------------|-------|
| 1       | 0            | 0          | 0          | 0     |
| 2       | 3            | 24         | 0          | 24    |
| 3       | 2            | 9          | 0          | 9     |
| 4       | 2            | 20         | 0          | 20    |
| 5       | 1            | 1          | 0          | 1     |
| 6       | 1            | 15         | 0          | 15    |
| 7       | 3            | 25         | 0          | 25    |
| 8       | 6            | 49         | 0          | 49    |
| 10      | 2            | 15         | 0          | 15    |

This Grand Chapter year was known as "The year of Kindness". I must say that these Grand Examiners have shown such kindness this year. We have worked together and laughed together. We have worked together before; either as District Deputies or as Grand Examiners. For these years and more I thank you for <sup>all of</sup> the good times ~~and the bad~~. You have helped each other through thick and thin and will always be around to help this line of Grand Examiners. Thank you, ladies; the memories will last a lifetime.

It is my pleasure to introduce, Sister Lesa Smith, Grand Examiner, District 3.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dormady  
Board of Grand Examiners, District 2

**Sister Lesa Smith:**

Thank you Sister Susan. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, my sisters and brothers: It is my honor to present the report of the Grand Examiner of District 3. This being my first year to serve as Grand Examiner of District 3, I have learned so much and yes, I have made a few mistakes. However, that is how we grow. I want to say thank you to every member of District three for their love, support and prayers. You are so supportive and for that I am very grateful

It was my honor and privilege to attend all the schools in District 3, giving renditions of the Secret Work at each school. The highlight of the school , was to me, visiting with everyone and meeting new friends. I am very proud that each member earned an A certificate. I did not have one B certificate issued! I am also very excited we had 19 first time A certificates issued. I think that is excellent and speaks highly of the chapter members of District 3 and the hard work put in studying the secret work, Ritual and Constitution .

A total of 307 "A" certificates were earned in District 3 this year.

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|----------------|-----|
| Section 1      | 81  |
| Section 2 & 3  | 57  |
| Section 4 & 5  | 21  |
| Section 6      | 19  |
| Section 7      | 26  |
| Section 8      | 33  |
| Section 9 & 10 | 60  |
| Total          | 332 |

This total includes those exams that were given in a different District.

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 in previous years, we had proficiency stickers, which had a swan on them and they were available for purchase in the Examining Room. A total of \$306.00 was donated to the Worthy Grand Matrons project from District Three.

Thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to choose one of her charities, and I chose the Patriot Paws as my project for this year. The positive effect this group provides to our Veterans and their program is absolutely

amazing. They are a true blessing. Thanks to your generosity a check on behalf of District 3 in the amount of \$766.00 was given to the Patriot Paws, for the training of new puppies. This is a very caring group and they support those who have supported us!

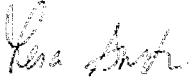
I am grateful to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their support this year. Your friendship and encouragement have meant a great deal to me. I enjoyed attending the school schedule with you both.

To the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3, Sister Beverly Plante: you are a dear and our travels together certainly strengthened our friendship. I hope you finally got warm. To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 3: thank you for every effort you made to make our schools fun and successful and for all that you did to assist me in the Examining rooms. To Sister Sherry Thompson: your Humanitarian programs were wonderful, and I enjoyed being with you. I look forward to traveling with you again next year. To my co-workers, I treasure our friendships, I thank you for your help this past year and I love each of you. I wish each of you Gods speed and success in the future.

To the membership of Texas, thank you so much for the opportunity you have given me to serve Grand Chapter in this office. This has been a very

rewarding year with wonderful memories that I will always treasure. I have loved being your Grand Examiner of District Three. I can't wait to see you again on the school schedule.

Respectfully submitted,



Lesla Smith

Grand Examiner, District 3

It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and co-worker, Glenda Klemm,

Grand Examiner, District 4.

**Sister Glenda Klemm:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my beloved Sisters and Brothers,

You, the members, have allowed this year of service to be "sew" gratifying. Your devotion to our Order has made this report possible. A special thank you to Sister Tonya Wilson, District Deputy Grand Matron and the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4. Thank you to each that assisted in administering exams especially Sister Diane Flanagan.

Because of your support, I am pleased to submit the following report.

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Total "A" Certificates Issued | 479   |
| Total "B" Certificates Issued | - 0 - |
| Total Certificates            | 479   |

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| Section 1  | 39 |
| Section 2  | 72 |
| Section 3  | 28 |
| Section 4  | 54 |
| Section 5  | 56 |
| Section 6  | 40 |
| Section 7  | 74 |
| Section 8  | 31 |
| Section 9  | 25 |
| Section 10 | 60 |

There were twenty-seven (27) first timers who achieved their Certificate of Proficiency. The Swan proficiency stickers produced \$377.

A detailed report by Chapter is on file in the Grand Secretary's Office.

As everyone knows Hurricane Harvey affected most of District 4, therefore, I selected Hurricane Harvey Relief as the Special Project. Through the generosity of the membership, I was able to donate \$768.00.

in HIS love and mine,  
Glenda Klemm  
Grand Examiner District 4

It is my honor to present my co-worker Sister Joan Miller,  
Grand Examiner District 5

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**Sister Joan Miller:**

Thank you, Sister Glenda Klemm.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers,

It is a pleasure to present my report as Grand Examiner of District 5 for the 2017- 2018 year. It is a privilege to serve on the board of Grand examiners and to represent District five. The success of this year was made possible by the support and encouragement of the members of this beautiful order.

There were a total of 212 "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  | 1   |
| Section 2  | 0   |
| Section 3  | 46  |
| Section 4  | 18  |
| Section 5  | 2   |
| Section 6  | 37  |
| Section 7  | 56  |
| Section 8  | 24  |
| Section 9  | 22  |
| Section 10 | 7   |
| Total      | 212 |

Thirteen (13) members earned their certificates for the first time this year. Congratulations on your achievement!

District 5 held 8 Schools this past year. At the 4<sup>th</sup> School, I was notified of Terry's youngest brother's death in Ohio. I thank Brother George Gwaltney and Sister Nannette for driving me back to San Antonio so that Terry and I could head to Ohio for services. I want to thank Sister Shelley Walker, Grand Examiner at Large, for taking care of the 5th School and

Sister June Bell and other District 5 members for taking care of the last 3 Schools for me. I thank all those that took your time to assist in the Examining Rooms.

We were pleased to have the proficiency stickers available in the Examining Room.

\$267 was donated to this project.

I was pleased to present a total of \$825.00 to the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam in San Antonio. The generosity of the membership and the matching funds by Sisters Carlotta Fairchild and Monette Littlepage were greatly appreciated! Thank you all for supporting my chosen project for District 5.

It is indeed sad for District 5 to report that five (5) Chapters Consolidated this past year. I know that the members of the Chapters that received these Consolidated members have received them with open arms and look forward to their involvement in their new Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, "Thank You" for "A Year Of Faith, Hope And Love". I enjoyed traveling with you and getting to know you better this year.

Sister Gail Fuller, District Deputy Grand Matron, and the Deputies of District 5, "Thank you for all your hard work and preparations made on my behalf. Good job! And to the Chapters in District 5, a big "Thank You" for the honorary memberships, love gifts and all your courtesies.

Again, to this awesome membership, "Thank You", for allowing me to serve Grand Chapter in this office. I look forward to visiting with everyone in the Examining Room this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Miller

Grand Examiner, District 5

It is my pleasure to introduce my co-worker, Shelley Walker, Grand Examiner At Large, to give her report. Thank you.

**Sister Shelley Walker:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, Sisters and Brothers.

What a wonderful privilege I have had this year serve as your Grand Examiner at Large. Thank you to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for your support, encouragement and guidance. This has truly been a year of Faith, Hope and Love.

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.

Due to a family emergency, the Grand Examiner of District Five, Sister Joan Miller, was unable to be at the New Braunfels School. I was pleased to be able to fill in for her and present the rendition of the secret work and to assist the members of the Section.

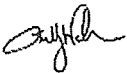
I would also like express my sincere thanks to my Co-Workers on the Board of Grand Examiners. Phyllis, Susan, Lesa, Glenda and Joan you are each shining examples of commitment, dedication and service. I am honored to have you at not only co-workers, but as friends. Thank you for allowing me to assist you at many of the schools this year.

During the 2018 Grand Chapter session at Irving Texas I am pleased the bring the following report:

"A" Certificates: 2

"B" Certificates: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Shelley Walker  
Grand Examiner at Large

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 motion to adopt all the report of the Board of Grand Examiners Committee. Because this comes from a committee we don't need a second. Well, they are not really a committee. Worthy Grand Patron are you sitting back there?

**WGP:** Yes I was Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** Would you second that for me?

**WGP:** I did say second.

**WGM:** Well, I can't hear you back there. Is there any discussion? All in favor of the report of the Grand Examiners, would you please raise your orange cards. Cards Down. All opposed, like sign. Motion carries. \* Sisters, I loved being Grand Examiner and I thank each of you for the wonderful hard work and helping the membership to be more proficient. Okay, we have been listening to reports ad-nauseum, so I decided we need to have some fun again. Y'all want to have some fun? Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, will you please present the following in back of Esther's station. Sister Beverly Plante, Sister Elinor Humphreys and Brother Jerry Boldin. And some travelling music if you want to play over there.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present as requested Sister Elinor Humphreys, Sister Beverly Plante and Brother Jerry Boldin.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, these are three of them most devoted people that I know. 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 membership. Sister Beverly, what a delight you have been this year. When my travelling secretary broke her hip, you called me and volunteered to travel with me and do what she was doing, and I am so glad that you did. What it has done has given me the opportunity to get to know you. Trust me people, y'all don't know the real Beverly. I want you to know you will always be in my heart and you will always be my friend. And I love you and it is indeed my pleasure to honor you with a Grand Representative position. Sister Elinor, it was such a pleasure to see you in action. The membership loves you. You work so hard and you also went with my District Deputy wherever she took you. Please know how special you are to me and it is my pleasure to also present you with a Grand Representative. And Brother Jerry, you will never know how much I love you and your sweet wife, who I know is watching us and is with us today. You have never failed to help me whenever I asked. You are indeed one of the most loyal people I know. I am so proud of you and I know that Debora is too. Please know how honored I am to present you also with a Grand Representative commission. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these distinguished members to the East. (Applause) Sister Beverly, come here. Just come here. (Laughter) I might keep your pin. They are really pretty and quit crying cause I'm already crying. Worthy Grand Patron, you need to pin these on them because I can't read them. I can't read them. I'm having the rest of my cataract and cornea transplant surgery this coming Thursday. Please pray for my eyeballs. Well, I don't know where your thing is but you're getting...

**Sister Beverly Plante:** What am I getting? (Laughter)

**WGM:** Alberta, Canada. But, it's got the wrong pin in it, Sister Grand Secretary. But it is Alberta, Canada. (Applause)

**WGP:** It looks just like Arizona. Darn, I hate when they do that. (Laughter)

**WGM:** Sister Elinor, yours is for Massachusetts. (Applause) I hear a road trip coming up. The little wheels are turning now. Brother Jerry, how about Mississippi. (Applause) Okay, these people have been on their feet a long time, Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters and Brothers, will you please join me in saluting these new Grand Representatives with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) (Applause) Would y'all like to say anything? I didn't ask you if you wanted to speak.

**Brother Jerry Boldin:** I would like to say to Sister Melissa. I was there for you when you were Grand Examiner. I'm going to be here for whoever needs any help. I'm not changing. Thank you. (Applause)

**Sister Elinor Humphreys:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you. This was a total surprise. Thank you. (Applause)

**Sister Beverly Plante:** How long do I get? (Laughter) I want to tell you first of all thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. And am I shocked, yes. This is one of those exciting moments in my life and I cannot tell you what a great pleasure it's been to spend time with this woman. She's a real delight and she works really hard too. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. Don't get too comfortable in your chairs though but you may return right now. Is Sister Karen Weser here? Sister and Brothers, we have an election for Grand Examiner of District One. There were 993 total votes cast. The number to elect would have been 497. There was 1 spoiled ballot that wasn't used. And here are the results. Sister Becky Austin, 331. Sister Kathy Pascal, 662. Kathy Pascal has been elected as the Grand Examiner of District 1. Sister Kathy.

**Sister Kathy Paschal:** To the sweet membership. Thank you so much. I am honored and humbled by you and I will serve my best for you as Grand Examiner, District 1. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** Thank you. For the office of Associate Grand Conductress, we do not have an election. There were 801 total votes cast. 401 needed to elect. The votes are as follows:

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|-----------------|-----|
| Laura Sharp -   | 181 |
| Donna Noe -     | 203 |
| Susan Dormady - | 251 |
| Phyllis Macon - | 369 |

We will drop the name of Laura Sharp and we will ballot again. We are going to use ballot "B", lime green. Please circle only one name on the ballot for Associate Grand Conductress. Deputy Grand Matron, I will ask that you collect all the ballots. After you have collected all the ballots in your areas, go to all six tables and stand and wait until I direct you to deposit the ballots. Voting delegates please only place one ballot facedown in the ballot box. And Deputies you will make sure that only one ballot per person is placed. Now a reminder to the Warders and Sentinels. We will seal the doors, and no one is to enter or leave while balloting is taking place. I now declare the ballot open. \*

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Sisters and Brothers, I apologize. My team apologizes. The numbers on the votes cast total is not correct. It is exactly the way it was read. 369, Phyllis Macon, Dormady 251, Laura Sharp 181, Noe 203. It is 1,004 votes that were cast, and it took 503 to elect. I apologize for it not being added correctly. Please forgive me and if you want to shoot me, let me finish this race and I'll quit. But we did catch our error of our ways. We've been over there pulling our hair out trying to figure out what's happening, and it was in the total number because the total number in the second race were more than the first race and we couldn't figure that one out. So, we apologize. So, forgive me. Carolyn you may not want me to do this next year. I apologize.

**WGP:** Sister Jimmie Lee? Maybe what we should do is have you were that jacket so...

**PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Give me the jacket! I'll wear it!

**WGM:** Okay, Sister Deputies, have all the votes been cast? Please deposit your ballots on the tables. A quick announcement. The Grand Secretary still has 30 Secretary packets to be picked up. If you are not sure if your secretary picked it up or you're not sure if your Chapter has, please check back there at the back table. They're over here in the corner. Go see if it's there because they are very heavy and it's going to cost a lot of money to mail to the Chapters that haven't picked them up. In addition, the Yearbook is back there. If you ordered a Yearbook, they have your Yearbook back there. Please pick that up. I appreciate it. I would like to invite the three ladies because I didn't do this, to at least come up here and nod at everybody if you would like. Again, this is Phyllis Macon, Susan Dormady and Donna Noe. Thank you, ladies. Now, we're going to have a little bit more fun. I recognize Sister Karen Weser for her report and recognition of the Chapters who obtained the Give a Hoot Award. As she gives the names of the recipients, someone from the Chapter, if the Worthy Matron is here it would be her or her designee, please come to the East to receive your award.

**Sister Karen Weser:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Karen Weser, Past Matron of Boyd Chapter #897 thank you so much for the "Give A Hoot" General Chairman appointment for this year. I have enjoyed getting to know some new Sisters, visiting the Chapters, and encouraging them to participate in the "Give A Hoot" program. All the District Chairmen reported that they encouraged the Chapters in their area of travel, to participate in trying for

the award, as well as promoted the purchase of (and sold) night lights and suncatchers. At Grand Chapter I purchased 20 night lights and 20 suncatchers to sell throughout the year. D-4 Chairman, Sue Burt, asked for some suncatchers so I sent her 6 of mine. She incorporated the \$30 for the suncatchers in the total check she sent to Grand Chapter, please consider this a donation to the program.

**REPORTED SALES FROM THE DISTRICTS:**

Gen. Chairman (Karen Weser) reported \$300.00  
District 1 Chairman (Stephania Myrek) reported \$735.00  
District 2 Chairman (Debra Ford) reported \$55.00  
District 3 Chairman (Abi Foreman) reported \$15.00 and encouraged purchasing at a School,  
District 4 Chairman (Sue Burt) reported \$330.00  
District 5 Chairman (Donna Damon) reported \$15.00 also encouraged purchasing at a School.  
Total Sales \$1,450.00  
(School sales not included).

I received applications from 8 Chapters who have successfully achieved all the requirements necessary to receive the "Give A Hoot" Award and they are:

Weatherford Chapter #21 (D3, S2),  
Mineral Wells Chapter #44 (D3, S2),  
Springtown Chapter #498 (D3, S2),  
Granbury Chapter #530 (D3, S2),  
Buna Chapter #968 (D4, S2),  
Lexington Chapter #996 (D4, S8)  
Kerrville Chapter #24 (D5, S3),  
Bandera Chapter #643 (D5, S3),  
Congratulations to all for a job well done!

I have enclosed the applications and general correspondence for your files. I have been proud to be one your committee members. Thanks again for this opportunity to serve you and our beautiful Order.

**WGM:** Thank you so much, Sister Karen, for your diligence on this committee. You did an outstanding job...I'm sorry that more of you didn't do it but they got trophies to take back home with them in addition to a certificate. Now, Sister Patricia Hammond, General Chairman of the Bulletin Committee was not able to be with us today, but I am pleased to give the following report:

Bulletin Committee Summary Report  
 New Subscriptions to OES Bulletin:

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| District 1: Diann Norton, D1, S9 | 9 |
| John "Calvin" Posey, D1, S7      | 1 |
| Danielle Hepler, D1, S3          | 1 |

**District 1 total: 11**

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|----------------------------------|---|
| District 2: Nancy Alison, D2, S8 | 1 |
| Sylvia Richie, D2, S6            | 4 |

**District 2 total: 5**

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| District 3: Patricia Cooper, D3, S7 | 3 |
| Judy Sadberry, D3, S4               | 1 |
| Marian Hillard, D3, S1              | 5 |
| Susy Carpenter, D3, S1              | 1 |

**District 3 total: 10**

District 4: none

**District 4 total: 0**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| District 5: Frances Hayes, D5, S3 | 1 |
|-----------------------------------|---|

**District 5 total: 1**

**TOTAL: 27**

So Diann Norton, if you are in here, please come to the East.  
 Submissions to "They Say That":

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| District 1:   | 5         |
| District 2:   | 0         |
| District 3:   | 8         |
| District 4:   | 2         |
| District 5:   | 15        |
| <b>TOTAL:</b> | <b>30</b> |

Kerrville Chapter #24 was the only Chapter with 4 or more submissions. So, Kerrville Chapter #24 has won the award for "They Say That". If someone from Kerrville could come to the East. I want to say thank you so much to everyone who served on this committee for your hard work and congratulations to Diane Norton and Kerrville Chapter #24. Sister Diane gets an endowed membership. (Applause) Congratulations. And for Kerrville, we have a certificate for you. Help me thank these ladies for their hard work. (Applause) At this time, I ask all who will be receiving their 50-year or more recognition at this Grand Chapter to meet in the West. Get lined up back there. We have some... Brother John, John Creel, Brother Richard Hudman, Brother John Creel. Brother John Creel, I need to see you. We have one more piece of Legislation they tell me we have to take care of so I'm going to let Brother John read this to you.



**PGP John Creel:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we've got one more piece of Legislation that we need to discuss and vote on.

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of Texas has directed the Worthy Grand Matron to direct the Grand Secretary to send a printed copy of the Official Bulletin to the Chapter Secretaries;

We, the Board of Directors submit the following Emergency Amendment to our Grand Chapter of Texas, 2018-2019 budget.

We amend the Line and Item Number 59, Expense Code 5647, Chapter Bulletins to read: \$13,000.

That will change the total expenses to \$773,715. Changing our net income to \$21,260. We have found this in proper order.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, you voted earlier if you remember, to have those mailed so, the money has to be put back on that Line in the Budget. That's what this Legislation is doing right now. To replace the -0- on that Line. So, you understand what you are voting on, yes? Okay, is there any discussion on this? Hearing none, we will proceed to ballot. If you are in favor of this, putting the money back in on the Line, raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. \* Okay, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, will you please present our 50-year or more members in back of Esther's Station.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, as requested, our 50-year members.

**WGM:** I think this is one of the greatest accomplishments I've ever seen! I would like to make my 50-years, but I don't know that I will. So, I congratulate each of you who have 50-years or more. On behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Chapter of Texas, we wish to extend congratulations to all of you on reaching this important service milestone. Your loyalty, and commitment to the Eastern Star, never goes unnoticed. A lot of what we have accomplished over the years is because we have dedicated members like yourself who helped us get it done. Thank you for your hard work and much dedication. Thank you all for being here today so we can honor you. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, as each of you stand before the membership today, you celebrate the momentous occasion of an achievement many in this organization can only dream about reaching. Congratulations to all of you and may you celebrate many more Eastern Star anniversaries.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our 50-year members to the East. \*\*\* Please honor these 50-year members and salute them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Sisters and Brothers, thank you so, so much for being here and we are so proud of each and every one of you. And thank you, thank you, thank you. Help me thank them. I know we gave them Grand Honors but help me thank them. (Applause) We have something for you on your way out of the East. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will return to their place in the Chapter Room. \* Sisters and Brothers, can I have your attention. The thing you just voted on just a moment ago, needed to be voted on first to approve that you could vote on it. Is that correct?

**PGP John Creel:** We have to approve the request for the Emergency voting on that.

**WGM:** Am I now asking them to vote to ask them to let you have this request? Okay and then we're going to vote again so you get it? Okay, did y'all get all that? I realize that there's things to make things legal, but we've already voted on this about 15 times! But let's try once more. First, we are going to vote to allow the Legislation or whatever this is, to come in. So, all in favor raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. \* Now, we are going to vote again to amend Line Item #59, Expense Code 5647, Chapter Bulletins, to read \$13,000. That will change the total expenses to \$773,715 and the net income to \$21,260. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your orange cards. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries. \* Okay, we had our Rob Morris Silent Auction last night and I have Sister Susie Rogers up here with me and these are people who still owe money. So, you need to see Sister Susie. Sister Susie, wave at them. Patricia Bruce, Dee Davis, Juanita Displas, Kay Johnson, Lisa Lewis, Jacklyn McCarn, Holly Stone, Pat Sullivan and Julie Thomas. Please see Sister Susie and she'll tell you how much you owe her. Now, just wait one moment. I'm having more fun. I would like Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress to please present the following in back of Esther's Station. Brother John C. Wilson, Sister Betty Hancock, Sister Sharon Prague, Sister Pam Dean and Sister Lou Skidd.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present as requested: Sister Pam Dean, Sister Lou Skidd, Brother John Wilson, Sister Betty Hancock, Sister Sharon Prague.

**WGM:** Sister Pam, you are such a special person to me. I knew I wanted my Grand Marshal to have the personality that you have. You have been so supportive and considerate, and I thank you for all that you have done, and it is my honor to be able to present you with a Grand Representative. Sister Lou Skidd, you and your husband are a special part of our family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you have done and for sharing your husband with Richard and me for the last two years. I love you both and it will be my pleasure to present you with a Grand Representative. Brother John, you and Tonya are special in so many ways. I appreciate everything you have done for me this year including letting me crash at your house for long periods of time. It is such a pleasure to be able to give this Grand Representative to you. Sister Betty, I have known you and Tom for many years and you helped to do whatever I ask you to do. I loved working with you at the Grand Secretary's Office and it is such a pleasure to present you with this Grand Representative. Sister Sharon, you and Bill are part of our family. I appreciate everything that you have done for me and my family. My son and his family consider you family also. Know how much Richard and I both appreciate and love you. It is my pleasure to present you with a Grand Representative. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will please escort them to the East. And if there is someone that wants to come put their pins on them, you are more than welcome to come to the East. Brother John, your wife would like to pin you, but it is my honor to give you this Grand Representative to Bolivia. (Applause) Sister Betty Hancock,

it's my pleasure to give you the state of Delaware. (Applause) Sister Sharon Prague, it is my pleasure to give you and I'm going to go with you, the state of Minnesota. (Applause) Let me quit crying and I'll move right on. Sister Pam Dean, it's my pleasure to give you New Jersey. (Applause) And Sister Lou Skidd, last but not least. I just did them in alphabetical order, so they would know where to stand. It's my pleasure to give you the state of South Carolina. (Applause) Now everybody's up here crying. This is just pitiful! Supposed to be fun people, supposed to be fun. Sisters and Brothers, it is such a pleasure to get to do this and I would like for you to please join me in saluting these new Grand Representatives with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Is there anyone that has anything you want to say before you leave. Sister Sharon.

**Sister Sharon Prague:** Well, I thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Very unexpected but thank you so much.

**WGM:** Sister Pam, you want to say something before you leave?

**Sister Pam Dean:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am so honored and so shocked, and I thank you so much for all your love and support all these years. Thank you.

**Sister Betty Hancock:** Sister Melissa, thank you. It's wonderful. My granddaughter is starting the University of Delaware this fall and she is a "Blue Hen". Thank you.

**WGM:** You're kidding. Oh, I picked well. Brother John.

**Brother John Wilson:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I couldn't be happier. It's been a pleasure to serve as your Grand Warder and you are welcome to come to our home anytime you want and stay as long as you like.

**WGM:** Thank you. I might do that. Thank you. Sister Lou.

**Sister Lou Skidd:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and I really appreciate South Carolina. I know that we were there this past year to present them with the flag, so it will be wonderful to go back again next year. Ok, photo opportunity and Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you can go sit back down for a few minutes. More to come. At this time, I'm going to allow the Worthy Grand Patron to give out his award. If you will remember at Schools, he told you that he was going to be looking at Annual Reports. So, Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** It's not in the book.

**WGM:** Ad Lib darling, it's not in the book. (Laughter) Think on your feet!

**WGP:** Alright, so, Sisters and Brothers, if you remember all during the School schedule and the Fraternal visits I talked about that I would like to see an increase in our membership. And although Sister Ellen didn't report that big of an increase, what was it? 300 people total? Just go yes. (Yes)

Okay, which was for every 10 we lost, we gained 1. However, we did have 4 Chapters that brought in 38 new members between the 4 Chapters. (Applause) So, we had a 1<sup>st</sup> Place Chapter, 2-2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chapters and I couldn't find a way to break a tie, no matter how I tried. I asked Sister Ellen, "Is this different, is this different?" She said, "No, no, no" so, after a while Sister Lou said, "You're losing hair trying to figure it out. (Laughter) Just go ahead and give it to two Chapters." So, I'm going to start with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Chapter and if I can get the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron from that Chapter to come up here, we'll give you your award and just a second and I'll show it to you. Because I promised you the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Chapter would get the pequeño one. Sisters and Brothers look at this. It comes in a nice little box. Suitable for framing. And Sisters and Brothers, here's the pequeño on that goes to TMRC for 8 new members. (Applause) So, again, if I could get TMRC Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron to come up here or somebody from TMRC, I would greatly appreciate it. (Applause) Alright Sisters and Brothers, like I said, we had two 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and I am going to ask for the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Nederland Chapter and Buna Chapter to both come up to the East here. (Applause) This one is just a little bit bigger. I want you to know Sisters and Brothers, that those two dresses I owed Sister Lou, they are right here (the awards). (Laughter) Sisters and Brothers, both of these Chapters brought in 9 new members. (Applause) Alright Sisters and Brothers, this is it. The announcement you've been waiting for and what I am going to say right now is the #1 Placed winner, you can bring as many people up as you want because you'll deserve it. But you gotta come up quick if you want to go home. Here's what the 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophy...you can thank Sister Lou. Sister Lou walked around Monarch Trophy and looked at a bunch of these and said, "I really like that cause it's different." So, that's who you can thank. And I like this better than just a piece of paper certificate. Something that you can be proud of. So, Granbury Chapter. Sisters and Brothers, Granbury Chapter brought in 12 new members. (Applause)

**WGM:** While we are waiting for them to come to the East, I'm going to tell you we do not have an election and so I would like for the Assistant Sentinels, Assistant Warders will you tell them to tell the people out there if they want to vote that they need to come in now. Because when we complete this, we will be doing it. So, I want to give them the opportunity to get in here if they would like to be.

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the Chapters that brought in new members. Granbury says that their 12 new members are already active and helping out in fundraisers and that's what we like to see and that's what is going to make this Organization grow. Bringing in the members and giving them something to do. So, again, thank you to all the Chapters, thank you membership for getting behind me on this. And Sister Lou, I'm sorry you just saw your dresses that I owed you, up here. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WGM:** You're welcome. Sister Susie Rogers are you in here? Hello, is she in here? I need Susie Rogers because people have come up here to pay for stuff. Brother Grand Warder and Brother Grand Sentinel. How they gone out

and notified the people in the hallway that if they want to come in, they most certainly can? We're good to go? We're good? Okay. Sisters and Brothers, we do not have an election. 981 ballots were counted. 13 ballots were thrown out for being spoiled ballots. The number to elect is 491. Donna Noe 206, Susan Dormady 325 and Phyllis Macon 450. We will drop the name of Donna Noe. We are going to ballot on Ballot "C", it's the white one. Please remember that you only circle one name. Deputy Grand Matrons, I direct you to begin collecting the ballots. After you have collected all the ballots in your areas, you will go to tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The ballots will be put face down in the ballot box and only one ballot per person is placed in the container. A reminder to the Warders and Sentinels, no one is allowed to enter or leave while balloting is taking place. I now declare the ballot open. \* Have the Sentinels voted? Yes, they have. I declare the ballot closed. \* You will deposit those on the tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. You can also let them out of the doors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, will you please present the members of the Executive and the Arrangements Committees in back of Esther's station. If you are on those Committees, please go to the back to be brought in back of Esther's station. Sister Susie Rogers is up here for the person that was looking for her to give her a check. She'll stay right here for a few moments. She won't get up and run away. She'll be sitting in the choir. You may find her in the choir.

**GC:** Worthy Grand Matron, as requested your Executive and Arrangements Committees.

**WGM:** How wonderful you all look back there. Please know that we are on the downhill side. It is the wonderful actions of each of you, that keep me going and I want to thank you again and God bless each and every one of you Sisters and Brothers. This has been a wonderful Session and all of your hard 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 is standing in the West have lived up to my expectations and I want you to know that I love and appreciate each of you so much. To the members of the Arrangement Committee, I can't thank you enough. Just please know how much I love each of you. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WGP:** I want to make sure I've got the right one because you didn't seem to say everything I had. Sisters and Brothers, thank you for everything you have done to make this Grand Chapter Session so successful. Brother Bill, I did not know you well prior to this year, but I have appreciated your friendship and assistance over the past 12 months. Sister Barbara, we know behind every good Chairman is a great Secretary. Thank you for keeping Brother Bill on task. Sister Marlene, thank you for being a good steward of our finances and keeping us on budget. And then there's still only James (Laughter)...and his staff. I still don't know what I can say about you James...except that he and his staff have done an outstanding and exceptional job. Thank you all for everything you've done. I will always have fond memories of this Grand Chapter and it would not have been possible if not because of each and every one of you. Thank you, thank you.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, please help us thank these wonderful and dedicated members. (Applause) Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, the rest may go back to their seat, but I need you to escort Brother James Walker and Sister Marlene Scholari to the East. Come up to the East. If your significant others would like to join you. These two people are incredible friends of mine. It's incredible to me for what they have done for me. This Session was perfect in my eyes and more than the Session I hope we have strengthened our friendships for a lifetime. So, these Grand Representatives are simply my way of saying thank you for everything that you have done for me. Can somebody please go get Brother Joe Scholari. He's outside being a Sentinel and have him come to the East. And Brother James, come here while we wait for Brother Joe. Your wife is here.

**Brother James Walker:** I told you not to do this to me.

**WGM:** You know what? I'm not going to say a lot. But I certainly hope you enjoy Australia. (Applause)

**Brother James Walker:** Good day mate! Are you serious?

**WGM:** This young man has done a marvelous job and James is James. He reminds me so much of my son that is no longer with us, because he has this weird sense of humor. (Laughter) But I could not have done this if it was not for this young man. Please help me thank him and then we'll let his wife pin his pin on him. (Applause) Sister Marlene, oh, please don't cry. You know how much I love you and I'm going to look the other way, and she knows I do. And you are going to go to the great state of Montana and I hope you have a wonderful time there.

**Sister Marlene Scholari:** I've never been there. I'd love to go. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

**WGM:** And Brother Joe is going to pin her pin on her and you get to go with her to Montana too. Now don't leave. \*\*\* Sisters and Brothers please join me in saluting these new Grand Representatives with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) Thank you. \* (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you may go back to your chairs. Thank you. Deputy Grand Matrons, will you please come up here, so we can get pictures of each District. Their Reports will be in your Proceedings. We are not going to do reports, but I do want to get pictures of them. So, Grand Choir while we are taking pictures, what few of you are there would you please sing something peppy.

**“The Grand Old Flag”**  
**“Zippity Do Da”**  
**“It's a Small World”**  
**“Deep in the Heart of Texas”**  
**(Grand Choir)**

**WGM:** Sister Carolyn, is your group getting ready because we're getting close. Okay.

**AGM Carolyn Martin:** Worthy Grand Matron, we will be ready.

**WGM:** I want them to have time to rest a little and her team to set up before you have to rush back over here so we're trying to get this done.

**WGP:** Worthy Grand Matron. Sister and Brothers, as you know I've been getting notes throughout the week of a special gift for myself and it was my job to figure out what that gift was. I know a lot of you have been following that to see if I guessed it. And you can ask the Worthy Grand Matron, I did figure it out last night. It is our soldier over here holding the flag. Sisters and Brothers, I have looked at that and I've looked at the rank of that and I'm calling that "Little Joe Scholari" because it is the same rank as Sgt. Major Scholari was. And Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to take that home with me but with your permission I would like to go ahead and donate it every year for the Grand Chapter to use. My reason for that is that I really believe that the flag looks fantastic being so high above everything else there. So, if it's okay with you and Sister Carolyn if you would like to use it next year at your Grand Chapter I will be more than happy to go ahead and bring that.

**AGM Carolyn Martin:** I'll think about it Worthy Grand Patron. (Laughter)

**WGP:** Sister Carolyn I'm sorry I didn't hear what you said.

**AGM Carolyn Martin:** I said, Worthy Grand Patron, I will think about it.

**WGP:** Okay, but if you don't use "Little Joe", Big Joe is going to be upset.

**AGM Carolyn Martin:** You convinced me!

**WGP:** Yeah, I figured I would. Thank you. (Laughter) Thank you very much Sisters and Brothers. (Applause)

**WGM:** Shut the door over here in the South, please until we're ready for that. We need to keep the doors shut. We are still in Session. Are y'all ready to sing "Do You Really Care"? I'll get the words out, I'll try to sing with you. Look at page 77 in your Session program and you can sing along with us.

**"Do You Really Care"**  
**Members and Grand Choir**  
(Applause)

How pretty. I quit singing. I don't sing that high anymore. Not anymore. Would you like to sing us another song? Sing to us. We're waiting for election results.

**"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"**  
**(Grand Choir)**

**WGM:** Thank you so much. Sisters and Brothers, we do have an election. Now we do have other things to do and Sister Carolyn wants to have her invitation so I'm going to ask you to please stay. Do you promise that you will? Otherwise I'll shut the doors down and you can't leave. My last thing to

do. We do have an election. 915 votes were cast. Number to elect, 458. Sister Susan Dormady 402. Sister Phyllis Macon 513. Sister Phyllis Macon you have been elected Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**Sister Phyllis Macon:** Yes. (Laughter) Thank you. I do accept, and I appreciate the opportunity of service that has been given to me by this Grand Chapter. I look forward to working with the membership. Thank you for this honor, for this privilege, for the support and I covet your prayers. Thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** While they are loving on her, Sisters and Brothers, I want to say Thank you to the Tellers, Deputies, and Teller Judge and all those who assisted today in the election. Thank you for your service. I particularly thank Jimmie Lee McMahon for serving as Election Judge. You all have done a wonderful job. Let us thank them. (Applause) You may return to your places in the Grand Chapter room and my labyrinth people, I need you to get these tables and chairs off the floor so Sister Carolyn can do her invitation to her Grand Chapter. They're going to have a parade. You know like when you go to Mardi Gras and they throw beads at you. I don't really know what they are doing but they're going to have a parade. Please stay with us and see they're parade after which we're going to let you go early. You will still have time to rest and all before you have to come back for the Installation. I would ask Brother Ray Hargis to come to the East to issue the invitation to the 137<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session.

**Brother Ray Hargis:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. It's time! Time to start thinking about Tyler in 2019. Tyler, the Rose Capital of the world. Tyler, deep in the piney woods of Northeast Texas. Where the sweet smell of tall pines and beautiful flowers. Friendly people and great fellowship. Tyler, a city of vision in the economic hub of Northeast Texas with a goal for growth and expansion. A city known for its southern homes and its wide streets. A city with a Harvey Convention Center where the 137<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session will be held August 13<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. An exciting time awaits us all in Tyler. It is now my pleasure to introduce your Executive Team for 2018-2019. I am Ray Hargis, Executive Chairman. Executive Co-Chairman, Sister Becky Cole. Executive Secretary, Sister Betty Scott. Executive Treasurer, Sister Ann Wyatt. The Executive Auditor, Sister Jan Walker. Did Jan make it up here? There she is. Please give them a hand. (Applause) Brother Jack Beall will be our Executive General Chairman. Here he is. Have a word Jack.

**Brother Jack Beall:** Thank you Ray. As Ray has said, Tyler is changing. It's growing. They're working on the airport. We'll have a new runway in November, promised. And that will open Tyler up more than what it is now. And it's going to help us bring in our guests from out of state. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron will be doing her Official visit in Tyler. So, come to Tyler and enjoy.

**Brother Ray Hargis:** And now Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to introduce to you your Worthy Grand Matron-elect, Sister Carolyn Martin and your Worthy Grand Patron-elect, Brother Burley Jones. (Applause)

**AGM Carolyn Martin:** Thank you very much. It is indeed our pleasure to invite you to Tyler, Texas and we did make a few changes and know that I know that



if you are on the Loop at 8:00 in the morning in Tyler, Texas, you cannot get anywhere. So, we changed the time to 8:30 so you will have no trouble at 8:30 in the morning in Tyler. Also, we changed the way we sit so that we are not using the standard stage, but we will have a stage similar to this with two screens so that you may see and hear better in Tyler. What we tried to do... we're going to make our own mistakes, rest assured, but we tried to correct some things that we thought would make Tyler a little more viable for you. The place, the Cascades where we are having the Banquets is just 3 miles down the road on the Loop. So, we invite you to Tyler and now Mr. Band Director, hit it! Enjoy folks, we're going to Tyler! (Parade begins) (Applause) See you in Tyler, Texas next year! Thank you so much. (Applause)

**WGM:** We are almost done if you'll just stay with us a few more minutes. Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to bring your closing remarks.

**WGP:** Yes, I would Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you very much. Sisters and Brothers, serving you, the Membership, has been a great honor for me. As I have traveled around the State you have made me feel welcomed and appreciated. I have said this several times during the year and I have meant it, "you, the membership, are the Grand Chapter of Texas." We, the elected and appointed officers, are only here to represent you.

As I move from being the Worthy Grand Patron and join the ranks of Past Grand Patron, I look forward to working with the Membership to make the Grand Chapter of Texas a stronger organization as we continue to face the unknown challenges of the future. Together we can make this a bigger and better organization than it is today.

Sister Melissa, most of the male members of this organization only dream of someday becoming the Worthy Grand Patron, but you gave me the opportunity to fulfill that dream. Thank you. Thank you for asking me to walk down this road with you. Thank you for making Lou and me part of your family. Thank you for allowing us to be actively involved in the planning of our year. Thank you for allowing me to be me and not sitting me in the corner. It has been a wonderful year and Lou and I look forward to many more years of friendship with you and Richard.

Lou, our Grand Esther, there are not enough words in the English language that can express how I feel about you except "I Love You". Since we first met, you have always been supportive of my dreams. Be it my military career, and all the time I had to spend away from home, my Masonic goals of being Master of my Lodge and DDGM, or finally my Eastern Star dream of one day becoming Worthy Grand Patron. You have always been at my side and I can think of no one else I would have wanted to be there.

You are my wife, my friend, my sounding board, my greatest supporter, and my soulmate. Thank you for being all those things for the last 32 years. I don't feel that I deserve you, but since you are here, I will love and cherish each and every day I have with you by my side.

And so, as this year of Faith, Hope, and Love comes to an end, I can only say I have had the time of my life. Brother Burley, as my time comes to an end, I pass to you the baton and pray you have as enjoyable a year as Worthy Grand Patron as I did. Sisters and Brothers, thank you. (Applause)

**WGM:** The year of Faith, Hope, and Love began on August 18, 2017 with a beautiful Installation. I thank all who were a part of that ceremony. The Faith, Hope, and Love continued throughout my travels. I am honored and humbled to have served as your Worthy Grand Matron and to represent the GREAT STATE OF TEXAS. Bringing greetings and meeting the membership around the state will be one of my greatest memories of the year. It was indeed my privilege and honor to get to meet you and you have made me feel very fulfilled. I sincerely hope that my messages of kindness will continue to resonate with you long after I am no longer your Worthy Grand Matron. To Brother Rick, Worthy Grand Patron, you and Lou have become my members of my 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. I will cherish the relationship we've established. I don't take it lightly or for granted. You have lent me something precious and special. You have lent me your time and your interest. I thank you for that. I care about your life and your happiness. I wouldn't do what I do if I didn't. I care about you and Lou as people. It means a lot to me. The Order of the Eastern Star accomplishments do not occur by the hard work of any "one" member. It takes a whole team of dedicated members all over the state! For every member who has helped make this year "perfect" and for all members around the state who made a commitment to work this year, THANK YOU!!! We all worked together and were a proud "TEAM" for OES in Texas. I want to thank my husband for allowing me to fly with my own wings. 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. Everyone has a past, but only a few lucky ones like me have life partners who help heal the wounds of yesterday and give wings for a happier tomorrow. Not a day goes by that I don't thank God for you, for your friendship, your faithfulness, your laughter, and your kindness. Thank you for being my voice of reason, my heart of the matter, and my sounding board. Thank you for always helping me think clearly. For helping me always find the answer to my questions, and for giving me the courage to always try. You have always believed in me and my capabilities, and you never doubted just what I could do. Thank you for the love that you keep giving me, and I cannot wait to be home.

**WGM:** Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this "On the Wings of Faith, Hope, and Love" Session from LABOR to REST and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

**GW:** (WITH RAPS) 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.

**Gr S:** There will be no interruptions

**GW:** Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

**WGM:** It is well.

**WGM:** \*\*\* Let us join in singing our closing ode "An Evening Prayer".

An Evening Prayer  
If I have wounded any soul today,  
If I have caused one foot to go astray,  
If I have walked in my own willful way,  
Dear Lord, Forgive!

**WGM:** To bring the benediction for the 136th Session of the Grand Chapter is Brother John Creel, PGP.

**PGP John Creel:** My Sisters and Brothers, as we close this Grand Chapter of Faith, Hope, and Love, we ask the Lord to hear our prayer. O'Heavenly Father, we thank you for allowing us to assemble this week to continue the business of our Grand Chapter. We ask that you watch over those that will be traveling to their homes, and please lay your healing hands on those who are ill and need your loving assistance. We ask that you watch over our military, where ever they serve, and the first responders that have kept our lives safe. Amen (Amen)

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

### **Closing of Holy Bible**

**WGM:** I now call the Faith, Hope, and Love 136th Session of this Grand Chapter from LABOR to REST until 5:00 PM tonight at which time we will have our Installation of Officers for 2018-2019. \* Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GW:** Brother Grand Sentinel, this Grand Chapter Session is called from LABOR to REST until 5:30 PM.

**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 thanks. We will now have our retiring drill, led by our Grand Marshal. And Grand Officers, you will need to turn your badges in to the Grand Secretary before you leave here.

**(End of the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter Session)**

**REPORTS NOT GIVEN  
AT GRAND CHAPTER**

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON—DISTRICT 1

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Membership, my Sisters and Brothers.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Hudman, for your confidence in me as well as the honor bestowed upon Beckville Chapter #273, in allowing me to serve as District Deputy Grand Matron of District One this year. It has been one of fun, fellowship, learning and memories. Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of teaching the members of District One about our work and beautiful Order.

I would like now to present the Annual Report for District One, and introduce the ten ladies who represented our Worthy Grand Matron so admirable as Deputy Grand Matrons in their respective Sections of the District. They have been full of enthusiasm and love for our membership, and fully embraced the concept of having fun while performing their assigned tasks.

Rita Geer—Section 1

Donna Rings—Section 2 (Donna could not be with us today due to a family emergency.)

Pam Barnett—Section 3

Janet Cavender—Section 4

Patty Russell—Section 5 (Patty left us much too soon on June 28th, but we carry her in our hearts.)

Joyce Hagens—Section 6

Peggy Rosamond—Section 7

Mary Bagley—Section 8

Gina King—Section 9

And Brandy Dormer—Section 10

### STATISTICAL REPORT—DISTRICT 1

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| Chapters Assigned on May 31, 2017                                             | 81        |
| Chapters Consolidated                                                         | 4         |
| Chapters Demised                                                              | 1         |
| Chapters Instituted                                                           | 0         |
| Chapters Consolidated                                                         | 0         |
| Chapters Inspected                                                            | 81        |
| Chapters Not Inspected                                                        | 0         |
| Chapters as of May 31, 2018                                                   | 76        |
| Schools Conducted                                                             | 8         |
| (6 individual Schools and 2 Joint Schools—Sections 6 & 7 and Sections 9 & 10) |           |
| Schools Attended (officially & unofficially)                                  | 116       |
| By DDGM (8 officially & 9 unofficially)                                       | 17        |
| By DGM's (8 officially & 91 unofficially)                                     | 99        |
| Letters Written (DDGM 85 & DGM's 2323)                                        | 2408      |
| Miles Traveled (through 8/1/18)                                               | 127,443.7 |
| By the DDGM (26,269.2) and by DGM's (100,968.5)                               |           |

The ten fabulous Deputy Grand Matrons of District One known affectionally as "The Bombshells" join me in extending our heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron. This has been a year full of wonder, of firsts and of memories. Thank you for your wisdom in choosing to honor us.

Becky Austin

District Deputy Grand Matron District 1

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON—DISTRICT 2

It is my honor and privilege to present the annual report for District 2 and introduce my wonderful "Mary's Marvelettes" who have traveled and served our District with great pride and facilitated wonderful Schools of Instruction.

Karen White—Sections 2/3/5—"Get Your Kicks on route 66"  
Lovetta Krogman—Section 4—"Savvy Swans"  
Margaret Arlington—Section 6—"Autumn Adventure"  
Tina O'Shields—Section 7—"West Texas Fellowship"  
Denise Browning—Section 8—"West Texas Wise"  
Patty Lane—Section 10—"Swans on the Rio Grande"

The following is a summary of the years' work for District 2:

Chapters assigned—19  
Chapters demised—2  
Chapters inspected—19  
Schools attended officially—6  
Letters and e-mails—491  
Chapters consolidated—1  
Chapters instituted—0  
Chapters not inspected—0  
Schools attended unofficially—11  
Miles traveled—37,795

To the membership of District 2, we thank each of you for every courtesy or act of kindness that was extended to each of us. We especially thank you for your participation and willingness to serve during each School of Instruction. Thank you for the honorary memberships as well. We know it took the vote of the Chapter to give these and for that we thank you.

Sister Chris Puckett, Humanitarian Chairman, your inspiring presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron's Humanitarian program was very inspiring. It was a great pleasure to work with you again and to travel with you across District 2.

Sister Susan Dormady, Grand Examiner of District 2, it was an honor to share this final year with you as Grand Examiner. We know the membership has truly appreciated all the hard work and dedication that you have given to the Order. I wish you the best of luck in your new adventures.

Brother Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for keeping things interesting on our travels though District 2. It has been a fun experience working with you. And yes, I am still scared of heights and will never trust the words "this will be fun".

Sister Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron for District 2 for the year. I thank you for the confidence you placed in me by appointment to this position. You were always there with words and encouragement, kindness, support and guidance. Thank you for your loving ways and an extremely big heart and especially your devotion to our Order. The memories we have shared will be cherished for a lifetime.

The six Deputy Grand Matrons of District 2 join me in expressing our love and appreciation for the honor bestowed upon us for this special place of service to you as Worthy Grand Matron as well as the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Medford  
District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON—DISTRICT 3

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my sisters and Brothers all. It has been my great honor and privilege to represent District 3 as your District Deputy Grand Matron for 2017-2018. With great pleasure I present to you the compilation of information for District 3, 2017-2018. A total of 7 Schools of Instruction were held with a total attendance of 742 in the order held as follows:

First 2 day School (Sunset On the Brazos), Sections 2&3, was held at the Mineral Wells Masonic Lodge in Mineral Wells, Texas, on September 13th and 14th with a total attendance of 141. Deputy Grand Matrons Sandra Harper Section 2 and Leslie Keilberg Section 3.

Second 2 day School (Where the West Began), Section 1 was held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Fort Worth, Texas, on September 15th and 16th with a total attendance of 284. Deputy Grand Matron Christine Loven.

Third 2 day School (Eagles Nest At Highland Lake), Section 6 was held September 18th and 19th at the Burnet Masonic Lodge in Burnet, Texas, with a total attendance of 66. Deputy Grand Matron Gay Jones.

Fourth 2 day School (Keys To Success), Sections 4 & 5 was held September 20th and 21st at the Brownwood Masonic Lodge in Brownwood, Texas, with a total attendance of 62. Deputy Grand Matron Bobby Jarvis Section 4 and Geri Schultz Section 5.

Fifth 2 day School (Owl Be Doing Great) was held on September 25th and 26th at the Georgetown Masonic Lodge in Georgetown, Texas, with a total attendance of 108. Deputy Grand Matron Marrika Crown.

Sixth 2 day School (Birds Of A Feather Learn Together), was held at the Hamilton Masonic Lodge in Hamilton, Texas, on September 27th and 28th with a total attendance of 81. Deputy Grand Matron Connie Morrison.

Seventh and final 2 day School (Beginning Flight) was held at the Eastern Star Temple in Waco, Texas, with a total attendance of 206. Deputy Grand Matron Betty Penney Section 9 and Patsy Mathis Section 10.

Sadly, I have to report our total School attendance in District 3 dropped from last years 1063 to this years 742 which means we had 321 less people attending our Schools. This is a decrease of 30.2% which is a frightening forecast for the future of our Schools.

The following is a financial breakdown by School Section and District for 2017-2018. This does not include the members or School officers traveling expenses:

Section 1—Total expenses \$6,560

Per Chapter—\$302.90; Member—\$23.09

Sections 2 & 3—Total expenses \$3,332

Per Chapter—\$222.13; Member—\$23.63

Sections 4 & 5—Total expenses \$1,422

Per Chapter—\$237; Member—\$22.94

Section 6—Total expenses—\$2,335.26

Per Chapter—467.01; Member—35.38

Section 7—Total expenses—\$2,257

Per Chapter—\$451.40; Member—\$27.86

Section 8—Total expenses—\$2,785

Per Chapter—\$397.85; Member—34.38

Sections 9 & 10—Total expenses—\$3,912.09

Per Chapter—\$326; Member—\$18.99

The overall cost to conduct Schools in District 3 is \$30.46 per person attending.

District 3 has lost two Chapters this year, Rio Vista #343 consolidated with Blum #931 and Cisco demised at the beginning of the year. The Charter from Rio Vista has not been returned to the Grand Secretary's office at the time of this writing. I have been working with the Past Patron of Rio Vista to locate it, with no positive results. I will

continue until August 17th. I will communicate this to the incoming DDGM for District 3, and wish her greater success than I have had. With the loss of the aforementioned Chapters, District 3 now has 58 Chapters. In 2018-2019, I feel we will probably lose at least three, and realistically four more this coming year.

Our Deputy Grand Matrons and myself have traveled 67,932 miles during our tenure. This does not include travel for August attendance to the District Banquet and Grand Chapter, which estimated will be approximately 1790 for the District 3 Banquet and another 1790 for Grand Chapter. This would make our total mileage 71,512. I conducted three workshops for Chapters this year. They were designed for new members, older ones that wanted refreshed and anyone wanting to attend. They were very well received. Round tables, basic information and members questions were the format. I had a total of 97 attendees. My intent was to conduct one for each Section, but time constraints did not permit. Our District 3 Banquet "Denim & Diamonds" (patterned for our Beverly's Bling Deputy Grand Matrons) was held on August 11th at the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Temple with 138 attendees. This was an OES casual event designed for fun and entertainment. We had an old fashioned pie contest with awards given to anyone bringing a pie, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners who were awarded trophies. Also, we had a cakewalk and music for those who wanted to show off their skills on the dance floor. The entertainment was provided by a former Country Hall of Fame vocalist. From comments and phone calls following the event, I feel it was a most successful evening. Our Banquet this year honored all Eastern Star members. It has been with much pleasure and great pride that I say how much I have treasured working with our Deputy Grand Matrons. Each one is unique and has her own special talents. They have performed well, and have represented the Office of the Worthy Grand Matron that would make her proud.

I will always be grateful to the District Deputy Grand Matrons of Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 for the love, support and sharing of knowledge they have given me. Also, to Kathy Creel, Elizabeth Grayson, Bill & Sharon Prague. Thank you. I would like to thank our District 3 Grand Examiner, Lesa Smith and Humanitarian, Sherry Thompson, our Rob Morris Chairman and Committee members, Ritualistic Chairman & Committee members, and all the others who donated their time and talents that made our Schools and Fraternal Visits a success. Also my thank you to all the members who helped me along the way, and the many courtesies they have extended me in my travels. This year has afforded me many wonderful opportunities. One has been traveling and working with our Worthy Grand Matron, and serving as her Traveling Secretary Pro-Tem. My wish for each member would be they are able to do this to learn she is truly a gracious, beautiful, sincere and caring lady who works tirelessly for the future and good of our Order.

My special thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this wonderful year and the support they have given me. It has been my privilege and great honor to serve District 3 as your District Deputy Grand Matron.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Plante  
District Deputy Grand Matron District 3



## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON—DISTRICT 4

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Chapters Assigned                | 92      |
| Chapters Demised or Consolidated | 8       |
| Chapters Instituted              | 0       |
| Chapters Inspected               | 92      |
| Chapters Not Inspected           | 0       |
| Schools Attended                 | 86      |
| Official Letters & Cards Written | 1805    |
| Miles Traveled                   | 80622.3 |

### Year End Summary

District 4 has been very busy. We started at Grand Chapter, dancing our way into the hearts of the membership. All the Deputy Grand Matrons were able to attend the Grand Chapter session held in the Woodlands in 2017. Our year began with the early morning breakfast and beautiful Installation of Officers on Saturday night. Several of us attended the Fraternal visit of the WGM in Garland at the Hella Shrine. We had plans to attend the Fraternal visit in Floresville but we had an unexpected visitor in District 4. Several Sections in District 4 were visited by Hurricane Harvey. Although this drenched our spirits, it did not drown us. We became stronger and more united as sisters and brothers. The WGM set up a Hurricane Harvey relief fund as part of the Humanitarian Benevolent Aid Program. Due to the generosity of the sisters and brothers of OES, a multitude of Chapters and individuals were given a helping hand to aid with their recovery efforts. DGMs of District 4 did not let this hinder their year. We traveled to several Fraternal visits and Schools of Instruction within our District as well as supporting the other Districts in our Great State.

We began the year with 92 Chapters. All these Chapters received an Official Visit from the Deputy Grand Matron assigned to their section. The District Deputy Grand Matron also visited several Chapters. Cards, letters, official correspondence, emails, and phone calls were made and answered to make sure our District was handled to the best of our ability. We wanted to represent our Worthy Grand Matron well. During the year, we had one Chapter that was visited by the Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Patron, and District Deputy Grand Matron with an official letter from the Worthy Grand Matron advising them they would be placed on probation for actions occurring in the Chapter. With elation, I would like to report this Chapter is doing well and has been taken off or probation. We had several Chapters consolidate or demise. Although it is sad to find our numbers decreasing, we are proud to know that Chapters are working together to keep this order strong. With these consolidations, the membership is continuing to serve. The support shown from one Chapter to another throughout this year has lived up to the obligation we took at the altar. Although, we had some rough spots we managed to triumph and maintain our dignity and spirit. As we approach the end of our year, I truly hope that each Deputy found her experience to be rewarding and special. This year was one of friendship, love, kindness, and knowledge. As we continue to serve our Grand Chapter and our subordinate chapters, I hope we can continue growing. We will travel to the Grand Chapter Session in Irving, Texas with our dancing shoes on and the Temptations of District 4 will always have a song in our hearts and special memories to cherish.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Wilson  
District Deputy Grand Matron District 4

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON—DISTRICT 5

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to present the District 5 report and introduce a truly dedicated group of Deputy Grand Matrons, my Glamourettes.

Sections 1 & 2—Ouida Jackson who is unable to be with us today and was unable to have the Fraternal Visit for those sections because of a very high rate of Flu in the county.

Section 3—Beverly Stroman held “Walking Through the Fields of Lavender” School in Blanco on 2/1/18, with 113 in attendance.

Section 4—Cindy Martinez “Fiesta Along the Border” School was held in Del Rio on 2/14/18, with 55 in attendance.

Section 5—Becky Shuler “Swimming with the Swans” School was held in Lytle on 2/13/18, with 37 in attendance.

Section 6—Joyce Whiteside “Musical Memories Flow Through the Hill Country” School was held in New Braunfels on 2/10/18, with 144 in attendance.

Section 7—Marilyn Olivarez “Sunrise Star” School was held in Floresville on 2/3/18, with 209 in attendance.

Section 8—Annette Otremba “We Rise by Lifting Others” School was held in Victoria on 2/6/18, with 58 in attendance.

Section 9—Sandy Walker “Shore of Knowledge” School was held in Rockport on 2/9/18, with 79 in attendance.

Section 10—Betty McCune “Feathers of Enlightenment” School was held in Harlingen on 2/12/18, with 39 in attendance.

Chapters assigned—50

Chapters consolidated—5

Medina #988 with Bandera #643

Lytle #335 with Poteet #913

Oakville #521 with Poteet #913

Beeville #422 with Kenedy #36

Bexar #616 with Alamo Heights #734

Chapters demised—0

Chapters instituted—0

Chapters not inspected—0

Schools conducted—8

Schools attended—52

Letters written—1442

Miles traveled—57,970 miles

We held three one-day schools which worked for those sections and five two-day schools. I want to thank the membership for their interest and participation at the schools. It was greatly appreciated. I know that we were the only school in the state that had a live armadillo in attendance. Thanks to Brother Mike Biddler, Grand Sentinel. Sister Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much for allowing me the privilege of serving as District Deputy Grand Matron for a second time which is something that doesn't happen very often. It has been wonderful working with these great ladies and for renewing old friendships and making new friends.

Brother Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for an unforgettable year. It was fun which was one of your goals. I'm just sorry that I never got better than the McDonald fries! But I do know that members had fun and learned new things. Sister Lou, Grand Esther, thanks for sharing Brother Rick with us and I know that he will be at your side the next few months as you have been for him. Prayers are with both of you.

Sister Joan Miller, Grand Examiner District 5, thank you for your support and love of

the membership. We had some hard times with a family emergency, but everyone pulled together and got it done and you were able to be with Brother Terry—that's what Eastern Star is all about. Sister Susan Neuenschwander, Humanitarian Chairman, thank you for your program and attendance and help at each School of Instruction. Your dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star is greatly appreciated.

Sister Beverly Plante, District Deputy Grand Matron District 3, my co-worker, thank you so much for stepping in as Traveling Secretary for the Worthy Grand Matron—you made sure there was never a dull moment. Sister Sandra Zipp, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, your dedication to our Order is greatly appreciated.

To the Membership of District 5, it was my honor to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron. I always feel welcomed in your Chapters and have again made lasting friendships. The Deputies and I are thankful for the Honorary Memberships and all the courtesies you extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fuller  
District Deputy Grand Matron District 5

## **DO YOU REALLY CARE COMMITTEE**

District 1—Martha Cameron—Reports she has not heard from committee members about sales of books. McKinney Chapter #518 initiated four, added one plural and one by reinstatement. She herself sold three books and has visited all over District 1, Section 2.

District 2—Linda Knowles—Reports major neck surgery, setting into a new home with no book sales, no visitations. Has not felt like visiting, didn't have funds to purchase travel books for resale.

District 3—Deloris Long—D3, S2 has 24 new members, 11 plural, one affiliation. It is a very active section. One other section reported in but no new members and no report of book sales.

District 4—Francie Spirkoff—Reports visiting Chapters, talking about travel books, the importance of using them when planning to attend a school and the usage of the travel books for contact information. Nothing was reported about travel book sales.

District 5—Roberto Cortez—I contacted him and he requested my e-mail and postal mailing addresses so he could mail the information. I furnished those but have had no further word from him as of August 2, 2018.

General Chairman—I purchased 12 travel books, sold some and donated others. My daughter, Becky, and I visited from Sherman to League City—from Granbury to Longview and a lot of points in between, some to Chapters and some to events. This has been a fun and eye-opening appointment. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Bitsy Cole Choate, General Chairman

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the members of the Education Committee, we want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for our appointments. It has been a most rewarding experience and an honor and privilege to serve our Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Chapter in this capacity. I would like to introduce my co-workers on this committee. They are...

Peggy Ledinski – District Two  
Carolyn Mietzner – District Three  
Jeanette Melton – District Four  
Janlen Waclawczyk – District Five  
And I am Cindy Brisko – District One, Chairman

The application deadline for the Educational scholarship was March 1, 2018. Committee members met on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Grand Chapter office in Arlington. We were greeted by a very friendly and helpful staff who took us to the meeting room where we began to process the box of applications. The Grand Secretary's office had dated and numbered the applications with the date when they were received in the office. There were 39 to review. We divided them up and proceeded to open and review each one of them.

Of the 39 applications, 11 did not meet all requirements of the scholarship. The remaining 28 met all requirements. Of those 28, eighteen were first time applicants and ten were returning applicants. Much to our enjoyment, honor, and the membership's generosity, we were able to give a \$1,000.00 scholarship to very deserving students for a total of \$ 28,000.00. A letter was sent to each recipient with the good news and instructions to verify all information regarding the school they would be attending and the address, along with their school ID number or last four digits of their social security number. I also congratulated them on their accomplishments and wished them continued success in their future endeavors. A list of all recipients was sent to the Grand Secretary's office with their college ID number and address where the check should be mailed.

It was wonderful to read the goals and ambitions of these young people and to see such diligence in achieving these goals for their education. We especially enjoyed reading the essay that was part of the application.

The money donated to the Education Fund went to colleges all over the great state of Texas ...from Lubbock to Houston to Alpine to Nacogdoches to Waco to San Antonio and everywhere in between, plus two colleges out of state. Your money went to a total of 17 different colleges and universities. Many thank you notes have been received in the Grand Secretary's office expressing sincere appreciation for the generosity of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Because of the charitable donations to the Education Fund and approval by the Board of Directors, we were able to assist with these 28 students' educational goals by helping them to continue to "shine bright with their own bright light."

Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Brisko, General Chairman

## ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP/PIN COMMITTEE

It's been a pleasure serving the Grand Chapter of Texas as the General Chair of Endowed Membership Stamp/Pin Committee. I know that our District Chairmen have done a terrific job because I've spoken with the Grand Treasurer on the number of Endowed Memberships issued this year. She has prepared her Advance Report for Grand Chapter and has details of our success.

I provided the District Chairmen with the necessary information to convey to our membership. I responded to several inquiries via phone and e-mail. The District Chairmen report being introduced, speaking in open Chapters and to individuals about the Endowed Membership Program. Special notes: District 1 reports selling 6 Endowed Memberships, \$270 of stamps and 2 booklets. District 2 has discussed the Endowed Memberships as a way to maintain memberships since the members are getting older and have started stamp booklets. Additionally, as an income source, Round Rock Chapter #316 decided to invest \$20,000 in 40 Endowed Memberships in memory of deceased members. District 4 reported speaking to several committee members and encouraging Chapter members to get their stamp book started. District 5 has not responded.

On behalf of myself, the District Chairmen, and all Committee Members, thank you for the appointments to this committee. It has been a very interesting, busy and successful year.

Traci Maynard, General Chairman

## FOREVER YOUNG COMMITTEE

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chairperson for this Special Committee of the Worthy Grand Matron. The contact with the members has been a joy and information of how they are doing has been very rewarding.

In December, I sent out Christmas cards to all members and gave them my information so they could contact me with any information they have or need. Throughout the year I made calls, personal contacts, and letters in order to keep in touch with the members. The responses I received have been positive and that many of our members still want to be active in our wonderful Order but it is hard with health issues, and just the aging process itself.

I would like to thank Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron, for entrusting this Chairmanship to me. It has been a fun and delightful experience.

May our Eastern Star Order grow with the love through all the hard work that is given by all of our Sisters and Brothers.

Sincerely,

MaryLou Liberto, General Chairman

## FRIENDSHIP 4-STATE EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

I, Kay Gilmore, Greenville Chapter #189, am honored that our Worthy Grand Matron trusted me to be General Chair of Friendship 4-State Exchange and that I have been able to work with our Associate Grand Matron to prepare for our event in Waco on August 24-26, 2018. My District Chairmen have been helpful in every way and Mrs. Joy James has worked hard as Ticket Chairman to keep me informed of the progress of registration. I have worked closely with the Waco Hilton to make sure our event will go smoothly. My Committee and I have planned our meeting of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, and we will see it to completion one week after Grand Chapter. We have planned our Registration, Meet & Greet, Banquet and Sunday Devotional. Thanks again to our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Melissa Hudman, for honoring me with this position.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Gilmore, General Chairman

District 1—Mrs. Pat Petit

District 2—Ms. Christel D. Fisher

District 3—Ms. Elaine Bachelor

District 4—Mrs. Mona Gaye Giles

District 5—Mrs. Donna Nair

## GIVE A HOOT COMMITTEE

Thank you so much for the "Give A Hoot" General Chairman appointment for this year. I have enjoyed getting to know some new Sisters, visiting the Chapters and encouraging them to participate in the "Give A Hoot" program.

All the District Chairmen reported that they encouraged the Chapters in their areas of travel to participate in trying for the award, as well as promoted the purchase of (and sold) night lights and suncatchers.

At Grand Chapter I purchased 20 night lights and 20 suncatchers to sell throughout the year. D4 Chairman, Sue Burt, asked for some suncatchers so I sent her 6 of mine. She incorporated the \$30 for the suncatchers in the total check she sent to Grand Chapter. Please consider this a donation to the program.

Reported Sales From the Districts:

General Chairman, Karen Weser—\$300

District 1—Stephania Myrek—\$735

District 2—Debra Ford—\$55

District 3—Abi Foreman—\$15

District 4—Sue Burt—\$330

District 5—Donna Damon—\$15

Total sales \$1450

I received applications from 8 Chapters who have successfully achieved all the requirements necessary to receive the "Give A Hoot" Award and they are:

Weatherford #21 (D3, S2); Springtown #498 (D3, S2); Buna #968 (D4, S2)  
Kerrville #24 (D5, S3); Mineral Wells #44 (D3, S2); Granbury #530 (D3, S2)  
Lexington #996 (D4, S8); Bandera #643 (D5, S3)

Karen Weser, General Chairman

## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS COMMITTEE

All District Committee Chairs were contacted by phone, e-mail or both. Instructions were given as to how to obtain the Historical Highlights books and updates. The books were shown at Chapter meetings and copies of the order forms were available at the meetings and the various Schools of Instruction in the Districts as much as possible. The members were encouraged to purchase the books and everyone was apprised when the updates became available. Also, the Historical Highlights book made excellent gifts to the Worthy Matrons and Patrons of the Chapters. Of the Historical Highlights sold by the Chairs, eight (8) books and 10 update pages can be accounted. However, if more were sold, they were ordered through the Grand chapter website of which there is no record.

Sally Hutcheson, General Chairman

## KUPS FOR KIDS COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers—it has been my honor, privilege and pleasure to serve as the General Chairman of the Kups for Kids (Youth) Committee for the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter of Texas year.

The task set for our Committee Members was two-fold: fundraising and support of our Masonic Youth Groups: the members of Texas Grand Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Texas DeMolay Association. Our fundraising primarily consisted of the selling of 16 oz insulated stainless steel travel cups with Eastern Star emblem on one side and the Masonic Square and Compasses on the opposite side. These cups were a perfect product for today's mobile society and especially for our fraternal family traveling this great and very large State of Texas. The hard work and salesmanship of all Committee Members paid off with total sales of \$9,660.

I want to bring attention to our Chapters and members that go above and beyond our Grand Chapter fundraising by donating directly to Rainbow Assemblies and DeMolay Chapters. These donations are in addition to participating in our fundraising efforts at the Grand Chapter level. It can be the donation of a Chapter's "silver drill", "just because" or answering the call to fill a specific need. A very special thank you is extended to these Chapters and individuals.

Our donations to Texas Rainbow Girls and Texas DeMolay Association always have a direct impact on our young people. These funds may be used to offset expenses for their yearly Grand Assembly session for Rainbow or Conclave for DeMolay. It may be used to provide leadership training sessions or perhaps it may be used towards the cost of a fun social event for the kids.

Many of our members provide non-monetary support, too, to our Masonic Youth. This non-monetary support is attending meetings, installations, social and honor events, and participation in their fundraisers or providing the Youth an opportunity to fundraise at Chapter events. A special sparkle or lustre is added to Rainbow Grand Assembly and DeMolay Conclave when the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Eastern Star dignitaries are in attendance. And what wonderful opportunity to catch a glimpse of what our future members are capable of.

Our Sisters and Brothers also provide this non-monetary support in the form of being a Mother Advisor for a Rainbow Assembly or Chapter Dad for a DeMolay Chapter, being a member of the Advisory Board or Council, being a mentor or just being there to encourage these wonderful young people. Many of us are a Majority Member of

Rainbow or a Senior DeMolay. During our time as a Masonic Youth there was an Eastern Star member who made a lasting impression upon the mind of a young Rainbow Girl or DeMolay Boy. We must bring that memory out of the dusty recesses of our minds. We must pay forward the support, kindness and love we received. Never doubt our presence today in the lives of our Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Boys leaves a lasting impression upon them. Our presence today in their lives will lead to wonderful, enriching lifelong relationships later. Our presence today in these young people's lives is something that can't really be measured or calculated, but is so very important. A heartfelt thank you to these individuals who have and continue to donate their time, talents and love to our Masonic Youth. A huge thank you to the District Chairmen and Committee Members of the Kups for Kids Committee—you heard the challenge and your work made our task of fundraising and supporting our Masonic Youth an easy one. For that I send a special thank you to each and every one of you. To the members of Grand Chapter, the success of our committee and its project was realized because of you. Your response to the call of support whether financial, the precious commodity of time or by the sharing of your talents resulted in the overall success this Grand Chapter year. For this, and to all of you, thank you.

It is with full, humble and honored heart that I submit this report.

Kimi Shaw, General Chairman

#### **LET'S GO FLY A KITE COMMITTEE—DISTRICT 4**

The members of the District 4 "Let's Go Fly a Kite" Committee have enjoyed serving Grand Chapter and we want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Melissa Hudman, and Worthy Grand Patron, Rick Skidd, for appointment us for this fun committee for 2017-2018. I want to thank all the members who sold the OES purse umbrellas and helped to make our event a success.

We held our "Let's Go Fly a Kite" event on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at the Community Center in Splendora. We had 25 Chapters representing eight of the ten sections in District 4. The Chapters brought crafts, baked goods and lots of OES related items to raise money for their Chapters. About 75 members enjoyed playing games like purse scavenger hunt, dancing to the Hokey Pokey and the chicken dance and of course, most importantly, visiting with each other.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Chuber, District 4 Chairman



## MASONIC CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

The primary goal of this Committee was to encourage our non-Eastern Star Masonic Brothers to become members of the Eastern Star.

The following is submitted for the purposes of this report:

1. Several Chapters sponsored activities to bring the OES Chapters into direct contact with their Masonic Brothers and Families:
  - a. OES hosted banquets and various programs honoring the Masons. For example, during the Christmas season, one Chapter honors the members of their local Masonic Lodges with a formal sit down dinner.
  - b. Several Chapters actively participate in the Gift of Life Program for blood donations to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.
  - c. Most Chapters have OES petitions available in their Masonic Lodges.
  - d. In District 4, Section 4, various activities were held to assist local Lodges/Chapters effected by Hurricane Harvey.
  - e. Other activities reported to encourage joint fraternalism included game nights, open houses, OES dinner nights, local parades, etc.
2. New OES Brothers were reported to this Committee in 2017-2018:
  - District 1— 2 new members
  - District 2— 3 new members
  - District 3—no report received
  - District 4— 38 new members
  - District 5— no report received

NOTE: For purposes of this report – reinstatements and dual memberships were not included. Only new Masonic members were included. District 4 is to be congratulated for 38 new Masonic Members! Outstanding work!

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Puckett, General Chairman

## MULTI-STATE COMMITTEE

2018 Gathering of the Stars, Multi-State Friendship  
Exchange Bus Trip - April 4-9, 2018

Grand Chapter of New Mexico hosted a Multi-State Gathering which included Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Melissa Hudman, was joined by 22 of her favorite "Melodies" on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at the Richardson Masonic Lodge for breakfast hosted by the Richardson Chapter O.E.S. Orientation was held, travel packets, luggage tags and name badges were distributed before our Bus Driver with Lone Star Coaches, Mario, arrived to lead us on our journey to Albuquerque, New Mexico. We arrived in Abilene for lunch at Cracker Barrel and to pick up the remaining members of our travelers, thus, bringing our total number to 30 members of the Expedition. After stretching our legs in Lubbock, we finally arrived in Amarillo. We were joined by our own P.G.M., Betty Benham, for dinner at The Big Texan Steak House.

On Thursday, after a short night's sleep at the Ashmore Inn & Suite and after a quick breakfast, our refreshed group continued on our Merry Way. We enjoyed a Photo-Op in Tucumcari, New Mexico at the Route 66 Monument. Followed by a Tour of the Route 66 Museum. We continued on the next leg of our excursion and arrived in Santa Fe, New Mexico with time for lunch at Santa Fe Bites (a local treasure) and ample time to shop and tour the local area, including Loretto Chapel. Our Bus re-loaded and made it to the Inn of The Governors, where the hotel concierge greeted us with our room assignments. We were left with plenty of time to continue exploring the area before enjoying the Tea and Sherry Reception, hosted by the hotel. Smaller groups disbursed to enjoy dinner on their own.

Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, held plenty of free time. While some continued their shopping, another took a Pedi-Cab to the Georgia O'Keefe Museum. The remainder of the group embarked on a personal tour of the The Scottish Rite Temple in Santa Fe, led by Dan Irick, Past Grand Master, AF & AM and Past Grand Patron, N.M., O.E.S.

Every reconvened for a group lunch at the Inn of the Governors before heading to our final destination of Albuquerque, New Mexico, where we were able to check in at the Crowne Plaza and also to pick up our Registration Packets and had time for a quick change before the "Gathering of The Stars" Mixer and Reception. It was wonderful to be joined by many more Texas Travelers, including our own, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton.

After meeting and greeting our (soon to be) friends from the other 4 participating states, our Bus Driver carted us off to dinner at a local iconic restaurant for authentic Mexican food.

Saturday, April 7, 2018 did not have an "official" "Gathering of The Stars" agenda for the day, so our Texas Travelers bus travelers were transported to the Old Town area of Albuquerque which is within walking distance of The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History; New Mexico Museum of Natural History and The Explora Museum, as well as "Old Town" (an area with hundreds of artisan shops, restaurants and a historical Town Square and Cathedral. A full day of freedom, fun and fellowship.

After a mini-nap at the Hotel, our group met the "Gathering of The Stars" for dinner and dancing at The Ballut Abyad Shrine Temple. Approximately 200 were in attendance with approximately 50 people from Texas. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Melissa Hudman, was invited to share a few good words and we know that she was proud of the many Texans in attendance, as well as the Texas Quilt and Texas themed Gift Basket which were provided for the charity auction.

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> began with our exhausted group beginning their trip home with a stop at the Route 66 Auto Museum in Santa Rosa, New Mexico; then lunch at the Pow Wow Restaurant in Tucumcari, New Mexico and finally spray paint fun at the Cadillac Ranch outside of Amarillo, before spending the night.

We headed out Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> refreshed and ready to go. We dropped off a group in Abilene, where we had lunch and concluded our journey at the Richardson Lodge to unload and find our way to our respective homes.

This was a wonderful trip – as envisioned by Melissa Hudman, W.G.M. and made possible by the efforts of the District Chairman, who spent countless hours promoting the adventure and securing reservations.

A Special Thanks to Xanthe Parker (District 1 Chairman) for the Texas themed Gift Basket and supervised the numerous prize drawings held during our expedition; Judy Parker (District 2 Chairman) for the Bus games and entertainment and Sue Kinsey (District 5 Chairman) for making the Texas Quilt and keeping us stocked with Bus Snacks!!!! More thanks to everyone that provided the Fabulous Prizes (including Margo Mueller for her handmade items), Mario for his flexibility and resourcefulness in finding storage space for ALL shopping spree treasures.

Thank You to Grand Chapter for allowing Melissa Hudman to participate with the Multi-State gathering and Thank You to Melissa, for allowing each of to spend this special time with you. The 30 Melodies that participated in this adventure never hit a sour note and were always in harmony with each twist and turn. We had fun getting to know each other, posing for the numerous Photo-Ops, engaging in fun and games while snacking on the bus and burning the extra calories with some serious shopping. We made new friends within our Texas membership and the other states involved. We each won a fabulous prize for being prompt and keeping us on schedule and learning how to power nap in between each leg of our journey. This will always be a cherished memory for each of us.

It was an honor and privilege to be able to serve and represent The Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. in this wonderful, fun-filled and frolicking adventure.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo D. Dibrell, General Chairman

## MUSEUM COMMITTEE

In the week following the 2016-2017 Grand Chapter Session in the Woodlands the Museum Committee began the New Year by returning a collection of the Worthy Grand Matron Dresses displayed at the Session in the Woodlands to the Museum in Arlington. Also returned at that time were the unsold Gorham sterling teaspoons that had been offered for sale to the Membership at the Museum's Vendor Booth. An accounting of the items sold was turned over to the Grand Secretary along with an inventory. All items were cleaned and neatly stored within the space provided for the Museum Collection.

The week was cut short as news of the approach of Hurricane Harvey made it clear that my home lay within the projected path of the storm. I made it back to a friend's house across town from my own and sought shelter there as the storm came on shore.

I would be remiss if I did not at this time stop, go off script and thank all of the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas as well as all the other Grand Jurisdictions and Masonic Organizations that worked together to send relief in the form of supplies and monetary donations to make life easier for those whose lives were upended by the storm. It brought hope and I will forever be grateful for the many kindnesses shown to me personally during that difficult time.

As a result of the storm progress at the Museum was put on hold until February of 2018 when at the request of the Grand Secretary we returned to the Grand Chapter Office and downsized the Museum Space from Two (2) rooms to One (1) thereby creating a much needed additional space for office staff.

The next week was spent moving the displays to multiple areas within the various offices and the Eight (8) Wardrobe Boxes containing the WGM Dress Collection was moved into an available closet. The remaining objects on display were cleaned and polished and left in good condition.

I am deeply grateful to District I Chairman, Mrs. Joyce Champion; District II Chairman, Mrs. Shery Dieckmann; District III Chairman, Mrs. Margaret Wood; District IV Chairman, Ms. Melynda Giesenschlag and District V Chairman, Mrs. Linda Crawford for their support and understanding. As a Committee we are also very aware of the many courtesies extended to us by the Grand Secretary and staff and want to thank them for their endless thoughtfulness and hospitality while we work to make the Museum more accessible to the membership.

Lastly, we would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing us to serve on this very important committee.

Sharon Hill Adams, General Chairman

## MUSIC COMMITTEE

I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for this appointment as General Chairman of the Music Committee. It was my honor to serve with these District Chairmen:

District 1—Mrs. Miquelyn “Mique” LeGalley—we were saddened when the Lord took her home to be with Him on January 23, 2018  
District 2— Mrs. Frances J. “Fran” Reedy  
District 3—Mrs. Jill Nanette Keefer  
District 4—Ms. Jo Ann Ford  
District 5—Mr. Paul C. Zappe III

253 copies of the Worthy Grand Matron’s March was sold for a total of \$1,265.

178 copies of the Worthy Grand Patron’s March was sold for a total of \$890.

There was a total of 431 copies of music sold for a grand total of \$2,155.

We want to thank the membership for purchasing the music for 2017-2018 and a special thank you for Sister Melissa and Brother Rick for all of your help and support.

Respectfully submitted by,

Murial J. Rowell, General Chairman

## OES HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

This is the report of the OES Home Endowment Fund for 2017-2018.

The following members served on this committee this year:

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| General Chairman | Ms. Liz Cherry          |
| District 1       | Ms. Christi Smith       |
| District 2       | Mrs. Cindy Pearce       |
| District 3       | Mrs. Karen Gregory      |
| District 4       | Mrs. Pauline McClymonds |
| District 5       | Mrs. Colleen Asaro      |

The OES Home Endowment Fund reports that there was no activity in this fund this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Cherry, General Chairman

## PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE

As General Chairman of the Proficiency Committee, I, Debbie Hicks, was contacted by Tonya Wilson on 8/8/18, by e-mail, with a description of the Committee, instructions to contact each District Chairman with a list of the members of the Proficiency Committee, and to advise each of them to purchase a Who's Who at Grand Chapter to be able to contact the Proficiency Committee members of their District. I e-mailed each District Chairman and forwarded them the instructions to encourage Study Groups, to assist the Grand Examiners during the Eastern Star Schools in the examining rooms, and to assist the Grand Examiners with the selling of the Proficiency stickers. I also spoke with each of them by phone. I attended Grand Chapter held at The Woodlands, August 17-20, 2017. I attended the District 3, Section 1 School of Instruction and organized a Study Group at my home Chapter, Jefferson Chapter #627, and invited members of the District 1, Section 8 to attend. I served as the President this year of Past Matrons/Past Patrons District 1, Section 8, and encouraged Study Groups at the meetings. At the District 1, Section 8 School of Instruction, I served as a Page to Grand Examiner, District 1, Phyllis Macon, was the Conductress at the Fraternal Visit and worked in the examining room. The following reports were received from each of the District Chairmen:

District 1: Janeva Tuell, Proficiency Chairman, attended the first school in District 1 for District 1, Section 2, on February 16-17, 2018, served as a page to the Grand Examiner, Phyllis Macon, and helped in the examining room. The schools of District 1 were well staffed in the examining room by the Proficiency Committee members and some of the members of the Proficiency committee worked in the examining rooms at several schools. When needed, they also helped the Ritualistic Committee with their exams. Study Clubs were formed and held throughout the year in District 1. The Grand Examiner, Phyllis Macon, reported that 445 A Certificates were given, 1 B Certificate was given, 39 were First Timers, and \$400 of the Proficiency Stickers were sold.

District 2: Bernell Scott, Proficiency Chairman, stated that it had been her distinct pleasure to serve as District 2 Chairman of Proficiency for the 2017-2018 year. Accompanied by her husband, James Scott, they were able to attend the Ritualistic Examining Rooms, Banquets, Humanitarian Presentations, Schools of Instruction for the following: Amarillo, Texas, D2, S10; Odessa, Texas, D2, S8; Abilene, Texas, D2, S7 and Lubbock, Texas, D2, S4. It was also her pleasure to assist in proficiencies at all these schools, after doing her proficiency in Amarillo, and stated that what a pleasure the first timers and old timers were.

District 3: Martha Ervin, Proficiency Chairman, stated that her year as District 3 Chairman Proficiency was marked by attending Chapters and encouraging members about having classes to learn prayers, lectures and charges to be able to compete in the school competition. These efforts resulted in 306 stickers being awarded for District 3.

District 4: Darla DeLome, Proficiency Chairman, sent out letters to the Proficiency Committee members in District 4 with the instructions to encourage the formation of study classes, to assist the Grand Examiner, Glenda Klemm, during the Eastern Star Schools in the examining rooms and to also assist with the sale of the Proficiency stickers. She gave her Committee members in District 4 her contact information, per text, phone and e-mail for any assistance or questions to be answered. The Proficiency Committee members attended the Schools of Instruction and helped in the

Examining Rooms, as well as with the sale of the Proficiency Stickers. District 4, Section 2, set up Study Days at Buna that were open for anyone wanting to practice or study. Elizabeth Wise was the "Leader" of the Study Days, and all felt it was very helpful and enjoyable.

District 5: Susan Martin, Proficiency Chairman, stated that in August 2017, she began fulfilling her obligation of Proficiency Chairman District 5. Over the past year, she attended 4 schools (Sections 3, 6, 7 and 8). She contacted all on her committee by mail and worked with several members. She worked at Sections 6, 7 and 8 schools along with being pages at 6 and 7. She would like to thank all who worked in the Proficiency Room. She was also Worthy Matron during her year as Proficiency Chairman, and she also donated brittle to her chapter to sell. She visited several chapters in Sections 6 and 8 and attended the spring Fly a Kite picnic in Boerne. In January, she attended Grand Lodge in Waco. She attended the Mr. X Banquet for Linda Winn-Christenson and the Round-up for Associate Grand Matron Carolyn A. Martin in Granbury, Texas. In June, she and Randy traveled to Montana for Montana Grand Chapter, and visited with their Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, newly installed Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary and many Worthy Grand Matrons from other Jurisdictions. But the greatest was to be blessed to visit with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Helen J. Westmoreland, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Robert C. Penoyer. She had the pleasure to report that District 5 had 212 A Certificates of which 13 were first timers.

In closing, I, Debbie Hicks, General Chairman, the District Chairmen of each District, and the members of the Proficiency Committee truly enjoyed serving on the Proficiency Committee this year. To spend time and fellowship with the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star is very rewarding and was enjoyed by all who served on the Proficiency Committee. Thank you for such a pleasurable appointment to serve our Grand Chapter.

Debbie Hicks, General Chairman

### **REMEMBER WHEN? YEARBOOK COMMITTEE**

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this appointment. I submit this partial report on behalf of the Remember When? Yearbook Committee.

Thank you to our Remember When? Yearbook Committee Chairmen, Jakie Spinks, District 1; Kathy Lewallen, District 2; Julian Larson, District 3; Margaret Smedley, District 4 and Terri Reynolds, District 5 who all encouraged their Chapters and members to purchase Ads and order yearbooks in advance to commemorate this special year in our Order.

Approximately 124 Yearbooks were ordered in advance for a donation of \$20.00 each totaling approximately \$2480.00. Approximately 61 Ads were sold, totaling approximately \$7125.00 Our profit from this project should be approximately \$6000.00 plus. Many thanks to the membership of Texas who supported this project, and PPS Printing Company of Flower Mound, Texas for a beautiful reminder of our 2017-2018 year. I truly appreciate your patience and support.

Fraternally submitted,

Stacey Ramer, General Chairman

## **RITUALISTIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my sisters and brothers: It is my pleasure to present the report of the Ritualistic Excellence Committee for the Grand Chapter year 2017-2018, and to introduce the five District Chairmen. They are: Sister Eileen Lewis, District 1; Brother Patrick Skipper, District 2; Brother James Ellis, District 3; Sister Naomi Curry, District 4 and Brother Scott Kolb, District 5.

Sister Eileen Lewis reports that in District 1, a total of 318 gold, 15 silver and 10 bronze ribbons were earned by 126 participants.

Brother Patrick Skipper reports that in District 2, a total of 82 gold, 9 silver and 3 bronze ribbons were earned by 54 participants.

In District 3, Brother James Ellis reports that 338 gold, 12 silver and 20 bronze ribbons were earned by 114 participants.

Sister Naomi Curry reports that 172 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze ribbons were earned by 125 participants.

Brother Scott Kolb reports that in District 5 a total of 251 gold, 11 silver and 18 bronze ribbons were earned by 134 participants.

These figures bring our yearly totals to 1161 gold, 50 silver and 52 bronze ribbons earned by 553 participating members.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Hudman, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Rick Skidd, these Committee members and I are honored that you selected us for this opportunity of service. It was a privilege and inspiration to work with this great membership. Thank you for the confidence that you placed in us.

June Bell, General Chairman



## ROB MORRIS COMMITTEE

### District 1

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Section 1—February 26&27        | \$815.00   |
| Section 2—February 16&17        | \$838.00   |
| Section 3—February 20&21        | \$530.00   |
| Section 4—March 9&10            | \$1,922.00 |
| Section 5—March 2&3             | \$1,368.00 |
| Section 6&7—February 28-March 1 | \$401.00   |
| Section 8—February 23&24        | \$1,125.00 |
| Section 9&10—February 21&22     | \$1,007.00 |
| Totals for District 1           | \$8,006.00 |

### District 2

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron it is my honor to have served you in District 2 this year as Rob Morris District 2 Chairman. Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to present this report of the District Two Auctions for 2017-2018. I would like to thank the membership of District 2 for their support with working the auctions with me and for donating items for the auction. Also, I want to extend a thank you to all the membership that made purchases at these auctions.

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| October 6&7—Sections 2, 3 & 5 | \$195.00   |
| October 9&10—Section 10       | \$199.00   |
| October 11&12—Section 8       | \$1,010.50 |
| October 20&21—Section 7       | \$240.00   |
| October 26—Section 6          | \$753.50   |
| October 27&28—Section 4       | \$202.00   |
| Totals for District 2         | \$2,598.90 |

No detailed reports for Districts 3, 4 and 5

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| District 1—Ruby Lee, Chairman—           | \$8,006.00 |
| District 2—Mary Bond, Chairman—          | \$2,598.90 |
| District 3—Susie Rogers, Chairman—       | \$6,294.00 |
| District 4—Heidi Vance, Chairman—        | \$7,735.00 |
| District 5—Emmy Johnson, Chairman—       | \$4,380    |
| Rob Morris Celebration at Grand Chapter— | \$6,640    |

TOTAL COLLECTED—\$35,653.90

**SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL AND SHRINERS  
TRANSPORTATION FUND COMMITTEE**

It has been an honor to serve on this Committee, dedicated to raising funds to help transport children for medical treatment in their time of need.

I purchased 20 stuffed animals and resold them to the membership totaling \$200.

Kay Hale, District 2 Chairman, reported that she purchased 10 animals to sell or give away at her School of Instruction in Amarillo. Her total was \$100.

Roby McGarr, District 5 Chairman, reported that she bought and distributed 30 stuffed animals. She also collected donations from Bandera #643 and Kerrville #24. Total amount of money she collected and turned in was \$425. She reported that Ms. Nancy Sutton, a member of Bexar #616, who is 92 years young, sold 82 stuffed animals for \$820. Total for District 5 is \$1245.

Reports from District 3 and 4 have not been given to me.

The true total for the sale of stuffed animals for this Committee is with the traveling secretaries of the Worthy Grand Matron since the stuffed animals had to be purchased through them.

The District Chairmen of this Committee, Committee Members and I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Hudman, for choosing us to serve our membership on this very worthwhile committee.

Laura Brooks, General Chairman

## SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES COMMITTEE

The Eastern Star Specialty License Plate was in the works for two years and encompassed many hands and voices from infancy to delivery/availability to our members. It was a great idea as a fundraiser for Grand Chapter and to instill pride in our membership as we display the Specialty License on our vehicles.

We were promised several dates of availability by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, starting back in 2016. Our 2017-2018 Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were expecting to start their year with the availability of the OES License Plate in August of 2017. However, the approval and distribution of the plate was not to come until late in November, 2017.

While we got a late start, the Specialty License Plate Committee members have worked diligently to make this project a success story. And, the Chairmen of each of the five Districts have presented the information about the license plates to our membership through every possible avenue: Facebook, Official Bulletin, District Schools, Stated Meetings of chapters and at Eastern Star social events.

The results of hard work are as follows:

For the period of November 20, 2017 to June 30, 2018:  
OES License Plates sold = 122. Grand Chapter is to receive \$22 per license plate sold, a percentage of the personalized plate cost. To this date, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles has released \$2,724 to be paid to the OES Grand Chapter. The moneys are paid to the Texas Department of Agriculture (our sponsor) and then to be distributed to the OES Grand Chapter. To date, the Texas Department of Agriculture had released no funds (zero) to our Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter Committee for Specialty License Plates thanks the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to serve the members of Texas Eastern Star. This is a worthy project that displays the pride of being an Eastern Star member and is a worthwhile fundraiser; it deserves to be continued for many years.

Gary Kurosky—District 1  
Lloyd Marlar—District 2  
Richard "Rick" Trimble—District 3  
Mary Adams—District 4  
Jesse Ramos—District 5

Dwight Phillips, General Chairman

## TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMMITTEE

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Though I appreciate serving on the Telephone and Telegraph Committee, I have failed to locate a telephone booth or a telegraph office either. Possibly computers have eliminated a need for those offices.

I have called and inquired about several of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who are absent from our Session.

Due to failing health, Dr. Effie Mae Davis is not with us. Others who are not present are:

Mrs. Beulah Speer  
Mrs. Geraldine Dusek  
Mrs. Annette Curry  
And from the Past Grand Patrons:  
Mr. Glenn Whitaker  
Mr. Richard Ochs  
Mr. Kenneth Gregory

I have procured extra copies of the Program and the Advanced Annual Reports, as well as the Installation Program for Saturday evening to send to each of these special ones. These will be mailed to each of our Past Grands. I move the adoption of this report.

Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas, Past Grand Matron and General Chairman

## TMRC TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron,

I would like to take this time to thank you for appointing me General Chairman of the TMRC Time and Talent Committee. I have enjoyed this year completely. Working with my District Chairmen was a complete delight. Each one did a splendid job with the party they were in charge of and I believe the residence of TMRC all had a great time at each and every party.

I would like to thank my District Chairmen who were: Dorothy High-District 1 (she was in charge of the Independence Day party), Joyce Marlar- District 2 (she was in charge of the Easter party), Georgia Orr District - 3 ( she was in charge of the Valentine party), Marita Lewis – District 4 (she was in charge of the Halloween party), and Melissa Ramos – District 5 (she was in charge of the Christmas party).

Each of the ladies had help from their District either by donations of money, food or help. Some had all of the above. I had the pleasure of attending all but one of the parties. They were well attended and lots of fun. The residents looked forward to each one. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the last party due to having surgery on my shoulder. I hated missing it. I think I looked forward to them as much as the residents.

Along with the responsibility of the party, each district chairman was also to sale shawls in her District. The proceeds from the sale of the shawls going to the General Fund. My ladies did a great job of selling these shawls.

Again, I would like to thank my District Chairmen for all their hard work and the membership for all their support of this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandy Trimble, General Chairman

## WHO'S WHO COMMITTEE

I'm Judy Harris, General Chairman of Who's Who. In District 1 I sold five. Our Chairman, Mr. Darrell Thomas, sold none as he said he got no response when asking for them.

In District 2, Chairman Mrs. Christeen "Teeny" Ledbetter, I got no response by e-mail or phone.

In District 3, Chariman Shirley Woodlock sold ten and another member sold five of a total of 15.

In District 4, Chairman Yvonne Wunsche sold 35 then Chairman was changed to Susie Cohen and sold none.

In District 5, Chairman Mrs. Regan Merchant-Harris sold 16.

The rest was sold at Grand Chapter and at Schools. The total amount ended up being \$9086.50.

In Star Love,

Judy Harris, General Chairman

**Committees & Projects  
of the  
Worthy Grand Matron**

## 2017-2018 COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

### **BULLETIN**

The Bulletin Committee will encourage new subscriptions to the Official Bulletin of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Members are encouraged to promote subscriptions for new members, gifts for line officers in the Chapter, etc. They will also encourage members who already subscribe to maintain their subscriptions.

They will encourage Chapters and individuals to send articles for "They Say That". Chapters who put something in "They Say That" at least four (4) times will be recognized at Grand Chapter.

The Bulletin Committee will also encourage members to participate in special Holiday Greetings Pages by purchasing a one or two line greeting for the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving
- Christmas
- Happy New Year
- Valentine's

The cost will be \$10.00 per line. All proceedings will go to the General Fund.

Members of this committee will also participate in a contest for getting the most new subscriptions. There will be a winner from each District. They will be recognized at Grand Chapter. The overall winner will receive an Endowed Membership. The Endowed Membership will be paid for out of the Worthy Grand Matron's Undesignated Funds.

### **CALENDAR COMMITTEE**

The Calendar Committee will have pocket calendars available covering the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year and encourage members to attend as many events as possible. The calendar, which can be carried in a pocket or a purse, will provide the members with information, including dates for the Eastern Star Schools of Instruction, Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron, Roundups, Chapter Anniversaries, and other pertinent dates of activities of Grand Chapter. This committee will have calendars available for a donation of \$7.50. Proceeds will go to the General Fund.

### **DO YOU REALLY CARE? - MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Every Chapter must initiate new members and keep them involved if we wish to survive. However, we must also generate renewed enthusiasm in our current active members and our inactive members. This committee will work to assist in these efforts.

This year, each Chapter **MUST HAVE** a membership committee whose duty is to promote membership within their Chapters. They can lead the effort, but it is up to each individual member to bring new members into our organization.

This committee will also be charged with developing strategies so that our members do not feel that their time is wasted. Look at ways to make our events more fun, meetings are not so boring, fellowship is real, friends are supportive, and leaders know their job.

Each District Chairman will report to the General Chairman the efforts made in their District and report on the outcomes. The Sections within each District with the highest percent increase in membership will be recognized at Grand Chapter.

This committee will also assist in selling the Travel Book for a donation of \$7.50 per 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. Proceeds will go to the General Fund.



**DRESS PIN**

Although not a committee, The "Ugly Duckling/Beautiful Swan" dress pins 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/charitable purposes.

A donation of:

- Ugly Duckling \$25.00
- Mirror with Ugly Duckling and Swan \$35.00
- Beautiful White Swan \$45.00
- All Three, Ugly Duckling, Mirror with Ugly Duckling and Swan, and Beautiful White Swan \$90.00  
(A savings of \$15.00 for all three)
- Black and White Swan \$125.00

Proceeds will go to the General Fund.

**ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP**

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. The cost of the pin is \$10.00

All proceeds from the sale of the stamps, booklets, and Endowed Membership pin will go to the General Fund.

**FOREVER YOUNG**

Being "Forever Young" means to be timeless. Not only to exist in various time frames and states, but still have the notion of longevity. Being Forever Young is a mindset. A feeling that propels you to make the most out of life every day. Living life as one who is "Forever Young" does not mean to be oblivious; rather it means to approach every day, every situation with newness. Having expectations that aren't governed by previous failures in the same, but believing, hoping, and yearning for something new.

The Order of the Eastern Star is blessed to have members who will be "Forever Young". They have worked and supported our Order for many years. While they may no longer be able to give their physical support to their Chapters or Grand Chapter, they still offer us hope in the belief that the Order can be fresh and new and make a difference in the lives of others.

By sharing their knowledge, expertise, experiences, and love of the Order, they will fulfill their duty as members of this committee.

We should show these special committee members the respect and love they deserve. They are the foundation of our beautiful Order.

**FRIENDSHIP 4-STATE EXCHANGE**

Texas is part of the 4-State Friendship Exchange Program. This consists of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. The members of this committee will work with the membership on soliciting participation in the Exchange which will be held in September 2017, in Oklahoma City, OK.

Texas will host the Exchange in 2018, so this committee will also be working on planning, along with the Committee for 2018-2019, on the Exchange to be held in our state.

This Committee will also be promoting attendance at the Grand Chapters of these 4 States:

Arkansas, December, 2017  
 Louisiana, March 2018  
 Oklahoma, October, 2017  
 Texas, August, 2018

#### **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

This committee will work with the General Grand Chapter Appointees in selling items or assist in performing tasks assigned to these General Grand Chapter Committee Members. At the request of the General Grand Chapter Officer or Committee Member, tables may be set up at the Eastern Star Schools to share their programs and items with the membership. This committee will also support our elected General Grand Chapter Officer, Brother Henry S. Martin, as he serves as the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron during the 2015-2018 Triennium.

##### **General Grand Chapter Elected Officer:**

Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron

##### **Committees of General Grand Chapter Members:**

Eastern Star Journal – Bess Caldwell  
 ESTARL – Trey Smith  
 Necrology – Joyce Gilbert, Chairman  
 Regenerative Medicine – Mary Ruth White  
 Support First Responders – K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Chairman  
 Youth – David Dibrell  
 Hummingbirds – Phyllis Macon and Deborah Foster

**NOTE:** This is not the entire list of appointments for Texas; however, these are the individuals who will most likely be soliciting help from the committee members.

#### **GIVE A HOOT**

The “Give A Hoot” Award is a program to encourage and recognize Chapters for participating in a wide variety of programs. Members of this committee will encourage Chapters in their District/Section to participate in this program.

Chapter Awards will be given at Grand Chapter to those Chapters who achieve the “Give A Hoot” Award.

This committee will have available for sale, an Owl Sun Catcher for a donation of \$5.00 each, and an Owl Night Light for a donation of \$10.00 each. PROCEEDS GO TO the Shriner’s and Scottish Rite Charity.

#### **GRAND ESCORTS, GRAND PAGES, AND APPOINTED SECRETARIES**

The Grand Escorts will constitute a committee composed of ones designated to escort the Installed Grand Officers, the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, the Past Grand Matrons, and the Past Grand Patrons of Texas. The purpose of this committee is to support the distinguished members of the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter Year.

The Grand Pages will form a committee of members selected to assist the Installed Grand Officers for whom they were appointed and will assist the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, if needed.

The appointed Secretaries will constitute a committee of members selected to assist the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, and the Board of Directors.

These committees will not give a report at Grand Chapter.

**GRAND SOLOIST**

The Grand Soloist(s) will share their talent with the membership. Music is the greatest creation of man, which touches the soul, and also helps man to sympathetically manifest unspoken desire and humanity in him. John Denver once said, "Music does bring people together. It allows us to experience the same emotions. People everywhere are the same in heart and spirit. No matter what language we speak, what color we are, the form of our politics, or the expressions of our love and faith, music proves we are the same."

Whether you are a music enthusiast or not, the best way you can express your feelings, anger, love, passion, joy, and other kinds of feelings, is simply through music. It is rightly said that when words and letters fail, the best option is music. You will be able to express the intent of your heart through music which ordinarily may not be possible for you to either do in words or letters.

**HELPING THOSE WHO SERVED**

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) operates a fleet of vehicles around the country, including Texas, to provide free transportation to VA medical facilities for injured and ill veterans. The DAV stepped in to help veterans get the care they needed when the federal government terminated its program that helped many veterans pay for transportation to and from medical facilities. The vans are driven by volunteers with the rides being coordinated by almost 190 Hospital Service Coordinators around the country.

DAV has purchased 2,967 vehicles, worth nearly \$65.1 million, that have been donated to the Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers nationwide, since the program began in 1987 to ensure that injured and ill veterans are able to get to their medical appointments.

The members of this committee will have pins to sell in the shape of wings with the U.S. and Texas flags joined in the center. They will be available for a donation of \$10.00. Proceeds go to DAV

**HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The history of our Grand Jurisdiction is recorded in the Historical Highlights. Books 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.

This committee will have a Historical Highlights book on hand and order information. They will be responsible for talking about the book, showing it to the membership, and encouraging them to purchase these interesting and historical memories of our Grand Jurisdiction. All money for this project goes to the General Fund.

**KUPS FOR KIDS - YOUTH**

Our mission and vision reflect our deep commitment to today's youths. The Cups for Kids will promote the support organizations, the Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay.

Committee members will identify and visit the nearest Rainbow Assembly and DeMolay Chapter and bring greetings and support from Eastern Star. They will encourage participation by Chapters in Rainbow and DeMolay meetings and events.

This committee will have a travel cup for sale with the Eastern Star and Masonic Logos for a donation of \$15.00 per cup. All proceeds of the sale will be divided equally between the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay.

**LET'S GO FLY A KITE**

*"In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun, and – SNAP – the job's a game!"* Mary Poppins

What a fun movie "Mary Poppins" was. This Committee will promote the fun of, and the attitude of, "Mary Poppins" by planning an event to be held in each District on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Just like in the movie, as Eastern Star members, we are sometimes uptight about things that are miniscule in nature. We need to look for the magic and try to emulate the sunny attitude of "Mary Poppins" into our Chapter activities and how we view the Order.

"Let's Go Fly a Kite" is a song from Walt Disney's film Mary Poppins, composed by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman. This

song is heard at the end of the film when George Banks (played by David Tomlinson), realizes that his family is more important than his job. He mends his son's kite and takes his family on a kite-flying outing. The song is sung by Tomlinson, Dick Van Dyke, and eventually the entire chorus.

The "Let's Go Fly a Kite" event will be just for "fun". Perhaps a picnic at the park or a festival with booths where Chapters can sell their wares or whatever meets the needs of the individual Districts. Purpose of this event is to get members to participate in it and to share having fun in a warm, friendly, and supportive atmosphere.

This committee will have a small purse umbrella to sell for a donation of \$20.00. Proceeds go to the General Fund.

### **MASONIC CONNECTION**

The members of this committee will promote and encourage their Masonic Brothers and their families to become members of the Eastern Star.

They will promote good working relationships between the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star Chapter(s) that meet in their Lodges. These brothers should understand the joys of both fraternal organizations and the benefits of working together.

Both organizations, being charitable in nature, should strive to be a force to be reckoned with when doing work for the better good. The members of this committee should always have an Eastern Star petition with them and make them available to all Masons and their families.

### **MELISSA'S MELODIES AND RICK'S JESTERS**

This committee will be comprised of Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who have not received any other Grand Appointment. As our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons do so much for their individual Chapters, we want to honor them with this appointment. As leaders of their Chapters, they are the ones who promote the good of the Order, working on projects for their Chapters, and spending a large amount of their time in giving to the organization.

Their only duty will be to support their Chapter in any way they can, look at ways to recruit new members, and encourage existing members to be active in their support of their subordinate Chapter. They will also support Grand Chapter by encouraging the Chapter's participation in the Humanitarian Program, special charitable projects of the Worthy Grand Matron, and encouraging attendance of Chapter members at the 2018 Grand Chapter session to be held in Irving, Texas.

### **MULTI-STATE**

Texas will participate during the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year in a Multi-State Friendship Exchange Program. This consists of Texas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. The members of this committee will work with the membership on soliciting participation in the Exchange which will be held on April 7 – 9, 2018 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This Committee will also be responsible for organizing a bus trip to travel to New Mexico, similar to the bus trip we've taken each year to Wyoming's Grand Chapter. Plans are to include some site seeing/touring built into the trip.

### **MUSIC COMMITTEE**

This committee will have the sheet music written for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron marches available for a donation of \$5.00 per copy. Proceeds will go to the General Fund.

### **PATRIOT PAWS**

Patriot PAWS Service Dogs is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization CFC #35710. They are located in Rockwall, Texas. They provide A Service For Those Who Have Served by training and placing quality service dogs at no cost to disabled veterans nationwide. Caring for a service dog in training can cost about \$33,000 over a two year period.

This committee will be dedicated to promoting Patriot PAWS in any way possible. They will have a PAWS pin available for a donation of \$10.00. All proceeds will go Patriot PAWS.

### PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE

This committee will encourage the formation of study classes to help prepare for the Proficiency Examinations at each Eastern Star School.

These committee members will also assist the Grand Examiner during the Eastern Star Schools and assist the Grand Examiner with the sale of the Proficiency Stickers to those who earn their proficiency certificates at the Schools of Instruction.

A donation of \$1.00 will be collected per sticker. The Proceeds will go to the General Fund.

### REMEMBER WHEN? YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

This committee will promote the 2017-2018 "Remember When?" Yearbook at Grand Chapter, Schools of Instructions, and at Chapters within their own Districts and Sections. They will encourage the membership to place ads in the yearbook along with selling advertising ads to outside entities. Pictures of Chapter activities throughout the year, Grand Chapter, Schools of Instructions, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and business cards can be submitted for publication.

The committee will also be selling pre-orders as no extra books will be published. Only those who pre-order will receive a yearbook.

The yearbook will be available for a donation of \$20.00. It will be printed after the 2018 Grand Chapter Session in order to be representative of the entire 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year.

### RITUALISTIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

This committee will be in charge of the Ritualistic Excellence at the Eastern Star Schools. Each member is encouraged to compete, not against any other member, but to strive for perfection in our Ritualistic work within themselves.

Awards will be given to those members who participate in reciting any one of these parts of our Ritualistic Work as follows:

- Any star point: Opening lecture with sign
- Any star point: Initiation lecture
- Any star point: Funeral lecture.
- Any two Prayers: Opening, Closing, Installation, Initiation, Funeral
- Associate Patron: Long lecture from Initiation
- Worthy Matron: Lecture from Initiation
- Installing Officer: Closing Remarks
- Associate Conductress: Lecture to New Candidate in Preparation Room
- Conductress: Lecture to New Candidate upon entering the Chapter Room
- Conductress: Remarks to each Star Point during Initiation

Any member may receive any number of awards at any given school for any given category(s). However, they are encouraged to attend more schools so that they can earn as many awards as possible. THEY MAY NOT GIVE THE SAME CATEGORY(S) TWICE. AT EACH SCHOOL, THEY MUST BE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES FROM THOSE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN.

- Two mistakes will be awarded a gold ribbon pin
- Three mistakes will be awarded a silver ribbon pin
- For participating and making 4 or more mistakes, you will be awarded a bronze ribbon pin

**ROB MORRIS CELEBRATION**

The members of this committee will handle the Silent Auctions at each Eastern Star School of Instruction and be in charge of the Rob Morris Celebration at Grand Chapter.

Each committee member is responsible for requesting donations for auctions at the Eastern Star Schools and for the Silent Auction that will be held at the Celebration at the 2018 Grand Chapter. These donations may be from businesses, individuals, and Chapters.

Monies collected will be used to defray costs for the Rob Morris Celebration at Grand Chapter and possibly other functions at Grand Chapter. The General Chairman of this committee will also be the Chairman of the Rob Morris Celebration at Grand Chapter.

This committee will be responsible for setting up, collecting the money, and making sure all items are taken home, with remaining items delivered to the next school to be added to their auction.

There will be a contest in each District between the Sections (in that District) for the most successful Rob Morris auction. The Sections who collect over \$1,000.00 will be announced at Grand Chapter and be given special recognition.

Rob Morris Celebration at Grand Chapter – This committee will also be responsible for the Rob Morris Auction at Grand Chapter in 2018. This includes soliciting items for both the silent and live actions.

Donations collected from the auctions not needed to offset the cost of the Rob Morris Function at Grand Chapter, will go to the WGM Undesignated Funds.

**SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL AND SHRINERS TRANSPORTATION FUND**

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children provides exceptional care to thousands of children every year. TSRHC is not a United Way agency and does not receive state or federal funding. The hospital relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations, foundations, and corporations to continue its mission.

Shriners Transportation Fund. Since the early 1960's, when Shriners Hospitals for Children first began offering pediatric burn treatment, thousands of patients have been given a second chance to lead productive lives, thanks to the expert medical care they received at these state of the art hospitals. When children experience burn injuries, receiving the kind of multidisciplinary pediatric burn care available at Shriners Hospitals for Children is paramount to their overall recovery. Since their injuries can be severe and even life-threatening, burn patients often require transportation to Shriners Hospitals for Children in medically equipped airplanes with medical professionals on board to monitor them. Costs for these medical air flights are rising every year. If transportation is required, the funding has to be there. Proceeds from this committee will help meet this important need. Shriners Hospitals for Children's emergency patient transportation fund helps sponsoring Shriners International Temples cover transportation costs for burn patients when needed. The Section members can purchase our owls to take to a local charity. This is an excellent way to publicize Eastern Star's good work. The owls can also be donated to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, sheriff departments, local police departments, or to other Children's Hospitals. The members of this committee will have stuffed owls and stuffed armadillos for a donation of \$10.00 each. Donations from the sale of the stuffed owls and armadillos will be divided between these two Charities.

**SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES**

This is an ongoing project for Texas Eastern Star. Getting a new product out for our members to see and know it is available is the first step in selling that product successfully. Even the best product will do little good for our organization if our members do not know it exists. Therefore, we must see that our membership receives the knowledge as effectively as possible.

This committee will visit Chapters, make presentations at Schools of Instruction, and other Chapter meetings, to explain the program and to encourage the membership to participate in this program when registering their car.

**TEXAS WHO'S WHO**

Because of the success of the Texas Who's Who Book in 2016-2017, we will once again be printing this book. It will be the size of the Directory and printed in the Grand Chapter office. It will contain all the dignitaries and appointments of Texas. It will be in the same format as the 2016-2017 book.

As changes or corrections are made, they will be printed in the Bulletin. This will allow those who purchased the book to make the changes in their Who's Who book.

The names of dignitaries and committee appointments will be listed in the Official Bulletin by name only. No other contact information will be listed in the Official Bulletin.

The members of this committee will promote the sale of the Texas Who's Who Book for 2017-2018. A donation of \$10.00 will be collected per book. The proceeds will go to the General Fund.

**TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE**

This committee will use their time and talent to plan and present parties for all those residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The committee members will ask Chapters and members in their area to assist in the parties and with the planning and preparing of the decorations, refreshments, program, and any gifts needed for the parties.

The committee members will encourage the membership of the Chapters to plan something special for their shut-ins and local care facilities in their area. What a wonderful way to get the name of Eastern Star out in the community where we each live!

This committee will also encourage Chapters to participate in the Masonic Family Day event held on the grounds of TMRC. Chapters are allowed to reserve a booth to sell their homemade items, food, drinks, as approved and coordinated through the event Chairmen. This is our opportunity to show our support for the Masons of Texas.

The Districts will be responsible for these parties:

- District 4    Halloween                      Date: October 29, 2017
- District 5    Christmas                              Date: December 17, 2017
- District 3    Valentine                                Date: February 16, 2018
- District 2    Easter/Spring                          Date: April 15, 2018
- District 1    Independence Day                      Date: July 8, 2018

This committee will have Shawls, with an embroidered white swan, for sale for a donation of \$20.00. The proceeds will go to the General Fund.

**GRAND OFFICERS**

**Worthy Grand Matron**  
Mrs. Melissa Hudman

**Worthy Grand Patron**  
Mr. Rick Skidd

**Associate Grand Matron**  
Mrs. Carolyn Martin

**Associate Grand Patron**  
Mr. Burley Jones

**Grand Secretary**  
Dr. Ellen Pickrell

**Grand Treasurer**  
Mrs. Greta Bane Spradling

**Grand Conductress**  
Mrs. Linda Winn- Christenson

**Associate Grand Conductress**  
Mrs. Terri Rozell

**Grand Chaplain**  
Mrs. Vickie Smith

**Grand Marshal**  
Mrs. Pamela "Pam" Dean

**Grand Organist**  
Mr. Daniel Caldwell

**Grand Adah**  
Mrs. Karen Kidd

**Grand Ruth**  
Mrs. Cheryl Royall

**Grand Esther**  
Mrs. Lou Skidd

**Grand Martha**  
Mrs. Betty Hancock

**Grand Electa**  
Mrs. Sharon Prague

**Grand Warder**  
Mr. John C. Wilson

**Grand Sentinel**  
Mr. Mike Biddler

**Fraternal Correspondent**  
Mrs. Cathi Cannon

**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  
AMBASSADORS**

**Ambassador to Germany**  
Mrs. Jayne Yenger

**Ambassador to Mexico**  
Mr. Jerry Trees

**Ambassador to Romania**  
Dr. Charles "Bill" Bane

**GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS**

**By-Laws Committee, Chairman**  
Mrs. Alma L. Bane

**Credential**  
Mrs. Bonnie Varnell

**Eastern Star Journal**  
Mrs. Bess Caldwell

**ESTARL**  
Mr. Trey Smith

**First Responders, Chairman**  
Mr. K. 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 of MWGM to Mexico**  
Mrs. Delia Whitfield

**Hummingbird**  
Mrs. Phyllis Macon

**Hummingbird**  
Mrs. Deborah Foster

**Eagles**  
Mr. Robert "Bob" Royall, Jr.

**PAST GRAND MATRONS OF TEXAS**

**WGM 78-79**  
Mrs. Rennie Ofton

**WGM 81-82**  
Mrs. Elise Hammack

**WGM 84-85**  
Mrs. Beulah Speer

**WGM 89-90**  
Mr. Betty Phillips Benham

**WGM 90-91**  
Dr. Effie Mae Davis

**WGM 95-96**  
Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry

**WGM 97-98**  
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield

**WGM 98-99**  
Mrs. Alma L. Bane

**WGM 99-00**  
Mrs. Betty Friend

**WGM 00-01**  
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe

**WGM 01-02**  
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon

**WGM 03-04**  
Mrs. Doris Hester

**WGM 04-05**  
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler

**WGM 05-06**  
Mrs. Nancy Brown

**WGM 06-07**  
Mrs. Geraldine Dusek

**WGM 07-08**  
Mrs. Joyce Gilbert

**WGM 08-09**  
Mrs. Joyce Nicklas

**WGM 09-10**  
Mrs. Bess 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

**WGM 16-17**  
Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer

**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 Gregory

**WGP 98-99**  
Mr. Henry S. Martin

**WGP 99-00**  
Mr. H. Lee Stalling



**WGP 00-01**  
 Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker  
**WGP 01-02**  
 Mr. Harold Trammel  
**WGP 02-03**  
 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**  
 Mr. John Creel  
**WGP 07-08**  
 Mr. Jerry Trees  
**WGP 08-09**  
 Mr. Ray C. Hertenberger  
**WGP 09-10**  
 Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt, Jr.  
**WGP 10-11**  
 Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr.  
**WGP 11-12**  
 Mr. David B. Dibrell  
**WGP 12-13**  
 Mr. William "Bill" Crews  
**WGP 13-14**  
 Mr. Trey Smith  
**WGP 14-15**  
 Mr. George A. Gwaltney  
**WGP 15-16**  
 Mr. William H. Billy Clabaugh  
**WGP 16-17**  
 Mr. Thomas R. "Tom" Murphy  
  
**PAST GRANDS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**  
**PGM of Michigan**  
 Mrs. Carol Upton  
**PGM of Nevada**  
 Mrs. Bettie J. Bywater  
**PGM of New Hampshire**  
 Mrs. Susan Leanna Thomas  
**PGM of New Mexico**  
 Ms. Rosemary Alsworth  
**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 "Bill" Bane

**PGP of Nebraska**  
 Mr. Robert Bass  
**PGP of New Mexico**  
 Mr. Jim Davis  
**PGP of Rhode Island**  
 Mr. David Flaxington  
  
**SPOUSES OF DECEASED PAST GRANDS OF TEXAS**  
  
 Mrs. Lynda Bennefield  
 Mrs. Freda Cornbest  
 Mrs. Edna Goettee  
 Mr. Floyd Green  
 Mrs. Barbara Cunningham Grimes  
 Mrs. Betty Morris  
 Mrs. Clela Todd

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**District 1**  
 Mr. Raymond F. Hargis  
**District 1**  
 Mr. James R. Parker  
**District 2**  
 Ms. Deborah Ann Land  
**District 2**  
 Mrs. Cindy Echols  
**District 3**  
 Mrs. Barbara Jean Martin  
**District 3**  
 Mr. Darrell Albrecht  
**District 4**  
 Mrs. Debra "Debi" Fincher  
**District 4**  
 Mr. Robert W. "Bob" Royall, Jr.  
**District 5**  
 Mrs. Carlotta A. Fairchild  
**District 5**  
 Mrs. Phyllis Wilson

**BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS**

**District 1**  
 Mrs. Phyllis Macon  
**District 2**  
 Mrs. Susan K. Dormady  
**District 3**  
 Mrs. Lesa Smith  
**District 4**  
 Mrs. Glenda Klemm  
**District 5**  
 Mrs. Joan Miller  
**At Large**  
 Mrs. Shelley Walker

**GRAND ESCORTS TO PAST GRAND MATRONS OF TEXAS**

Mr. W. Bert Hammack  
 Mr. Brooke Speer  
 Mr. Robert M. Brownfield  
 Dr. Charles "Bill" Bane  
 Mr. Jack W. Friend  
 Mr. Edwin T. "Tom" Morgenthaler  
 Mr. Jimmy Gilbert  
 Mr. David C. Nicklas  
 Mr. Al R. Caldwell  
 Mr. Joseph F. "Joe" White  
 Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Griffin  
 Mr. Joseph D. "Joey" Yenger, II

**GRAND ESCORTS TO PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS**

Mrs. June Whitaker  
 Mrs. Barbara Ochs  
 Mrs. Juanita Gregory  
 Mrs. Opal W. Martin  
 Mrs. Patricia L. Stallings  
 Mrs. Judy Baker  
 Mrs. Beulah P. Warner  
 Mrs. Linda Guy  
 Mrs. Betty Martin  
 Mrs. Georgia E. Campbell  
 Mrs. Kathey Crews  
 Mrs. Nannette Gwaltney  
 Mrs. Jane Clabaugh

**GRAND ESCORTS TO THE GRAND OFFICERS**

**Worthy Grand Matron**  
 Mr. Richard Hudman  
**Worthy Grand Patron**  
 Ms. Doris "Dee" Davis  
**Associate Grand Matron**  
 Mr. Harold Wert  
**Associate Grand Patron**  
 Mrs. Donna Haltom  
**Grand Secretary**  
 Mr. James Pickrell  
**Grand Treasurer**

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**Grand Conductress**  
 Mr. Victor Christenson  
**Associate Grand Conductress**

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**Grand Chaplain**  
 Mr. Vaughn Smith  
**Grand Marshal**  
 Mr. William "Bill" Vaughan  
**Grand Organist**  
 Mrs. Kristi Bridgewater

**Grand Adah**  
Mr. James M. Kelley

**Grand Ruth**  
Mr. Travis E. Knowlton

**Grand Esther**  
Mr. Dale W. Eldredge

**Grand Martha**  
Mr. Tom Hancock

**Grand Electa**  
Mr. Jimmie Boone

**Grand Warder**  
Mrs. Patricia "Pat" Edwards

**Grand Sentinel**  
Mrs. Emily Ann Biddler

**APPOINTED SECRETARIES**

**Secretary to Worthy Grand Matron**  
Mrs. Elizabeth Ann "Liz" Grayson

**Secretary to Worthy Grand Matron**  
Mrs. Kathy Creel

**Secretary to Worthy Grand Patron**  
Mrs. Sandra Zipp

**Secretary to Associate Grand Matron**  
Mrs. Joy Gail James

**Secretary to Associate Grand Patron**  
Mrs. Linda Roy

**Secretary to Grand Conductress**  
Mrs. Martha "Sudie" Pool

**GRAND PAGES TO THE**  
**GRAND OFFICERS**

**Worthy Grand Patron**  
Mr. N.E. "Gene" Cannon  
Mr. Ronald Gubrud  
Mr. Boyd Kramer  
Mr. Brian L. McKibbin  
Mr. Terry E. Miller

**Associate Grand Matron**  
Mrs. Sherrie Fowler  
Mrs. Jo Ann Snow  
Mrs. Kim Waxler  
Mrs. Donna Jane Wertz

**Associate Grand Patron**  
Mr. Carl B. Chalfant  
Mr. Paul Green  
Mr. Terry "Butch" Haltom  
Mr. Richard King

**Grand Secretary**  
Mrs. Debra Boldin  
Mrs. Mary Ann Davis

**Grand Conductress**  
Mrs. Earlene Angell  
Mrs. Patricia "Pat" Callahan  
Mrs. Emma I. Markins  
Mrs. Kaye Shirley Swain

**Grand Chaplain**  
Miss Tammy Andricak  
Mrs. Tara Lynn Berge  
Mrs. Ruth Doss  
Mrs. Ann E.H. Stuart

**Grand Marshal**  
Mrs. Donna Hill Pope  
Mrs. Peggy J. Saxon  
Mrs. Wanda J. Vaughan  
Mrs. Karen Wright

**Grand Organist**  
Mrs. Mary Gilbert Hunt  
Mrs. Heidi Lynn Niemann  
Mrs. Joyce Smith

**Grand Adah**  
Mrs. Virginia "Oleta" Cornelius  
Mrs. Delores Harris  
Mrs. Janice A. Kelley  
Ms. Audri Rowell

**Grand Ruth**  
Mrs. Marilyn Kay Butler  
Mrs. Mary Frances Royall  
Mrs. Karen Renee Vest  
Mrs. Lillie Williams

**Grand Esther**  
Mrs. Catrina Christopher  
Mrs. Amanda Duckworth  
Ms. Andrea "Ande" Shoults

**Grand Martha**  
Mrs. Ginger L. Byrd  
Mrs. Gloria Speakman  
Mrs. Peggy N. Stewart

**Grand Electa**  
Mrs. Evelyn A. Boone  
Mrs. Carole Elaine McGee  
Mrs. Patricia "Pat" Wilson

**Grand Warder**  
Mr. Norman Abshere  
Mr. L. Russell DeLome  
Mr. Robert F. Ramer, Jr.  
Mr. Eric Wilson

**Grand Sentinel**  
Mr. Terry Bennett  
Mr. Roger Allan McGough  
Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Peck  
Mr. Joseph Scholari  
Mr. Rick Taylor

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS IN**  
**OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

**Texas in Connecticut**  
Mrs. Donna Marie Larson

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER**  
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137th Grand Chapter of Texas Session  
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Saturday, August 18, 2018, 5:00 p.m.  
Convention Center Las Colinas, Irving, Texas

Musical Prelude

Mr. Carl Chalfant  
Past Patron  
Cleveland Chapter #465

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Processional Grand Marshal

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahan:** Sister Carolyn are we ready? You know what? When you give me the podium, you're in real trouble because I have my gavel now. (Laughter) But then they snuck this little bitty baby on me. So, what we are going to do is we are waiting on a particular item to be delivered that that item has to be presented. Now, I want everybody to stand up. I want everybody to look to the right. I want you to look to the left and if you don't know the person or if you do, shake hands and say Hi. (Hi) Okay, I want the right side of the room to wave to the left side of the room and the girls in the back, y'all don't do nothing. Now I want the members on the right and the members on the left to wave to the members in the West. Y'all can wave back. Okay, y'all can sit down. You know when you get me to the podium, it's dangerous. Now, I want to explain something to you. We have a little test. Usually when I am doing something we have a little test when we start off. Now I want to know, cause I've got lots of changes in my book, do y'all know what this is? (Outline) Now, this is an outline

and it doesn't necessarily mean that I'm going to follow it. So, if you want to make sure that I get everything in, get your pencils out. So that we can check it off as I go. So, don't say "She skipped that". I might not have. I might have put it somewhere else. Sister Carolyn? I'll tell you what. We'll start, and we'll give them a few more minutes. \*

Welcome to the 137<sup>th</sup> Harvest Installation of Grand Officers, Order of the Eastern Star. It is indeed Apple Blossom Time in Texas and on behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron- elect, Sister Carolyn Martin and our Worthy Grand Patron- elect, Brother Burley Jones I extend their sincere appreciation to each of you for your presence tonight. What wonderful music we have enjoyed this evening presented for us this evening by Brother Carl Chalfant, a Past Patron of Cleveland #465.

Let's thank him for his beautiful music. (Applause) Now that was toe-tapping and heel stomping. As we begin the proceedings for a new year of service, we extend Congratulations and sincere thanks to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the wonderful year of service that has just concluded. Sister Processional Grand Marshal, it is my privilege to invite you to present our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Melissa Hudman and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Richard "Rick" Skidd.

Our beautiful Worthy Grand Matron is being presented tonight by her husband, Brother Rick Skidd...Oh, my...okay let's try this again, Brother Richard Hudman...I told ya! Grand Representative of British Columbia and the Yukon. Our Worthy Grand Patron is being escorted by his lovely wife, Lou Skidd, Grand Representative of South Carolina. Let's show them how much we love them. (Applause) \*\*\*It is my pleasure to introduce to you Sister Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) \* Sister Melissa, it is my pleasure to ask you to call this meeting to Order.

**WGM Melissa Hudman:** It is my honor to call this Session of Grand Chapter, the 137<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers for the Grand Chapter of Texas.

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** We will proceed with the presentation of our honored guests. Processional Grand Marshal, you will present Texas own General Grand Chapter Family our General Grand Chapter Officer, and General Grand Chapter Ambassadors, General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, this is our General Grand Chapter Officers who have served us well for the last three years. We are so proud of them. Will you please show them how much we love them, how much we appreciate them for what they have done for the last three years. (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal, will you please hold up for one moment. Sisters and Brothers, someone who is the most important part of the Texas Eastern Star family who has just arrived. Sister Rennie, will you please join me at center stage. Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure \*\*\* to present to

you Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Please join with me in extending her Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given) And Sister Rennie will speak to us in a little while and I am so sorry that I did not know that you had arrived, or I would have waited. So, I know it's not Texas' custom, but you know what? This is Texas. Let's show her how much we love her. (Applause) \*

Processional Grand Marshal you will present Texas best, the finest, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East. Oh, I've got flying flags back there. Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, our Distinguished Honorees. They're not following my book. (Laughter) And did anybody ever tell them, when you play with me, you play by my rules. They learned that on the tables today. These are our Honorees for this evening with Sister Rennie and our General Grand Chapter Officers of Texas. This is our finest. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers let's show them how much we love them. This illustrious group is going to be very, very busy this evening. (Applause) I will let you go back to your places where you'll be ready to do your next duties. Processional Grand Marshal, you will present visiting General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Ambassadors Committee Members and special appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Processional Grand Marshal, do we have Past and Present Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions? I'd love to have them. I said Past and Present. We're going to be real friendly tonight. They are not going to be separated. We're going to do the Past and Present Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions. (Applause)

They may be from Other Grand Jurisdictions but I'm going to tell you, they're Texans. They live here, they love us. The Connecticut one, he wanted to go home but he came back to visit and to be here because we love him. Sisters and Brothers, we show how much we love these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions who are actually Texans too. (Applause) Processional Grand Marshal, do we have Visiting Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions? I would love to have them presented in the East. (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, please make welcome this beautiful Grand Officers from Another Grand Jurisdiction, in my favorite color as you know, red. Let's show her how much Texas loves her. (Applause)

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Leaders of Appendant Masonic Bodies, Grand Lodge Officers. That is Brother Terry Stogner. Sisters and Brothers let's make Terry welcome. He's going to bring us Greetings later on and he is our future Grand Master. (Applause)

And Processional Grand Marshal, you will present Brother Tommy Chapman, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. \*\*\* (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is my distinct pleasure to present to you Brother Tommy Chapman our Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. Let's show him how much we appreciate him

and how much we love him. (Applause) And he is our Brother. He is a Past Patron of Nederland. \*

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Leaders of other Fraternal Organizations Fraternal Youth Leaders...the Present and future of our Order. (Applause) This is the Leaders of our Youth group and it is the Leaders of our future because without the Rainbow and the DeMolay we would be missing some very great members of the Order. Let's show them how much we love them for what they do. (Applause) Our future is standing up in the back because they love their Leaders.

Would the Boards and Grand Officers please retire at this time and meet with your escorts.

The **Board of Grand Examiners** is composed of six members, elected annually who are responsible for the Proficiency Examinations of our members. I am pleased to present them to you but please hold your applause until all have been presented and we will have them stand again and we will show them how much we love them. The Processional of the 2018-2019 Board members of the Grand Examiner team.

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Sisters and Brothers, let us...would the Board please stand. Sisters and Brothers and friends, let us greet the Grand Examiners. (Applause)

**The Board of Directors** is composed of Ten (10) members – two from each district, each elected for a term, of five (5) years. Along the many responsibilities of this Board is caring for the finances of Grand Chapter. Please hold your applause until the entire Board has been introduced.

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Would the Board of Directors please stand. Sisters and Brothers let's show them how much we appreciate the work that they do, the commitment that they have and the love for the Order. Thank you. You may be seated.

In addition to the eight Installed Grand Officers who are elected by the members of Grand Chapter and compose the Corporate Board, the Worthy Grand Matron-elect has the privilege to select those to serve in the Appointed Offices and to serve as Fraternal Correspondent. It is my honor to present the Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent and Grand Chapter Sweetheart.

Mrs. JoAnn Snow, Grand Chapter Sweetheart  
Escorted by Mr. Chuck Snow

Sisters and Brothers there's no little pink writing on here that says you can't clap. (Applause) It didn't say hold applause and I'm not going to. Cause we know you love them just as much as we do.

Mrs. Carole McGee, Fraternal Correspondent  
Escorted by Mr. William "Bill" Prague (Applause)

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Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson, Associate Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Victor Christenson (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers, Mr. Burley D. Jones, Worthy Grand Patron escorted by  
Mrs. Donna Haltom (Applause)  
Sisters and Brothers, let's show him. (Applause)

I know you want to stay on your feet for this one:  
Mrs. Carolyn A. Martin, Worthy Grand Matron  
Escorted by her son, Mr. John Michael Martin and grandson Mr. John Michael  
Martin, Jr. (Applause)

The lessons and principles taught by the Heroines of our Order are Scriptural. We are admonished to let the virtues of these tried and true servants of God be reflected throughout our lives. The narration of the Star Point emblems will be presented by Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Past Grand Matron of Texas

**PGM Jerre Lucas:** Dr. Rob Morris, searched the scriptures for heroines who portrayed not only a relationship to a Master Mason but who taught a lesson that would enrich our lives. The distinguished heroines of our Order inspire us to live our lives to reflect the virtues of these faithful servants of God. Processional Grand Marshal, you will present those who will be presenting the emblems of our Order. From the beginning, our Star Point emblems have represented the principles and purpose of our Order and have led us to service.

The blue ray of Adah, clear for all mankind to see, Adah preserved her father's honor and she teaches us fidelity. The heroic Adah freely gave her life to preserve her father's honor fulfilling a vow her father had made to God. Fidelity is love that shines through deeds. The emblem is the sword and veil united and is presented by Mrs. Bonnie Varnel, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Credentials and Past Grand Matron of New Mexico, escorted by Mr. Bill Crews, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The yellow ray of Ruth represents honor, justice and humility and teaches the valued lesson of constancy. Ruth was constant in her devotion to her beloved mother in law, Naomi. The sheaf is presented by Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The pure white ray of Esther symbolizes light joy and purity while the emblem speaks of power and royalty. Loyalty is a love that shines through caring. The crown and scepter are presented Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Past Grand Matron and escorted by Mr. George Gwaltney, Past Grand Patron.

The green ray of Martha expresses a trustful faith and hope of immortal life. It was to Martha that Jesus gave the reassuring words, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die". The broken column and is presented by Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Past Grand Matron and escorted by Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Past Grand Patron.

The shining red ray of Electa is a symbol of courageous fervency and love. The elect lady and ideal mother, refused to renounce her Christian faith, even under the penalty of death. She radiated love through her many acts of kindness and by the practice of God's greatest commandment that we love one another. The cup is presented by Mrs. Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron and escorted by Mr. Tom Murphy, Past Grand Patron.

Such lessons portrayed by the five rays of the emblematic star – fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love. May each of us strive earnestly to make these virtues shine so clearly in our lives that all mankind may find guidance. May the rays of our Star always shine with love and service to others. Let's thank these ladies and gentlemen and especially our Processional Grand Marshal. (Applause) Thank you.

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** As the Word of God is directly the center of our lives, the Holy Bible is placed upon the Altar in a position of honor in every Chapter room. The stories of the heroines of our Order and the lessons they teach are found within the pages of this Book. Our Worthy Grand Matron-elect is using her Father's Masonic Bible.

The Bible is presented by Mr. Chris Alexander, Mrs. Sarah Alexander, Ms. Jayde Jones and Miss Blake Jones and Tasha Jones. The Grandchildren and Great Grandchild of Mr. Burley D. Jones, Worthy Patron-Elect

The Presentation of the Bible Marker during our deliberations, our Bible is always opened to the Second Chapter of St. Mathew, where we read, in part, "... we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship him." To mark this place in our Bible, Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth made this beautiful Bible Marker and it is presented by Mr. Jimmy Earl Alford, brother of the Worthy Matron-Elect.

Upon the pages of our open Bible, we reverently place the time-honored tradition of our Masonic Brothers, the Square and Compasses. This is a cherished privilege granted to us by the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Presenting the Square and Compasses is Miss Amelia Shea Martin, Miss Sunny Grace Martin, and Mrs. Shea Martin, Grand Daughters and Daughter-in-Law of Mrs. Carolyn A. Martin, Worthy Grand Matron-Elect. And we know that that is our future with their Grandmother being a Worthy Grand Matron.

Mr. Tommy Griffin, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, will present our Flag Presentation

**Mr. Tommy Griffin:** \*\*\* Sisters and brothers, the presentation of these flags always brings us to our feet with hearts beating proudly and heads held high with love and respect. 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 tonight, the Stars and Stripes of our great land. Presenting the flag of the United States of America is Brother Lee Stallings.

Our Sisters and Brothers who adjoin us along our northern borders in the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada are very special friends to us all. The magnificent Canadian Flag is being presented by Brother Jerry Trees.

Of course, we proud Texans who before us came those valiant and courageous Texans who fought for our rights and died that we might have and be an independent state and the Lone star of Texas is being presented by Brother Tom Murphy.

Our Christian Flag is being presented by Brother Bill Wyatt. The colors match the American flag and it represents life and liberty for all who believe in Christ.

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 Trey Smith.,



Lastly, we present tonight, the flag of our Masonic heritage and the representative of the greatest fraternal organization, of which we Masons are so very proud and to present this flag, Brother Jerry Martin.

My Sisters and Brothers, all these flags symbolize our great freedom. They represent patriotism in our Stars and Stripes, respect and honor in the Canadian banner, pride in the freedom purchased by the Lone Star, faith and love in the Christian Flag, and fellowship in the Sisterhood and Brotherhood of the Eastern Star and Masonic symbols.

My Brothers, you will now POST the colors.....

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** It is an honor and a privilege to ask this fine gentleman Brother Tommy Chapman, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

MWGM Tommy Chapman: Sisters and Brothers please join me in saluting and pledging allegiance to the flag of our country.

### **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** We will now be led in the National Anthem by Mrs. Patricia Faltesek who will lead us in our song.

### **National Anthem**

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Worthy Grand Matron, I request your assistance with the Bible please.

**WGM Melissa Hudman:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will please open our Holy Bible.

### **(Opening of the Bible)**

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Our invocation will be voiced by Brother Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron.

**PGP Nelson Campbell:** Let us Pray. Our Father in Heaven, we pause thanking you for your love and many blessings. We now invoke thy blessings on this assembly as we prepare to install the new officers who will lead our Order this next year. We pray Lord that you would fill these new officers with the knowledge of your will and all wisdom and understanding that they may walk worthy of the high calling to which they have been entrusted that their lives might be pleasing to thee. Bless each of these officers and may the principles of our Order be reflected through their lives this next year. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen (Amen)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** \* It is the privilege of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect to select the Installing Officers for her installation. Our Worthy Grand Matron-elect has selected Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Necrology Committee,

GGC and a Past Grand Matron of Texas to serve as her Installing Grand Officer for this evening. Sister Joyce, it is my pleasure to welcome you and to invite you to introduce those who will be assisting you in this evening's ceremony.

**PGM Joyce Gilbert:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies, Sister Jimmie Lee. It is my pleasure to introduce those who will be assisting me tonight.

Installing Grand Officer, me

Assisting Installing Grand Officer, Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron

Installing Grand Chaplain, Mr. Tom Murphy, Past Grand Patron

Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry, Past Grand Matron

Installing Grand Organist Mrs. Susie Smith, Grand Representative of Kansas in Texas

Installing Grand Secretary Pro-Tem Mr. Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron and also, he is Jurisprudence Chairman of General Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, on behalf of your Installing team we just want to say to you, thank you for the honor that you have given to us to be a part of this beautiful night for you. We wish for you that every plan that you have made and every wish that you have will come true in this coming year. That everything that you believe, is going to happen and when it happens you are going to rejoice. And rejoice with the membership of Texas because they are going to be behind you 100%. We thank you and I hope the Installing Officers stood with me when I called their name.

They did! Please give them a welcome and a thank you for their assistance tonight. (Applause) Will you beautiful men come back (for a picture). Maybe I should say you handsome gentlemen.

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Sisters and Brothers and friends, if you haven't decided or you haven't figured it out by now, this is photo-op evening because it is for the history of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect to have pictures of how much they enjoyed it because they are nervous wrecks over there right now. I'm giving those three good looking gentlemen time to get over there for their next assignment. Brother Bill are you ready? Will the Grand Drill Team arrange chairs for the Installation Ceremony, please?

I invite the Processional Grand Marshal to escort the Officers to be installed to the West.

**PGM Joyce Gilbert:** Installing Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers to be Installed into the Grand Chapter room.

### **Installation of 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Officers**

**PGM Joyce Gilbert:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure and my honor to present you with the gavel.

**WGM:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will close the Holy Bible. \*\*\*  
(Closing of the Bible)

Would the wonderful Drill Team please remove the chairs. Please direct your attention to the Grand Chapter floor. (Applause) And Worthy Grand Patron, our Installing Grand Officer has a presentation that she would like to make to you at this time. You see, it is an outline. They would like to make a presentation at this time. Would you please join them at this podium?

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of your Installing Team, we want to give you a little gift and hope that it will help a little bit and if you will look on the backs, you'll get a tip. Would our Installing Team please stand?

**WGM Carolyn Martin:** What a beautiful job. Thank you, thank you. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Our ties with General Grand Chapter are strengthened by the active participation of our Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in the International endeavors of our Order. To bring Greetings from the General Grand Chapter Family and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas this evening on whomever this beautiful lady would like to bring Greetings for, from or to because she's going to speak to each of us with her heart. Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, GGC and Past Grand Matron of Texas. (Applause) Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons please stand and join this beautiful lady.

**PMWGM Rennie Ofton:** Good evening. Do we have any of the Past Grand Matrons here because this is a Greeting and our love gift to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. So, if they will stand with me and it will be from all of us. After the completion of this 136<sup>th</sup> Session, we are approaching the 137<sup>th</sup> we will be led by Sister Carolyn Martin and Brother Burley Jones. Because of their loyalty to the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas, we consider them the rightful leaders for the year 2018-2019. Congratulations and best wishes from those of us who have been down this road. It's a rough road sometimes but the rest of the time, it's smooth. Carolyn and Burley, as you cross this sacred threshold of service, we want you to know we are pledging our service and assistance when we can contribute to our learning. All you have to do is ask us. We wish for you and your Officers, safe travel, success in your plans, good health, culmination of all of your dreams and God's watch over you every day. Always remember though, we are good people, doing good things for good reasons and thoroughly enjoying it. And that is what Eastern Star sends to the public and so it will be great to see you as you develop your programs. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Thank you Sister Rennie. It is always good when you are with us. We are so proud of what you have done, what you have accomplished and the way you have lived your life is an example of all

that is good in the world. We are pleased to have with us this evening Brother Terry Stogner, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, who will bring us Greetings at this time.

**RWDGM Terry Stogner:** Worthy Grand Matron, what an honor it is to be here this evening on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. And we bring you Greetings and wish you well and safe travels throughout this year in your travel as the Worthy Grand Matron. And if tradition prevails and the short side might, and I am elected as the Grand Master of Masons of Texas, I extend to you an olive branch of love and affection from our Grand Lodge of Texas. And we wish you well. God bless you. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Without the assistance and support of our Masonic brothers, we could accomplish very little. We are honored this evening to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in attendance. It is my privilege to introduce to you Mr. Tommy Chapman, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, our Brother, and I invite you to bring Greetings to this assembly.

**MWGM Tommy Chapman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers Past and Present, Grand Chapter Officers Past and Present, Sisters and Brothers all. It is indeed an honor to be here with you this evening to bring Greetings on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas and the Masons of Texas. You had a beautiful Installation and I want to commend the Installing Officers and the team for a job well done. And you can be seated a minute, I'm long winded. (Laughter) Thank you. As some of you were here the other morning when I brought Greetings, it is a custom of mine to introduce my wife, Kathy, the First Lady of Masonry in Texas. She travels with me everywhere. (Applause) And if you were not with us the other morning, if I don't do that I have to buy a new dress or new outfit or something like that. But I do love her, and I appreciate her, and I hardly ever get to introduce my mama but she's a member of the Eastern Star, a several time Past Matron and my mama's here. Anna Chapman, thank you mama. (Applause) We have been traveling all over the state of Texas. We've been from top to bottom, side to side and everywhere in between already this year. And I've been telling people that there are three things that I think make a good Mason and I think they equally apply to being a good member of the Eastern Star. And that is an intelligent head, to learn the teachings and to go outside of our Lodge or Chapter rooms, if you will, and take those teachings into our daily lives to convince the world at large of the good effects of our Masonic family. Working hands, whether we are helping a Brother or Sister or widow or widower, make repairs to their homes, repairs around our Lodge or Chapter rooms. But working hands make good Masons and good Eastern Star Members. And I believe most importantly, the thing that makes a good member of the Eastern Star or a good Mason is an emotional heart. Because when you get Masonry or the teaching of Eastern Star in your heart and you take it outside of your Chapter rooms and your Lodge rooms and live it in your daily lives, you'll not only be a good member

of Eastern Star or a good Mason, you'll be a great member and a great Mason. This is the greatest Fraternity in the world to belong to. Freemasonry, it's a way of life, it's the Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God. It's the fifth best thing that I belong to. I belong to God first, my family, my country, my place of worship and then this Fraternity. And in Southeast Texas, being in the top five of anything is remarkable and this Fraternity and this Masonic family is number five on my list. I want to wish the Grand Chapter a very successful year and each Chapter that is represented here and some of the ones that are not, I want to wish all Eastern Star Chapters wheresoever disbursed around the world much success and happiness and just know that we are proud to have you in our Masonic family. And I thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything that y'all do for our Masonic family. You know I said the other day that God invented the family unit. It's important. We know how important it is for a family to work together and accomplish common objectives. Well, I believe the same holds true for the Masonic family. That we work together to accomplish our common objectives and I want to thank the Eastern Star for always helping the Masons accomplish our objectives. We are a society of friends and Brothers banded together for mutual improvement to help each other in our journey through life. And to help make the world a better place to live. I want to close by saying God bless the United States of America, God bless Texas, God bless Freemasonry and the Order of the Eastern Star and God bless each and every one of you. Thanks for having us. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** This is why that man is the Grand Master because of his love for us and our love for him. He is number one in our book right now. We love you Tommy. Thank you for spending the time...he left another engagement that he left just to come back and be with us tonight and we appreciate the efforts and endeavors that you do for the Grand Lodge of Texas and for the Order of the Eastern Star and just being the fine man you are with a wonderful wife and a fantastic mother. Thank you for being here. Realizing that the future of our Order, to a great extent rests in the hands of our Youth, we are extremely proud of our Fraternal Youth Organizations. We are honored to present the members of these Youth Organizations which we will hear Greetings from, Ben Wilson, Jurisdictional Staff of the Texas DeMolay Association and he will introduce those who are with him.

**Mr. Ben Wilson:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Installed Grand Officers, Dignitaries and other protocol having already been established and I'm not any good at that. I got a phone call on Wednesday from our Executive Officer, Brother Mike Sampson that said he was not going to be able to be here this weekend and he asked me to be his representative and bring Greetings from DeMolay, the Texas DeMolay Association for this Session. With that...Greetings. (Laughter) And I am to introduce the State Master Councilor, y'all want to hear from the youth anyway, not me. Of the state of Texas, I give you Brother Noah Blair. He was installed as the State Master Councilor back in July and he will bring you more detailed Greetings. (Applause)

**SMC Noah Blair:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Past Grand Matron, Right Worthy General Grand Chapter Officers, Past and Present, Distinguished East, members and visitors. I have been asked to speak again on behalf of the Texas DeMolay Association as we welcome the newly Installed Officers of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas. Introductions were supposed to happen Thursday but many of my Officers could not make it so there are a few people I would like to introduce tonight. First of all, our State Sweetheart who is also the Grand Musician for the Grand Assembly of Texas and a very dear friend of mine, the lovely Kendal Denea Clark. (Applause) Also joining me is my Deputy State Master Councilor, Rex Wunsche, my State Senior Councilor, Jonah Blair, the State Illustrious Knight Commander of the Texas State Priory, Gaige Harvey, and the District Deputy State Master Councilor for District Seven, Tyler Copenhaver. (Applause) I would like to congratulate the now Past Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on an excellent year. I am sure I can speak for most of the Distinguished East when I say it has been a privilege to serve concurrently alongside you, however briefly. To the other Grand Officers whose term has now concluded, your service, your loyalty and your zeal has proven you to be elite, hard-working members of this Organization and has proven your accountability to each other and to your obligations. The most effective and consecrated leadership that could be chosen would be helpless without loyal and zealous members working for this Organization, and for that we thank you.

To the newly Installed Officers of the Grand Chapter, congratulations. Yours is an Organization with a rich history and a tradition of strong leadership. The work that await you are arduous and, often, without praise. However, I haven't the slightest doubt that you will live up to the example of your predecessors. This is my first Official Visit representing the Order of the DeMolay to another branch of the Masonic Family, and I count it as my personal privilege to have been present for this Installation of Officers and I look forward to serving.

As stated previously, DeMolay is reaching the one hundredth year. It has survived through Prohibition, the Depression, Korea, Vietnam, the Moon Landing, and the Cold War. DeMolay was founded three years prior to the foundation of the Soviet Union but has outlived it by almost thirty years. DeMolay has helped countless generations of boys become men. A rich century of history is now behind us, but we must always look ahead. As State Master Councilor during this Centennial Celebration, it is my duty to lay the foundation upon which the next hundred years of DeMolay must be build and beyond that the next 100 years of DeMolay. We are all accountable to ensure the survival of our Masonic Family. Cooperation shall be our cornerstone. I look forward to continuing a long and rich tradition of cooperation between our Orders. It is this cooperation that will ensure that, when our names and deeds are lost to time immemorial, or descendants may look back upon an even richer history than our own. Our work and labor shall leave behind a foundation upon which our Masonic Family shall stand until the end of time. As we work together, that will be our legacy. I appreciate this opportunity to address you once again and I look forward to an excellent year for bot of our Organizations. God bless you all, God bless the Order of the Eastern Star and God bless the Purposes of DeMolay. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Thank you Noah for being here. We appreciate you coming back this evening, but we know that the future of DeMolay is in great hands because it's in your hands now and we know that it won't be long before the Masonic Lodge will have you working very tirelessly. Thank you for being here. We also look forward to watching the beautiful young ladies of the Rainbow Girls of Texas and they never disappoint us in their beautiful formation. It is a pleasure to present Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Parliamentarian of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and Mrs. Jo Ann Weaver, Supreme Deputy of the Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, who will bring their Grand Worthy Advisor and introduce her to us. We thank you Marlene and Mrs. Weaver for being here this evening with these beautiful girls. We await your message.

**Mrs. Marlene Dibrell:** Thank you State Master Councilor for so properly establishing protocol. It is a pleasure to be part of this Installation celebration and such a pleasure to bring Greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Our assemblies are blessed to have the sponsorship and support of you dedicated adults. Our goals are lofty, our friendships are fun, our purposes steadfast and we are anchored with the Eastern Star and Masonic teachings of love and kindness, and service to others. Harvesting these blessings of love and kindness will be a big part of our Grand Chapter year as our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron focus on showing love for the Order, in friendship, fellowship, faith and fraternity. Our Rainbow Girls and assemblies will be proud to join Eastern Star in eagerly embracing and accomplishing goals with enthusiasm and energy as we serve others, as we explore new avenues to increase our membership and by giving generously to those in need. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Burley, we appreciate the support that you have pledged to Texas Rainbow this year. Thank you for being true and genuine friends of Rainbow as you encourage and challenge our girls to live out their best thoughts, honor their purist motives and achieve their most significant dreams. We know that there is a ripple effect in all that we do. What you do touches me and what I do touches you. May all of our actions reflect love, kindness and genuine commitment as we are presented with the many opportunities and programs planned for this Eastern Star year and may we live by the watch words for this year "If we dream it and if we believe it, we certainly will achieve it." Thank you for this opportunity to greet each of you and express appreciation from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. (Applause)

**Mrs. JoAnn Weaver:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to extend to you a sincere thank you for the invitation to be with you for your Installation this evening. It is great to bring Greetings on behalf of the Rainbow Girls in Texas. And we are honored to be with each of you during this very special celebration this evening. This is the time when we witness how Rainbow has made a difference in many lives. Those of you that are Majority Rainbow Girls and now are active in Eastern Star are still

living the teachings of Charity, Service and Sisterhood as was taught in Rainbow. We continue to be thankful to you for being role models for our young girls of today. 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 is also blessed with having many of you and your Chapters as sponsors of our many assemblies across Texas. Thank you for being true and faithful friends of Rainbow as together we can help our young ladies become the role models for tomorrow. Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron, the Rainbow Girls of Texas promise to support you in the hope to be of service to you during your term of office. So, we would love to invite you and all of your Officers to our 2019 Grand Assembly Session in Waco, being held on June 21, 22 and 23. It is with great excitement that I invite the Rainbow Girls of Texas to enter this great Grand Chapter room.

**(Rainbow Girls enter with their Drill)**

**Mrs. JoAnn Weaver:** Sister Grand Drill Leader, you will conduct the Grand Worthy Advisor, Ms. Claire Peebler to the altar. Sisters Assisting Drill Leaders you will conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the altar.

**(GWA Claire Peebler does the Bible presentations)**

(Applause)

**(Singing of "My Rainbow")**

**Mrs. JoAnn Weaver:** \* Sisters Assisting Drill Leaders, please conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron back to the East. Thank you, Rainbow Girls for coming from near and very far to participate in this Drill and to show your support to the newly Installed Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron this evening. You are incredible young ladies. And remember that each one of you have a very special place in my heart. Thank you and please retire. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahan:** Girls. Our beautiful girls. When you go out the archway will you please stay in the assembly room.

**Mrs. JoAnn Weaver:** Rainbow Girls, please remain standing as you return to your seats.

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahan:** Will the rest of the assembly please be seated. The Girls are going to be standing. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron I know at this time because those beautiful girls will probably be going out pretty quick. They can't stay all night because they do have lives, you know. (Laughter) And they probably have a lot of boyfriends so, would our Worthy Grand Matron like to address these beautiful ladies while they are still here with us this evening?

**WGM Carolyn Martin:** Thank you very much Master of Ceremonies. I wanted to address you in person while you are still here. I want to tell you how much I appreciate the beautiful drill and the Bible presentation. It means



a great deal to me and you are indeed beautiful young ladies and I will be at your Grand Assembly. Thank you so much for being here this evening. It was so kind of you to take this time away from your other duties and to be here with us. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Brother Burley would you like to address the young ladies?

**WGP Burley Jones:** This was a beautiful drill that y'all did tonight, and the Bible that y'all gave to us tonight, I will always cherish it. Thank you for all that you do and as far as what you need from us to help you, let us know. God bless you and thank you. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Sisters and Brothers, look at these beautiful ladies. They are our future, they are our present and they will keep Eastern Star alive and well. And they will always be a Rainbow Girl at heart. Thank you, ladies for what you have done, where you have come and what you stand for. Let's show them again. (Applause) You may be seated. At this time, I invite Brother. Lee Stallings, Jurisprudence Committee, Chairman, GGC and Past Grand Patron of Texas to present the welcome of the Worthy Grand Matron to this assembly.

**PGP Lee Stallings:** Our Worthy Grand Matron would like to express her belief that all people can achieve by sharing with each of each other the lessons that will be explored during The Harvest Year of Love and Kindness. As members of the Order of the Eastern Star she would like us to remember this special verse and apply it to our work in the Order. "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream" We must show our love for our Order and for the wonderful accomplishments we have attained over the years. Our Goal is to look forward to more good works as we strive to make our Order known throughout the communities. To each of you we express our thanks for sharing this special evening with us.

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** I invite Brother Jerry Trees, Ambassador to Mexico and a Past Grand Patron of Texas to bring the welcoming theme of the evening.

**PGP Jerry Trees:** "Dream It, Believe It, Achieve it". We are an Order of achievers and we must not forget to celebrate our past achievements as we look forward to the achievements we will make in the future. Past achievements are keeping the old but change is adding new ideas to the old and celebrating our Order. Remember: Be Kind, work hard, stay humble, smile often, stay loyal, be honest, travel when possible, never stop dreaming, love always. Our Worthy Grand Matron wants each of you to enjoy the evening as we strive to celebrate our beautiful Order. A sincere thank you from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron goes to each one for being here tonight. Thank you for being here. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Sister Nancy Brown will now bring words of Hope for our Future.

**PGM Nancy Brown:** Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron offer Hope for the Future that all the dreams of our Order will be fulfilled. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron wish for the membership the confidence to achieve great things for our Order. Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. We look forward to the coming year and all the possibilities that come with it. Remember Sisters and Brothers, there is nothing so contagious as enthusiasm. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** The jewels of the Offices of Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are reminders of the honor and responsibility belonging to these Offices. The immediate Past Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Hudman, will now make the presentation of the traveling jewel to our Worthy Grand Matron, Carolyn Matron,

**PGM Melissa Hudman:** Sister Carolyn, I wore these with pride and I know that you will too. The one I wore the most was this one. The other one is in here for you. But I know that you will represent Texas well and that you will wear these with pride. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** The traveling jewel of the Worthy Grand Patron will be presented by Rick Skidd. This pin, this jewel, has been worn by every Worthy Grand Patron of Texas.

**PGP Rick Skidd:** As Sister Jimmie Lee just said, this jewel has been worn by every Worthy Grand Patron in the state of Texas. I present it to you in the hope that you wear it with dignity and hopefully you won't have the two biggest fears that I had. One, losing it and two, breaking it. (Laughter) So, good luck to you sir. I made it through the year with doing neither. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** To present the Past Grand Matron's Jewel is Brother Richard Hudman, Grand Representative of British Columbia and Yukon in Texas loving husband of the Past Grand Matron and I don't think she has seen it until just a moment ago.

**Brother Richard Hudman:** My dear, it's going to be great having you back home.

**PGM Melissa Hudman:** It's going to be great to be back home.

**Brother Richard Hudman:** I mean we could almost skip this because I'm your jewel (Laughter) but I know you wanted me to spend a bunch of money, so I thought that you would totally appreciate this and so...

**PGM Melissa Hudman:** This is like when they put your necklace on you, you know. I love you.

**Brother Richard Hudman:** I love you too. (Applause) The dogs will be glad to see you.

**PGM Melissa Hudman:** And I appreciate everything you do for me and I will be glad to be back home. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Sister Melissa would you like to make a few remarks at this time?

**PGM Melissa Hudman:** I'm tired, I'm barefooted because my feet are so swollen but please know how humbled I am to have gotten to serve you and I know that you have a good year coming under the leadership of Sister Carolyn and Brother Burley. And I know how much they thank you for being here this evening because it truly is her evening. But thank you so, so much for supporting us through our year. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** To present the Past Grand Patron's jewel is Sister Lou Skidd, wife of the Past Grand Patron and Grand Representative of South Carolina. (Applause)

**Sister Lou Skidd:** Sweetheart, it's been a wonderful ride. We've had a great year. It's been a lot more fun than I ever dreamed it would be. And you may be Past, but you'll always be Worthy to me. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Brother Rick would you like to bring some remarks at this time?

**PGP Rick Skidd:** How much time do I have?

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** A minute.

**PGP Rick Skidd:** Sorry, your mic went out I didn't hear you. (Laughter) Sisters and Brothers, it's been a wonderful experience thanks to each and every one of you. Sister Lou and I are going to be gone for a little while because of Sister Lou's upcoming medical procedure which will take her out of play for about 2-3 months. But I promise you that as soon as she is back to 100%, we will be back to 100% and doing everything that we were doing before in Eastern Star. Thank you all for a wonderful year. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Each Grand Chapter year is different from the other Grand Chapter year. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patrons put their individual touches on their year of service. The individual portions of the program for 2018-2019 will be presented by our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas and our adopted Brothers. To present the Message of the Worthy Grand Matron is Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Eastern Star Journal and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**PGM Bess Caldwell:** It is indeed an honor for me to be able to serve the membership as your Worthy Grand Matron. Your love and support have sustained me through the years, and I hope to give something back to the membership of this great and wonderful organization. I have said before, and I

say it now, it takes all of us working together to achieve success. We are achievers and by being achievers, our Order will grow and blossom. We are the shining stars that brighten and ensure the future of our Order.

I am so pleased that Brother Burley Jones has accepted the position of Worthy Grand Patron and will make this journey through the state of Texas with me. His lovely wife, Sister Doris Jones has graciously agreed to be an integral part of our team. It is our goal to visit with the membership and to perform our duties to your satisfaction and our honor. By strengthening the Subordinate Chapters we can strengthen our Order.

This year of service needs the help of the membership, and I am confident that much can be achieved as we work together for our beautiful Order. We must remember everyone is a star and deserves to shine, and we will all shine as we work for our Order's success.

Dream it, Believe it, Achieve it.  
Carolyn A. Martin, Worthy Grand Matron (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee Mahon:** Mrs. Vi Griffin, Past Grand Matron will present the Worthy Grand Matron's dedication of her year.

**PGM Vi Griffin:** I am so pleased and proud to dedicate this year first and foremost to my family. Without whose support I could not have taken this road of service. They are my supporters in all that I do. I am the proud grandmother of John Michael Martin, Jr., Amelia Shea and Sunny Grace Martin who make my world perfect. My son, Mike and his wife Shea, are so sharing with their love and with their precious children. (Applause)

**(This part was left out of the service)** My mother and father were my role models. I know that they would be so proud of the step the membership has allowed me to take. My father served as a Past Master, and my mother served 20 consecutive years as an officer in Palestine Chapter No. 395, Order of the Eastern Star. They were privileged to serve as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Palestine Chapter in 1996-1997. They were truly representative of Eastern Star traits and love. They loved the Fraternal Orders they served, and because they loved those Orders, I and my brother are members. I will always cherish the years I served with my parents for it was truly a family affair for us. I, therefore, place these loved ones in this special dedication. They were always there for me, and I just hope that I can reciprocate that love and support to my son and his family. I can accept this challenge because they always said to me, "you can do anything you want to do". I do so in their loving memory. Our family has a friend of many years, Mrs. Lucille Haney, who calls me her adopted daughter. Not only did my mother and I work with her in the early years of moving to Palestine, but she was our sister and devoted friend in Eastern Star. Mrs. Lucille keeps me on the correct path! She never gives up on me, and it is with extreme pleasure that she is a part of this dedication alongside my parents. I know they would want it that way as well.  
Star Love, Carolyn A. Martin, Worthy Grand Matron

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Mr. Trey Smith, ESTARL Committee will present the Message and Dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron

**PGP Trey Smith:** This is the message of the Worthy Grand Patron. I am looking forward to this year of service with Sister Carolyn and each of you. May the Lord keep us Healthy and Safe in our journey across Texas as we serve this Great Order of ours. Let us hold true to our teachings and look to our Lord Jesus Christ for guidance. It will be an Honor to serve with you as your Worthy Grand Patron. I know there will be ups and downs in our journey, but let us lift each other up in prayer and support. Remember, we are not here for the journey, we are part of the journey and want to make it a successful one for our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn.

The dedication of the year by our Worthy Grand Patron: I am sure that by the Help and Grace of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we can make this year one that reflects upon our dedication and love to our Order and membership. I would like to dedicate this year of service as the Worthy Grand Patron to some special people. To my wife Doris who has stood by me for 47 years through the good times and bad. Your love, support, happiness and understanding have always been a comfort to me. I'm so glad that you will enjoy this journey with me.

To my daughter Natashia, my granddaughter Sarah and husband Chris and granddaughter Jayde, you all may have not always agreed, but understood our Eastern Star responsibilities and time we were away from you. To each of you, I wish success and happiness as you strive to accomplish your dreams. To my parents Lydia and Albert Jones, Sr., who have gone on to meet the Lord, raised me in a Christian home and taught me that service to the Lord and others were important. To Doris' parents, Virginia and Travis Day, who have also gone on to be with the Lord, were always there when we needed them and supported us on our OES journey. To my secretary Linda Roy, my pages Terry "Butch" Haltom, Richard King, Carl Chafant and my Grand Escort Donna Haltom who are some of my closest/best friends and I think of them and their spouses as family. You All Are the Best!

To the Membership of my parent chapter "Cleveland #465" and my plural Chapter Huffman #1112" and District 4 Section 4, you all have always been there to support me and I know you will continue. I ask that you continue to pray for me and I love every one of you.

To the membership of Texas, You Are the Best! I have had the privilege of meeting most of you and look forward to meeting the rest. Thank you for your support and words of encouragement.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carolyn Martin, I pledge my support and Christian Friendship. Getting to know you better our year as Grand Officers was so meaningful and rewarding. Our friendship has become one I know I can count on. I thank you for asking Doris to be your Grand Marshal. We will have an enjoyable and fun year.

As we go forth in our travels this year, let us not forget to lift each other up in Prayer, that we seek God's will in our journey; Love each other and our membership. That we may have safe travels and remain healthy on our journey. Fraternaly, Burley D. Jones. Worthy Grand Patron (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Each Worthy Grand Matron has the privilege to select colors and flowers and emblems that have special significance to her. To present those chosen by Sister Carolyn, I present Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Ambassador to Germany and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**PGM Jayne Yenger:** Thank you Sister Jimmie.

Theme: Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It

Aim: To accomplish greatness for our Order, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan; but also believe. We must believe that we can achieve, that we can accept the challenge to change what is needed and to love each other while doing so.

Emblem: The apple represents where we were and where we want to go. Our Order should strive to last as long as the apple, and we will, but we must remember to "think different" to enhance the best of "something old and something new".

Colors: Flowers are the smiles of nature and as such their beautiful colors bring us joy and happiness. I love the mixture of colors in the vibrant fuchsia. Fuchsia is an exotic blend of the purple red of the fuchsia plant, the red of the apple, and the purple blue of the heavens. It symbolizes love. Black is known for its elegance and style in the fashion industry and has historically been the color worn by royal families. But, my reason for black is much more mundane. I learned early as an elementary teacher that covering those bulletin boards in black saved time as you only had to change the articles on the board.

Flowers: Flowers are our gift from God. The fuchsia plant is an eternal reminder that God smiles when he gifts us with flowers. God wanted us to be reminded that from beautiful flowers comes the reward of fruits for our beautiful spring apple blossom brings forth rich fruit in the fall. It is an ever-giving representation of love and charity. While I love the fuchsia plant and the apple blossom, I have an affinity for all God's beautiful smiles...all the beautiful flowers that spring forth to brighten our lives. The art world claims black finishes a product and makes it pop. We are going to pop! To enhance the beautiful fuchsia and the elegant black we will add a touch of glittering silver to complete our colors of love. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Past Grand Matron Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's scriptures.

**PGM Karen Morgenthaler:** I have one scripture that means everything to me as it has been my favorite Bible verse since my early days in Sunday school.

**John 3:16**

**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

As I grew older, I found that there was the most beautiful description of love that I had ever read, and I have used the following scriptures when I needed reminding that love has many faces.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

**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. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.**

**1 Corinthians 13:13**

**And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.**

The Worthy Grand Patron's Scriptures

**Philippians 4:13**

**I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.**

**John 3: 16**

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** It is my pleasure to present Mr. Bill Rhyan, PGP of Arizona who has filled our world with music since he arrived in Texas and tonight will present the Dedication of the Worthy Grand Matron's March.

**PGP Bill Rhyan:** "The Harvest of Memories March". This beautiful march, arranged by Mr. Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona and enhanced by my grand organist, Mrs. Susan Helmcamp is my trip down memory lane. It holds memories of my childhood and my young years during the golden period of the famous 50's.

My father was a member of the Greatest Generation and for him, music did not exist after WWII. He "taped" all of the wonderful songs of the war years and played them continuously. Needless to say, I grew up with such songs as "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree With Anybody Else But Me", "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company C", "The White Cliffs of Dover" and my mother's personal favorite "Always". During the Golden fifties, I listened to such greats as Elvis, the Everly Brothers, and many more. But, I will always love the songs of the war years as they represent my family. My

father was a proud member of the United States Army Air Corp which later became the United States Air Force. All of my mother and father's male family members served in various branches of the armed services during that period. My first piano piece is "**The Marines' Hymn**" in honor of my uncle who was injured at Iwo Jima. To honor my family, I have chosen "**Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree With Anybody Else but Me**" as the basis for my march. My father thought there was no other song and it is included as a memory of the love I have for my father who has flown his last mission and for the love of his life that beautiful girl from west Texas who was beside his side "**Always**".

The war years are enhanced with the famous hit songs of Elvis and the Everly Brothers. You will hear "**Bye Bye Love**", "**All I Have Do Is Dream**" and "**Let It Be Me**". These famous songs are included to reflect the wonderful memories I have of growing up in the fabulous fifties. I dedicate this March of Memories to the membership of this great Order for past memories fuel the present and lead us to move forward keeping the golden memories as a road map for the future. Thank you, Bill for making my memories into a beautiful march that means everything to me. You did all that I asked and more. I so appreciate what you have accomplished for me and for the membership.

Dear Susan, thank you for agreeing to be my Grand Organist and for your input into this "jazzy" march. We will certainly have a toe tapping time with you at the piano. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** The Presentation of the "Harvest of Memories" March will be presented by Mrs. Susan Helmcamp, Grand Organist.

**"Harvest of Memories" March**  
**Played by Grand Organist Susan Helmcamp**

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** I am honored now to present Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry, Past Grand Matron who will present the Dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron's March.

**PGM Rosemary S. Berry:** The dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron's music. My music and march are from some of my favorite songs and special people in my life. It is dedicated to the Membership of our Grand Chapter.

**You Are My Sunshine** is dedicated to my wife Doris. You Are My Sunshine!

**Farther Along** is dedicated to my OES Mother Jewel Walker, who has gone on to Heaven and this was her favorite song. We Love and Miss You!

**The Eyes of Texas** is to my Family. Although I was born in Illinois, Texas is my home. My wife, daughter and granddaughters were all born in Texas.

**Jesus Hold My Hand** is dedicated to ALL "Texas Travelers" or "Membership". My Prayer is, as we Travel with Our Star in The East, we know that Jesus is Holding Our Hand and will never leave us or forsake us. A Special Thank You to Sister Rosemary for composing my songs into My Song and March. I love you and May God Bless and Keep each of you and hope you enjoy the music!! (Applause)



**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** We will now have the Presentation of the  
"Texas Traveler's March" by Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry, Past Grand Matron  
"Texas Travelers March"  
Played by PGM Rosemary S. Berry

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Each year the Humanitarian Program is the focal point of our benevolent endeavors. Our WGM has prepared a Humanitarian Program which will afford the membership the opportunity to provide needed service to others. The 2018-2019 Humanitarian Program will be presented by Sister Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron but with the Introductory Poem presented by Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of Texas.

**ARWGS Alma Lynn Bane:**

The old tree had been standing by the over-grown  
orchard fence,  
time had been moving on for year its memory was getting a little faded and  
dense.

It had stood there through countless winters.

It was a lovely sight to see, beautiful pink and white flowers  
were visited by lots and lots of honey bees.

The petals would begin to fall among the roots on the dusty ground,  
little petals that once made a lovely bouquet now lay in heaps scattered all  
around. Then summer arrived hot and sunny  
golden yellow apples were beginning to grow,  
peeking out from large green leaves their beauty was beginning to show.

Next came fall of the year every branch was loaded and bent.

The apples were being picked in woven baskets  
off to the market they were sent.

Some of the apples were eaten, some were made into jelly or apple pie,  
some went into fruit jars and became apple butter.

How good they did taste – my, oh my!

Soon winter would arrive again, the snow would arrive,  
beginning another season to stand there year after year.

The old tree now knew there was a reason.

Perhaps it would just take a nap, wait out the sleet and rain,  
for once again it would be sunny days and pink blossoms and lovely spring.  
(Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Mrs. Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron, will present the Worthy Grand Matron's Humanitarian Program

**PGM Betty Benham:** There is a beautiful poem that you just heard about an apple tree that tells us that the tree is full of lovely flowers in the spring, wonderfully green in the summer, and when the autumn harvest comes, the

tree is full of good things to eat. The apple tree is a simple sign of sharing. That is our theme for the "Harvest Blessings of Kindness and Love" Humanitarian Program for this year. Sharing what we have with those in need is one of the basic tenets of our beautiful Order. We can give our time, our money, ourselves, and our friendship to those who need it most. When we give to others, we in essence, help ourselves. It is through the simple and generous act of giving that we achieve joy.

Each phase of this program is significant and meaningful. Each letter represents a particular group that needs our support and love through our generous sharing. When we have visited each letter, we will be reminded of the sharing apple tree and the harvest of apples which can be shared by all. Our harvest will be the sharing of ourselves and our bounty with those who are most in need.

**A ACHIEVEMENT: TMRC  
Texas Masonic Retirement Center**

Achievement is the culmination of an endeavor and our endeavors are to meet the needs of the ladies in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Our endeavors must include our time, our friendship, our love, and our monetary donations.

**P PERSEVERANCE: General Fund**

Perseverance is a continuance of an endeavor. We must continue our endeavors to support our General Fund as our Organization cannot function without funds. All of us working together can achieve wonders so let's work together and create a wonder.

**P PRAYER: ESTARL**

Prayer is an endeavor which brings forth faith, faith brings forth love, and love brings forth service. Service to the teaching of our religion is carried on by those dedicated to the ministry and all that encompasses. The Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership helps those who are dedicated to this endeavor to continue their schooling. By supporting our young religious leaders, we as members are helping to perpetuate Christian principals.

**L LOVE: Benevolent Aid**

Love is patient and kind. Kindness to our Sisters and Brothers when they are in need is an all-inclusive endeavor that is one of our primary concerns for we need to show kindness to our members in need. Temporary Aid, and/or Long-Term Aid is available for our members as needed, but we need to support this project if we are to keep assisting our members in times of need.

**E ENRICHMENT: Education Fund**

Enrichment is the reward you receive when you endeavor to improve the lives of others and most certainly helping others to attain their educational goals is a reward most valued. Our Education Scholarships assist with continuing education after high school for our members, spouses, children, and grandchildren. Continued support of this project will enrich the lives of our members and their families. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** I know that a lot of you have been waiting for this very special portion of the program. I am honored to present our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Burley D. Jones for his Greetings.

**WGP Burley D. Jones:** Good Evening! What a Beautiful Installation!!! There are so many people that I need to thank at this time. First of all, I would like to Thank My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for allowing me the opportunity to serve this beautiful Order and its membership! To Sister Carolyn Martin, Worthy Grand Matron, from setting in your living room where you Carded Me in October of 2016 to walk this year with you to and now setting in the East with you starting tonight. We have had a Good start this year, with you sort of getting use to my driving and making a few road trips; I'm looking forward to having a Great Year! To My Wife Doris (Grand Marshal), who has always been there by my side to support me through our journey of life. I Love You!! To my Family, My Daughter Natashia, Granddaughters Sarah Alexander and Jayde Jones, My favorite Grandson (He's my only grandson) Chris Alexander and "The Boss" my Great Granddaughter Blake Marie Jones!! I love You All!! To the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members, I am looking forward to working with each of you and to having a Great Year!

To my Parent Chapter, Cleveland #465 and my Plural Chapter Huffman #1112, Your Support has been unquestionable!! I Love Y'all!!! To My Sisters and Brothers of District 4 Section 4 and ALL of District 4, THANK YOU for all of your Support!! I love all of you!! To my Texas Travelers from all over the State, your support has been beyond my expectations and I can't say enough to Thank You!! Love Y'all!!! To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for being part of our Installation and just being there!!

To Sister Rosemary Berry Past Grand Matron, Thank You for Composing My Music. You and John are Special! Love Y'all! Brother Ray Hertenberger, from being one of your Grand Bubba's to Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for always being there and for your friendship and Brotherly Love. You know that you and Vicki are special to me and our family! Love You!! To the Great Membership of our Order, I'm looking forward to meeting and talking with all of you as we Travel this Great State of Texas! Last but not least, My Secretary Linda Roy. What can I say??? Thank you for everything you have already done and I am looking forward to all the quiet and cordial conversations we will have in the future. (Laughter) When I selected the name, "Texas Traveling Men", for the Worthy Patrons I wanted it to be something special and remind us of that bond between Masons. Thank You for being part of our year!! My Day Tie is very special to me. I think there is nothing more beautiful to see than The Open Holy Bible, Square and Compasses lying on an Alter. It reminds me of that "Standard We Should all Live By" and should constantly remind us, that we should always follow It.

I would like to leave you with one of my favorite quotes:  
Although Our Names Are Different  
We Are Purchased By His Blood  
Through Jesus Christ  
We Are One Big Family  
Good night and God Bless! (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for those inspiring and loving words. It is now my privilege to introduce to you and to ask the lady of the night, the lady of the evening, the number one lady of Texas, our number one Apple Blossom, our number one pink, hot fuchsia, our number one loving lady, Our Worthy Grand Matron, to bring her Greetings. (Applause)

**WGM Carolyn Martin:** I am going to go a little off script here. Brother Burley said I would get used to his driving...not hardly. (Laughter) But I will make an attempt. Thank you, Thank you very much Sister Jimmie Lee, Master of Ceremonies. I do so appreciate your participation in this special event this evening. What a privilege it is for me to have the Texas Rose assisting in this "Harvest of Kindness and Love" Installation. Each year the apple tree springs forth with beautiful blossoms to begin a new year for from those beautiful blossoms comes the apple. The apple is the product of the blossom's new beginnings and great strength. Just as the apple tree represents sharing so must we share love and kindness to our membership. You and those yet to follow have shared your time and talents with us this evening and to that end we thank each of you. Installing Grand Officer, Sister Joyce Gilbert, my heartfelt thanks goes out to you and your team of Installing Grand Officers. You worked with me and you encouraged me, and your efforts are certainly appreciated. To those assisting you: Brother Ray Hertenberger, Brother Tom Murphy, Sister Rosemary S. Berry, Sister Susie Smith and Brother Lee Stallings, friends I thank each of you as each of you are special to me. Thank you, seems such a little tribute but each of you know it is from my heart. A memory forever. For this is indeed a special Installation and a special evening for me. I was thrilled to have the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas participate in this special evening. You know I keep using the word special, but it is just that to me...special. You each are special and you each performed a very beautiful service for me this evening. Thank you. I cannot leave out the Grand Drill Team...as always you performed beautifully, and you are dear to my heart for your beautiful work. You add so much to our events. One cannot accomplish such an event as this without the help of the many friends who have worked tirelessly to make this evening special for Brother Burley and me and our corps of officers. Your work has not gone unnoticed but is appreciated beyond words. Our hearts are full. And we thank you. A donation will be made to the Susan G. Komen Grant for Breast Cancer, Tyler, Texas headquarters to those that have had a part in the program this evening. This Grant assists those who do not have the money for the expensive medications and care needed to counteract this dreadful disease. We feel that our contribution will be better used in this capacity and we hope you will as well. Thank you to each one who brought Greetings. I so appreciate Sister Rosemary for her beautiful music very much and being my Installing Marshal. And I also appreciate our Deputy Grand Master, Brother Terry Stogner for his message this evening. To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Tommy Chapman, what an honor it is for me to have you here this evening to bring Greetings from the Masonic Bodies.

We are so pleased to claim you as well as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. I look forward to working in harmony with you and with Deputy Grand Master, Brother Terry Stogner who can also be called a Brother in our Order. Thank you, gentlemen.

To the State Master Councilor I certainly appreciate your dedication to our young men. We appreciate your presence and your Greetings. We appreciate your efforts in attending and in bringing your message. We thank each of you. Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Parliamentarian and Mrs. Jo Ann Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas International Order of Rainbow for Girls, you deserve so much more than a mere thank you, but I offer it to each of you with love and respect. You have my sincere appreciation for your dedication and your hard work with these young ladies in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Grand Worthy Advisor, Claire Peebler, together we will write our story across Texas this coming year. I will treasure this Bible as it will always bring memories of this beautiful evening spent with each of you young ladies. Thank you.

To our immediate Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron, Sister Melissa and Brother Rick, you have had a very successful year and I want to express my appreciation to each of you for every courtesy that has been extended to me this year. As I look out at my appointed Grand Officers all I can say is Fuchsia is your color. You know how much each of you mean to me, and I look forward to a year of joy, work, and laughter.

Ladies in Silver and Black. This morning I called you the Silver Apples. How romantic! You look so beautiful! You are each special to me, and I thank the Arrangements Committee for placing you together so that all can see the ladies who will serve as Deputy Grand Matrons for the coming year. You are led by the elegant District Deputies who have worked tirelessly to make your year exciting. I thank them for their efforts for without them, this evening could not have taken place. I thank them for their efforts for without them tonight would not have taken place. A very heartfelt thank you to my Five DD's and for those of you not in the know, that's five District Deputy Grand Matrons. I am so pleased you and the Deputy Grand Matrons could be here this evening. You have my heartfelt appreciation for being here. Thank you.

One cannot forget the Apple Blossoms and the Texas Traveling Men. Your enthusiasm and willingness to work in your Chapters is contagious. Keep up the good work. Your positivity is catching! I look forward to traveling the state and being with each of you as we teach the work of the Order. I will see each of you very soon. As always, Reba Fox, you and your team have done an outstanding job with the decorations. I knew you would and as always, I am in awe of your talent.

My family is very important to me and I am so pleased they were able to be here and to participate in my special evening. My son who means so much to me, John Michael (Mikey) Martin and his lovely wife, Shea Denise Martin I

thank you for being here this evening. But I will share with the assembly that my son said we had to hurry up because the little girls weren't going to last much longer. And to my first grandchild, John Michael Martin, Jr. (Bubbe) and his twin sisters the Misses Amelia Shea and Sunny Grace Martin, you are the loves of my life. Nannie loves you. To my Brother, Jimmy Earl Alford and his wife Jeannette Alford, thank you being here this evening. Our parents would be so proud.

To the members of Palestine Chapter No. 395 my Parent Chapter, thank you is a not enough, but I will say it anyway. You have supported me through my endeavors and continue to do so. I guess I can now say I am raised! To Crockett No. 509, my plural chapter it goes without saying how much you mean to me. You are always there for me. Thanks to each of you for being here this evening.

I stand before you this evening as the newly installed Worthy Grand Matron and believe me when I say it is more than humbling, it is scary but with your love and support we will travel this year with love in our hearts and joy in the work. I am so pleased Brother Burley agreed to travel with me and we pray for guidance as we make decisions for our Order and we also pray his driving improves. (Laughter) Our Order should be lifted up and celebrated for the many achievements we have made over the years and for the many achievements waiting for us in the future. We have achieved much in the past, but our future is wide open for new and wonderful celebrations. Celebrating our Order is the goal for this year. We will look for the good and by doing so we will choose to be happy. Each day is going to be a great day, and we must grab each moment and make the best of it. We must refuse to let negative thoughts take root and we must not let negative situations drag us down for we are choosing to live and work in joy. Joy in the Order, Joy in the work, and Joy in being a member will be our mantra for the year. We have dreamed much, we have believed that we can do it, and now we will achieve it. We will harvest all the love and kindness our Order represents as we move through the coming year. We will dream it, believe it, and achieve it. And I thank you so much. Thank you. (Applause)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and the new Corps of Officers, I want to thank you for being here to share this very special evening. Following the Benediction, voiced this evening by Brother Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron. We will call a brief recess.

**PGP Bill Wyatt:** Please take the hand of the one next to you. Dear Lord, we come before you this evening to give you thanks for the guidance you have given us this weekend, Father. We thank you for this beautiful country we have the opportunity to live in. We thank you for this beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. Father, we thank you for the many blessings that you have bestowed on each and every one of us. Lord, we know without your guidance that we could never accomplish enough. Father, we want to thank you

for this new Corps of Officers this year. We ask you to be with Sister Carolyn and Brother Burley and the Officers as they travel across this great state of Texas. Watch over them, protect them and keep them safe. Be with our Military, our Police Officers, our First Responders and the leaders of this country. Put your hands down on them and guide them. And let everything they do be in your namesake. And Father, we ask that you be with us as we leave here today. Be with the ones that are sick and was unable to be with us. Put your hand down on them and guide them and take care of them. All these things we ask in your most precious name. Amen (Amen)

**MC Jimmie Lee McMahon:** To our visitors, thank you for sharing this very special occasion with us. Your attendance has been greatly appreciated. In order that we may properly close our Grand Chapter Session, those who are not members of the Order will retire at this time. \*

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**WGM Carolyn Martin:** If the Officers will take their respective stations we will be able to call from Rest to Labor. If the Officers...and remember we need a quorum, membership, in order to close our 136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session. Will the Installed Grand Officers please assume your stations? To our visitors, we thank you so very much for being with us this evening, but we have one more job to do for the 136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session. We are going to close Grand Chapter. Brother Grand Warder are we almost ready to call us from Rest to Labor? I call this 136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session from Rest to Labor. \* Brother Grand Warder, you will see that the doors are secure and inform the grand sentinel that we are about to call this 136<sup>th</sup> 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 136<sup>th</sup> 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:** Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secure and there will be no interruption.

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

**(Grand Conductress opens the Bible)**

**WGM Carolyn Martin:** Sister AGM you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order.

**(Proving the Chapter Room)**

I just have two announcements to make. I ask that those members who are planning to allow their name to be placed in nomination for any office at the 2019 Grand Chapter Session to meet with me at 8:30 tomorrow morning near the head table at the breakfast and we invite everyone to be there for the breakfast and to enjoy some more friendship with everyone. And we will hold a Deputies meeting about 10:30 tomorrow morning.

Sister Associate Grand Matron, oh, we have very important business to conduct.

**Sister Carlotta Fairchild:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Board of Directors I have the pleasure of presenting love gifts to each of you and I have another presentation but after hearing these comments about driving and... (Laughter) other assorted things. I guess I have to do this other presentation anyhow, but I've got the keys to the van and I'm going to give them to the Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause) And we wish you safe travels as you travel and traverse over this great state of Texas. (Applause)

**WGM Carolyn Martin:** Most certainly I wish to thank the Board for giving the keys to me instead of Brother Burley. (Laughter) We appreciate the Board so very much. It is a treat to work with these Board members. And please know that they do a fantastic job for you, the membership. Let's give the Board a big hand. (Applause) Now, Sister Associate Grand Matron, do you know of any further business to come before the Chapter at this time?

**AGM Linda Winn-Christenson:** There is none within my knowledge, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, excuse me. I do believe the flag of our country needs to be retired. My apologies.

**WGM Carolyn Martin:** That is alright. Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the Flag of our country. \*\*\*

**(Ritualistic Closing)**

**End of the 136<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session**



# APPENDIX

## LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR 1884-2018

| YEAR | WORTHY GRAND MATRON    | WORTHY GRAND PATRON | GRAND SECRETARY      | GRAND TREASURER         |
|------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1884 | †Mrs. E. J. Talbot     | †W. I. Holt         | †R. R. McPhail       | †Mrs. A. McGregor       |
| 1885 | †Mrs. V. Tucker Essex  | †P. Hawkins         | †J. K. Ashby         | †Mrs. A. McGregor       |
| 1886 | †Mrs. V. Tucker Essex  | †P. H. Stevens      | †J. K. Ashby         | †Mrs. M. Hightower      |
| 1887 | †Mrs. V. Tucker Essex  | †J. J. Kendrick     | †J. K. Ashby         | †Mrs. A. Schwartz       |
| 1888 | †Mrs. Lizzie Hadley    | †J. J. Kendrick     | †J. K. Ashby         | †Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner |
| 1889 | †Mrs. Lizzie Hadley    | †J. W. Ellender     | †Stephen Gould       | †Mrs. M. R. Marsh       |
| 1890 | †Mrs. Lizzie Hadley    | †Stephen Gould      | *Mrs. Jennie Cassill | †Mrs. M. R. Marsh       |
| 1891 | †Mrs. Belle Moone      | †A. F. Hicks        | †J. D. Slawson       | †Mrs. E. C. Carpenter   |
| 1892 | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart    | †J. L. Miller       | †J. D. Slawson       | †Mrs. E. C. Carpenter   |
| 1893 | †Mrs. P. C. Harris     | †Tom Murrah         | †J. D. Slawson       | †Mrs. R. M. Swaim       |
| 1894 | †Mrs. R. M. Swaim      | †D. Ludlow          | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. Kate Birch        |
| 1895 | †Mrs. Sadie A. Hoskins | †L. S. Garrison     | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. Jennie Randolph   |
| 1896 | †Mrs. Kate Birch       | †J. K. Bow          | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. Ree Alvord        |
| 1897 | †Mrs. Jennie Randolph  | †J. T. Atchinson    | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. W. P. Baugh       |
| 1898 | †Mrs. Ree Alvord       | †N. M. Kamey        | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. W. P. Baugh       |
| 1899 | †Mrs. A. A. Garrison   | †W. S. Hoskins      | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. M. A. Sherburne   |
| 1900 | †Mrs. Agnes V. Young   | †W. S. Hellyer      | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. M. A. Sherburne   |
| 1901 | †Mrs. K. M. Bryan      | †A. C. McDaniel     | †Mrs. Laura B. Hart  | †Mrs. M. A. Sherburne   |
| 1902 | †Mrs. M. E. Smith      | †R. W. Lemond       | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. E. J. Randolph    |
| 1903 | †Mrs. Alma M. Walker   | †P. S. Park         | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. L. F. Seaman      |
| 1904 | *Mrs. Amelia Huvelle   | †E. C. Canon        | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. L. F. Seaman      |
| 1905 | †Mrs. E. J. Randolph   | †John Orchard       | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. L. F. Seaman      |
| 1906 | †Mrs. Mollie E. Gray   | †F. M. Walker       | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. L. F. Seaman      |
| 1907 | †Mrs. Carrah Johnson   | †T. J. Tucker       | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. L. F. Seaman      |
| 1908 | †Mrs. Fannie V. Ward   | †C. H. Thorn        | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | *Mrs. Amelia Huvelle    |
| 1909 | †Mrs. Carrie B. Lane   | †G. W. Glasscock    | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. Anna Johnson      |
| 1910 | †Mrs. Edith Findlater  | †E. J. Hosey        | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. Anna Johnson      |
| 1911 | †Mrs. Laura F. Seaman  | †L. A. Heil         | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. Cora M. Cohen     |
| 1912 | †Dr. Mattie I. Hill    | †Sam P. Cochran     | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. Cora M. Cohen     |
| 1913 | †Mrs. Carrie A. Chase  | †M. T. Bell         | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. M. B. Moody       |
| 1914 | †Mrs. B. B. Huddleston | †S. B. Miller       | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. M. B. Moody       |
| 1915 | †Miss Cora Posey       | †G. W. Hester       | †Mrs. C. C. Leonard  | †Mrs. M. B. Moody       |

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|------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1916 | †Mrs. M.L. Eldridge          | †W.A. Christian        | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1917 | †Mrs. Cora M. Cohen          | †Dr. W.B. Halley       | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1918 | †Mrs. Flora Penix            | †Frank W. Lynn         | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1919 | †Mrs. Maggie B. Moody        | †C.P. Patrick          | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1920 | †Mrs. Margaret L. Hosey      | †John Findlater        | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1921 | †Mrs. Mary E. Roach          | †W.H. Mercer           | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1922 | †Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitts      | †S.A. Penix            | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1923 | †Mrs. Norton H. Wellborn     | †T.J. Holbrook         | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1924 | †Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie       | †J. Dixie Smith        | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1925 | †Mrs. Velma B. Halley        | †J.D. Todd             | †Mrs. C.C. Leonard  | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1926 | †Mrs. Margery Wofford        | †Frank Holt            | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1927 | †Miss LuLu LeFan             | †L.E. Tennison         | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1928 | †Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling   | †W. Gregory Hatcher    | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1929 | †Mrs. Beulah Rawlings        | †Captain Dan O'Connell | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Miss W.I. Pierson    |
| 1930 | †Mrs. Bessie B. Garth        | †William G. Vollus     | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1931 | †Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson     | †George S. Dowell      | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1932 | †Mrs. Riva C. Burnett        | †W.F. Easterling       | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1933 | †Mrs. Rose E. Potter         | †A.P. Holbrook         | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1934 | †Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell     | †W.W. Caves            | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1935 | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles          | †C.D. Miller           | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1936 | †Mrs. Florence Read          | †M.A. Childers         | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1937 | †Mrs. Norma Allen            | †Clyde E. Smith        | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1938 | †Mrs. Mildred Harris         | †John t. Rice          | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1939 | †Mrs. Freda Bernhard         | †E.C. Couch            | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1940 | †Mrs. Robbie Dyer            | †A.E. Shirley          | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1941 | †Mrs. Viva S. Huffman        | †Victor Keller         | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1942 | †Mrs. Hallie Anglin          | †James L. Lee          | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1943 | †Mrs. Cynthia May Watts      | †Walter B. Baldwin     | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1944 | †Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker | †E.B. Gauntt           | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Mrs. Margery Wofford |
| 1945 | †Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus      | †Norman H. Read        | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Miss Blanche Earl    |
| 1946 | †Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert      | †Frank R. Phillips     | †Miss Cora Posey    | †Miss Blanche Earl    |
| 1947 | †Mrs. Cheba Dewees           | †Pat Boone             | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles | †Miss Blanche Earl    |

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|------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1948 | †Mrs. Esther B. Graves       | †Dr. T.G. Rogers      | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Miss Blanche Earl  |
| 1949 | †Mrs. Mabel Harle            | †Dean Gauldin         | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1950 | †Mrs. Lucile Dufner          | †Dr. H.C. Sloop       | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1951 | †Mrs. Flora Besst Boone      | †Earl G. Manning      | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1952 | †Mrs. Mildred Garlitz        | †John A. Rawlins      | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1953 | †Mrs. Mary E. Schoverling    | †Fred W. Dewald       | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1954 | †Mrs. Eunice Connell         | †Chauncey Penix       | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1955 | †Mrs. Lois Burnett           | †Charles E. Bairfield | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1956 | †Mrs. Pauline Smith          | †Ed Sharpe            | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1957 | †Mrs. Ruby Enloe             | †Dr. Russell Holt     | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1958 | †Mrs. Katherine Poulis       | †Lewis T. Davis       | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1959 | †Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith   | †Dr. R.O. Fuqua       | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1960 | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard       | †Gerald C. Allen      | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1961 | †Mrs. Pearl Hall             | †Paul C. Stoneman     | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1962 | †Mrs. Thelma McReynolds      | †Hal Burnett          | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1963 | †Mrs. Molly Goodpasture      | †E.F. (Van) Plumlee   | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1964 | †Mrs. Amy Goebel             | †James H. Goettee     | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1965 | †Mrs. Edna Earl Duke         | †Marvin B. Simpson    | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1966 | †Mrs. Mildred Sharpe         | †H.F. Harrington      | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1967 | †Mrs. Nancy Bailey           | †Herbert L. Arnold    | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1968 | †Mrs. Robbie Yates           | †J.T. Sanders         | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1969 | †Mrs. Sally Matranga         | †Richard T. Porter    | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1970 | †Mrs. Frances Key Herin      | †J. Victor Jones      | †Mrs. Rebecca Miles    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1971 | †Mrs. Aliene Houston         | †Harold Todd          | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1972 | †Mrs. Katherine Harbour      | †C.A. "Bill" Holmes   | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1973 | †Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop     | †Paul Huffhines       | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1974 | †Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast | †O.D. Christian       | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |
| 1975 | †Mrs. Doris Easterling       | †O.D. Christian       | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton |

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|------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1976 | †Mrs. Joyce Roberts     | †Perry Smithwick      | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton       |
| 1977 | †Mrs. Mary M. Brown     | †Murray Watson, Jr.   | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton       |
| 1978 | Mrs. Rennie Ofton       | †T.L. Weaver          | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard    | †Mrs. Jettie Hinton       |
| 1979 | †Mrs. Kathy Johnston    | †Leslie G. Burnett    | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard    | †Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong |
| 1980 | †Mrs. Lena Maye Cook    | †Thurman H. Perry     | †Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard    | †Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong |
| 1981 | Mrs. Elise Hammack      | †Oliver B. Chamberlin | †Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     |
| 1982 | †Mrs. Lois Bell         | †Gene Belk            | †Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     |
| 1983 | †Mrs. Marjorie Johnson  | †Ralph A. Davis       | †Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     |
| 1984 | Mrs. Beulah Speer       | †Wayne P. Jones       | †Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     |
| 1985 | †Mrs. Elsie Paladino    | †Arnold Paul          | †Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong | Mrs. Lola Wallace         |
| 1986 | †Mrs. Jean Nesbitt      | †Leonard M. Ellington | †Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong | Mrs. Lola Wallace         |
| 1987 | †Mrs. Sherrill Cain     | †B.F. Hutson          | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     | Mrs. Lola Wallace         |
| 1988 | †Mrs. Doris Efird       | †Harry G. Cunningham  | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     | Mrs. Lola Wallace         |
| 1989 | Mrs. Betty Phillips     | †Joe E. Jeffers       | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     | Mrs. Lola Wallace         |
| 1990 | †Dr. Effie Mae Davis    | *†Graham H. Childress | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     | Mrs. Lola Wallace         |
| 1991 | †Mrs. Jane Gregory      | Glenn Whitaker        | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     | Mrs. Lola Wallace         |
| 1992 | †Mrs. Virginia L. Green | †Garland Rattan       | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     | Mrs. Lola Wallace         |
| 1993 | †Mrs. Marcella Curry    | †Leland Benefield     | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     | Mrs. Lola Wallace         |
| 1994 | †Mrs. Wanda Fairchild   | †Charles Morris       | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     | Mrs. Lola Wallace         |
| 1995 | Mrs. Rosemary Swetland  | †Billy Combest        | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     | †Mrs. Patsy Wilson        |
| 1996 | †Mrs. Alma Carter       | Richard Ochs          | †Mrs. Frances Burbank     | †Mrs. Patsy Wilson        |
| 1997 | Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield  | Kenneth Gregory       | †Mrs. Marjorie Errington  | †Mrs. Patsy Wilson        |
| 1998 | Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane     | Henry S. Martin       | †Mrs. Marjorie Errington  | †Mrs. Patsy Wilson        |
| 1999 | Mrs. Betty Friend       | Lee Stallings         | †Mrs. Marjorie Errington  | †Mrs. Betty Prater        |
| 2000 | Mrs. Naomi Wolfe        | Duane Baker           | †Mrs. Marjorie Errington  | †Mrs. Betty Prater        |
| 2001 | Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon | Harold Trammell       | †Mrs. Alma Carter         | †Mrs. Betty Prater        |
| 2002 | †Mrs. Sharon Fentress   | Ed Warner             | †Mrs. Alma Carter         | †Mrs. Betty Prater        |
| 2003 | Mrs. Doris J. Hester    | Jack Guy              | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner  | †Mrs. Betty Prater        |
| 2004 | Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler | Jerry L. Martin       | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner  | †Mrs. Betty Prater        |

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|------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2005 | Mrs. Nancy Brown       | Nelson Campbell         | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner | †Mrs. Betty Prater      |
| 2006 | Mrs. Geraldine Dusek   | John Creel              | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner | †Mrs. Betty Prater      |
| 2007 | Mrs. Joyce Gilbert     | Jerry Trees             | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner | †Mrs. Betty Prater      |
| 2008 | Mrs. Joyce Nicklas     | Ray Hertenberger        | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner | †Mrs. Betty Prater      |
| 2009 | Mrs. Bess Caldwell     | Bill Wyatt              | †Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2010 | Mrs. Mary Ruth White   | K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. | Mrs. Marlene Scholari    | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2011 | Mrs. Vi Griffin        | †David B. Dibrell       | Mrs. Marlene Scholari    | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2012 | Mrs. Annette Curry     | Bill Crews              | Mrs. Marlene Scholari    | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2013 | Mrs. Jayne Yenger      | Trey Smith              | Mrs. Marlene Scholari    | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2014 | Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht   | George Gwaltney         | Mrs. Marlene Scholari    | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2015 | Mrs. Jerre Lucas       | Billy Clabaugh          | Mrs. Marlene Scholari    | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2016 | Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer   | Thomas R. Murphy        | Mrs. Ellen Pickrell      | Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens |
| 2017 | Mrs. Melissa Hudman    | Richard Skidd           | Mrs. Ellen Pickrell      | Mrs. Greta B. Spradling |
| 2018 | Mrs. Carolyn A. Martin | Burley Jones            | Mrs. Ellen Pickrell      | Mrs. Greta B. Spradling |

† Deceased

\* Demitted

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS,  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND  
EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

Consolidated Financial Statements

August 31, 2018 and 2017



*Ratcliff & Associates, P.C.*

*Certified Public Accountants*

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Grand Chapter of Texas,  
Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home, Texas nonprofit organizations, which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of August 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related consolidated statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home as of August 31, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Ratcliff & Associates, P.C.*

January 29, 2019

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**  
Consolidated Statements of Financial Position  
August 31, 2018 and 2017

|                                                | <b>ASSETS</b>        |                      |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                                | <u>2018</u>          | <u>2017</u>          |
| Cash and cash equivalents                      | \$ 195,747           | \$ 359,450           |
| Interest receivable                            | 71,109               | 75,728               |
| Prepaid expenses and other                     | <u>125,177</u>       | <u>59,467</u>        |
| Total current assets                           | <u>392,033</u>       | <u>494,645</u>       |
| Investments                                    | 514,915              | 515,003              |
| Net property and equipment                     | 6,815                | 21,723               |
| Investments held in trust                      | 3,978,885            | 3,729,994            |
| Endowment investments                          | <u>16,272,244</u>    | <u>15,519,423</u>    |
| Total other assets                             | <u>20,772,859</u>    | <u>19,786,143</u>    |
| Total Assets                                   | <u>\$ 21,164,892</u> | <u>\$ 20,280,788</u> |
| <br><b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b><br>      |                      |                      |
| Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities | \$ 83,417            | \$ 150,978           |
| Deferred revenue                               | <u>175,075</u>       | <u>181,246</u>       |
| Total current liabilities                      | <u>258,492</u>       | <u>332,224</u>       |
| Funds held for others                          | <u>3,978,885</u>     | <u>3,729,994</u>     |
| Total other liabilities                        | <u>3,978,885</u>     | <u>3,729,994</u>     |
| Net assets                                     |                      |                      |
| Unrestricted                                   | 7,546,165            | 6,837,220            |
| Permanently restricted                         | <u>9,381,350</u>     | <u>9,381,350</u>     |
| Total net assets                               | <u>16,927,515</u>    | <u>16,218,570</u>    |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets               | <u>\$ 21,164,892</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**  
Consolidated Statements of Activities  
For the Years Ended August 31, 2018 and 2017

|                                            | <u>2018</u>          | <u>2017</u>          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>  |                      |                      |
| Revenue                                    |                      |                      |
| Gifts and donations                        | \$ 571,211           | \$ 461,849           |
| Dues                                       | 283,107              | 287,952              |
| Grand Session revenue                      | 126,605              | 295,951              |
| Bulletin & supply sales                    | 85,128               | 134,899              |
| Investment income                          | 405,797              | 369,010              |
| Change in investment value                 | <u>703,511</u>       | <u>480,658</u>       |
| Total unrestricted revenue                 | <u>2,175,359</u>     | <u>2,030,319</u>     |
| Expenses                                   |                      |                      |
| Program services                           |                      |                      |
| Care of elderly members                    | 468,801              | 728,452              |
| Educational scholarships                   | 40,000               | 31,019               |
| Benevolence                                | 222,444              | 110,322              |
| Fraternal activities                       | 265,337              | 443,548              |
| Supporting services                        |                      |                      |
| Management and general                     | 426,730              | 451,298              |
| Fundraising                                | <u>43,102</u>        | <u>56,622</u>        |
| Total expenses                             | <u>1,466,414</u>     | <u>1,821,261</u>     |
| <b>Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets</b> | <u>708,945</u>       | <u>209,058</u>       |
| <b>Increase in Net Assets</b>              | 708,945              | 209,058              |
| Net assets at beginning of the year        | <u>16,218,570</u>    | <u>16,009,512</u>    |
| Net assets at end of the year              | <u>\$ 16,927,515</u> | <u>\$ 16,218,570</u> |

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**The Grand Chapter of Texas**

**Order of the Eastern Star**

One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Session

**“Faith, Hope, and Love”**

**The journey begins on Tuesday, August 14, 2018**

**At the headquarters hotel The Marriott Hotel at**

**223 Las Colinas Blvd. West, Irving, Texas. 75039**



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018**

Reception Honoring Mrs. Carolyn Martin, Associate Grand Matron and the 2018-2019 Grand Officers.



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018**

**Hospitality Rooms for Distinguished Guests.**

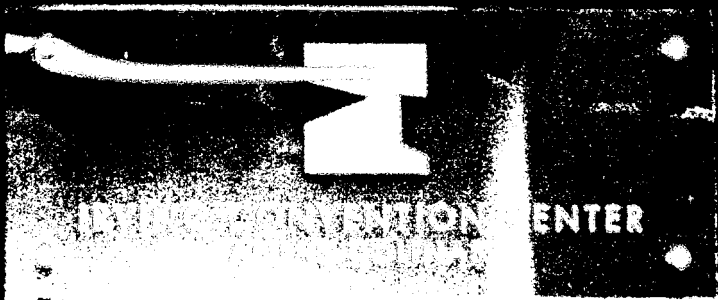
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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018**

**“The Wisdom of Kindness”** 2017-2018 Deputies of Grand Chapter luncheon honoring Mrs. Melissa Hudman, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Rick Skidd, Worthy Grand Patron.





**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018**

**"Kindness Meets the Heart"** Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons luncheon. Chairman: Mrs. Joyce Gilbert.





**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018**

**“Savvy Swans on Golden Pond”** honoring the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members for 2017-2018.

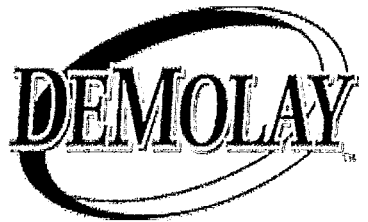
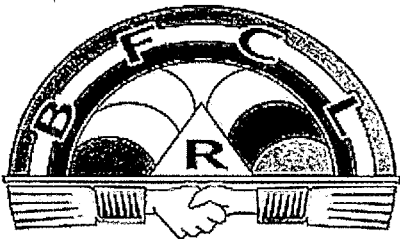




**THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018**

**“Past Inspirations”** brunch honoring Jr. Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, and Jr. Past Grand Mr. Tom Murphy.

# Rainbow Girls and Demolay



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018**

Informal Ceremonial Opening



Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members



## Worthy Grand Patron



## Worthy Grand Matron



## Presentation of Bible, Square and Compasses





## Presentation of Flags



# Irving Convention Center Representatives



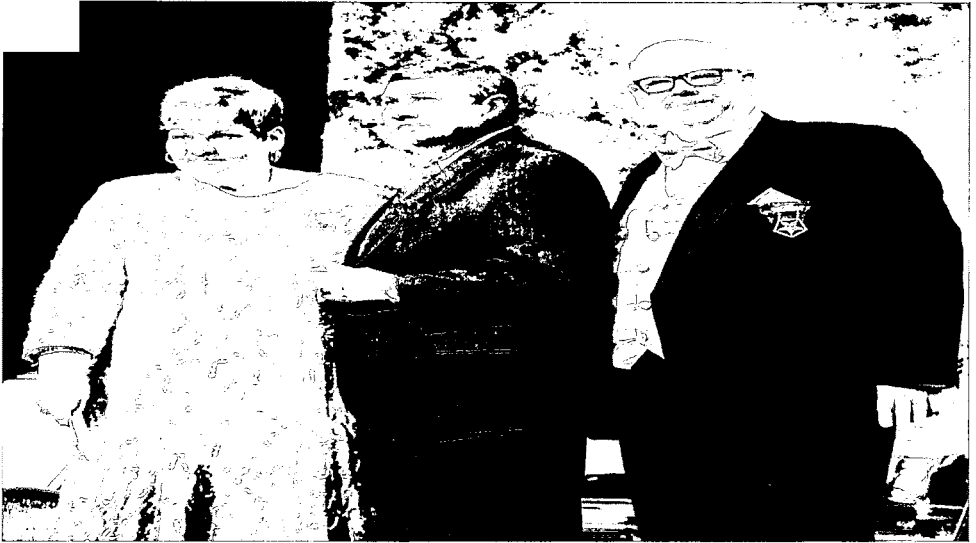
Representative of Disabled American Veterans  
Transportation Fund



Mayor of the City of Irving



Scottish Rite Hospital for Children Representative



Representatives of Hella Shrine in Dallas and  
Alzafar Shrine in San Antonio



Representative of Patriot Paws

Rockwall, Texas



Most Worshipful Grand Master

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas AF&AM



International Order of the Rainbow for Girls



International Order of DeMolay



**Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening**

Thursday, August 16, 2018

**“LOVE FOR TEXAS”**

Session



# General Grand Chapter Elected Officers

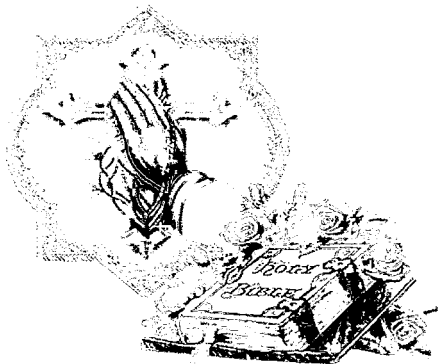




**"Swan Lake"** General Banquet honoring General Grand Chapter Officers, Committees, and Ambassadors of General Grand Chapter.



## ESTARL AND MEMORIAL PROGRAMS



**Friday Morning Session**

Friday, August 17, 2018



**“DAY OF HOPE”**

Session



## Legislation





Jurisprudence Chairman, John Creel Past Grand Patron



Educational Fund, Cindy Brisko, General Chairman



Nancy Jo Estill, International Headquarters



**Friday Afternoon Session**

August 17, 2018



## New Grand Representatives





## Humanitarian Chairmen



**“Schmoozing and Cruising”** Rob Morris party.

50/60’s party and dance with live entertainment,  
Photo opportunities, live and silent auction, good food,  
AND much more!

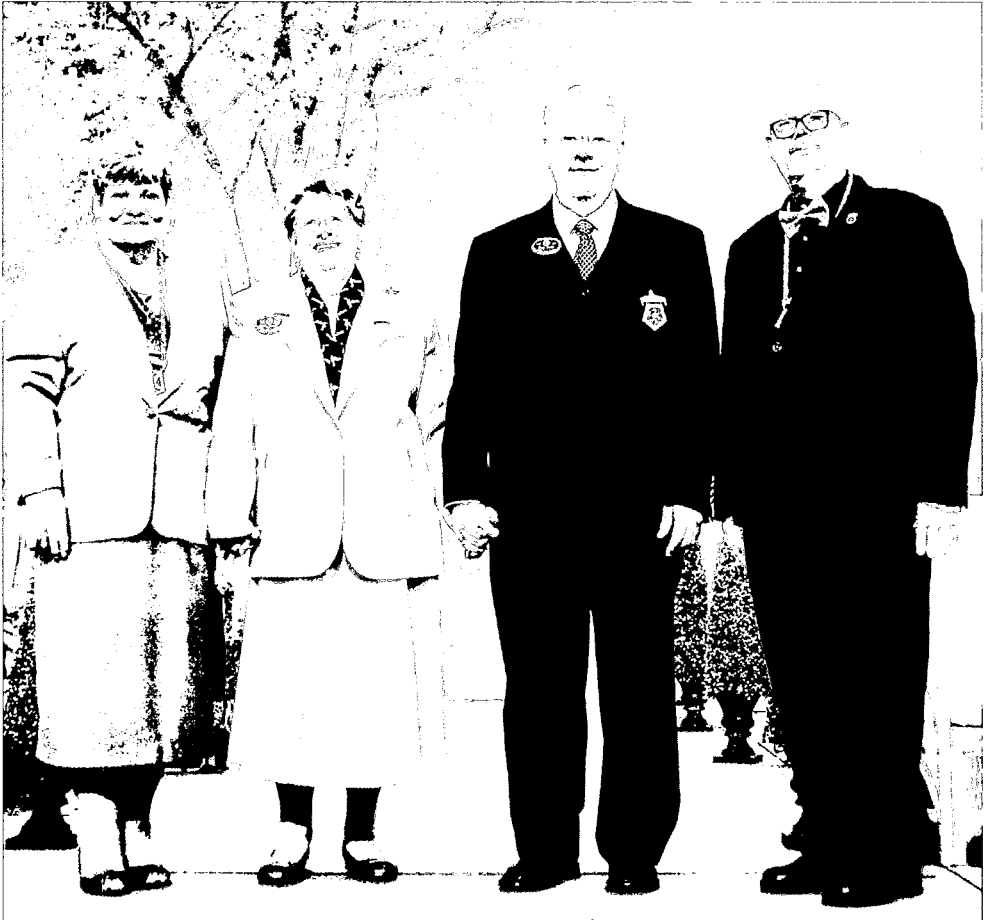


**Saturday Morning Session**

Saturday, August 18, 2018

**“On the Wings of Faith, Hope, and Love”**

Session



Cathy Cannon, Fraternal Correspondent



Purposes and Policies Committee

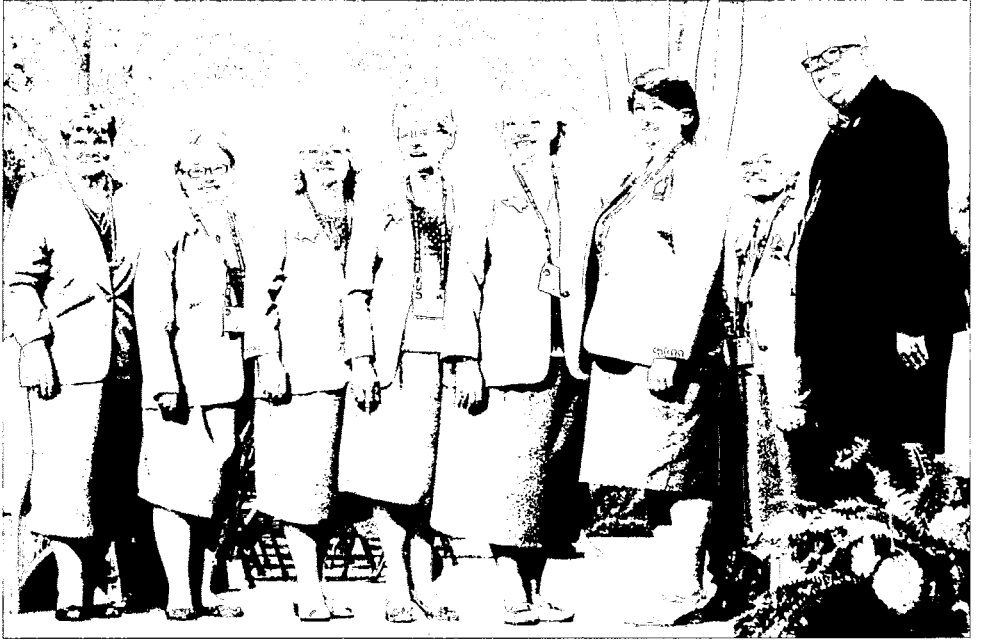


## Credentials Committee



## Registration Committee





New Grand Representatives

















Phyllis Macon, Newly elected Associate Grand Conductress



Invitation for next year, ya'll come!!!!



Tyler ★

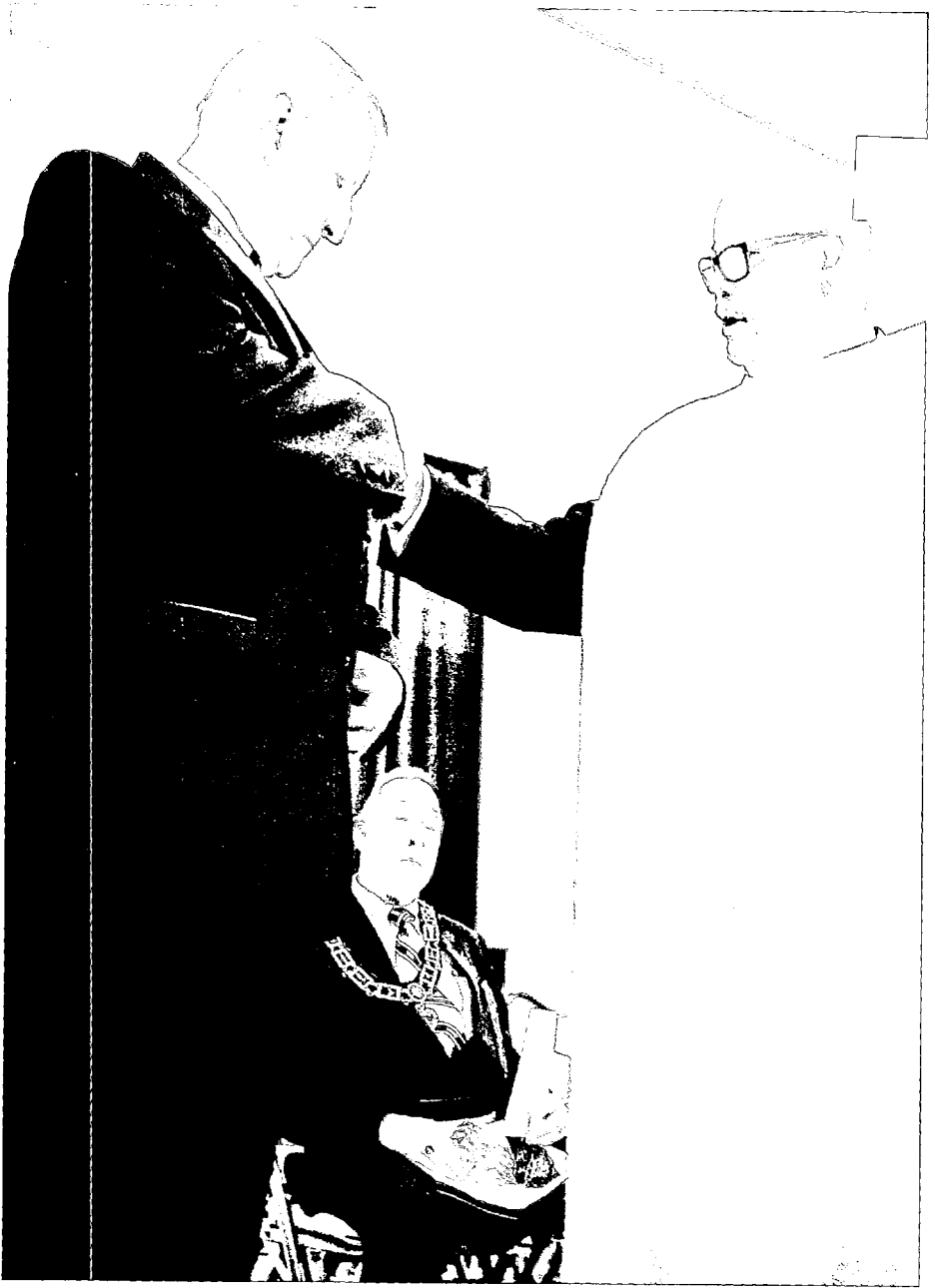
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# Installation of 2018-2019 Officers of Grand Chapter















*That's all Folks!*

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